
what's up doc?



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Hello, Everyone:

Well, it looks like my travel luck is changing somewhat. I left for ACA in Orlando yesterday and I got to the airport in New Orleans early. I didn't miss my plane, there was a small flight delay but nothing notable. I had a smooth ride to Orlando, even got a direct flight and got to sit by myself in a row of three. I got my luggage, got to the hotel, all good so far. But some other people I've run into – names unmentioned – have not had the same luck. One person arrived with no luggage, and another person got on the plane and had to change to another plane. Still another person's flight was cancelled altogether. So you can see why I was so elated that I had a good travel experience.

I will be here for the next few days attending the Council for Juvenile Corrections Administrators (CJCA) meeting and attending workshops and a number of other meetings. We are staying in the Gaylord Hotel, which is like living in a bubble. Everything is under one roof, like the Biosphere. It's a good thing they do not allow smoking inside anymore or we would all be choking, because we are all breathing the same air.

It's been a long time since I've been to Orlando and I didn't imagine it would be so big. Disneyworld is just across the highway from us and Sea World is not far away, but I won't be seeing either one. No Mickey Mouse for me. I'm sure some of the families that are here will take advantage of being so close. I'm nowhere near downtown Orlando so there's no chance of me running into Casey Anthony.

But enough of that- let's move on to other things.

We have the P&P accreditation hearing in front of the panel on Sunday. We expect it will go smoothly and we WILL get re-accredited.

I hope you all had the chance to see the positive editorial about Swanson in the Monroe News Star. It was very nice to get that positive reinforcement from the community. We are still basking in the success of the Swanson audit.

Jetson and Bridge City – the heat is on! But I know you are up to it.

Well, I'll sign off for now. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, and I hope you all stay cool, inside, with these heat advisories warning us of killing heat. My thanks to all of you, in every OJJ location, in the heat and in the cold, for all you do every day, to meet the mission.

Sincerely,
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