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# what's up doc?



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Hello, Everyone:

What's Up, Doc? I will tell you what's up.....Veterans Day is this weekend. We just sent out an Informational Bulletin this morning and I hope all of our Vets enjoy their weekend as they are appreciated for their service to our country. Thanks, y'all. OJJ thanks you for your service! If y'all have American flags at home, hang them with pride in honor of our Vets. As ever, thanks and appreciation to my favorite veteran, my Dad, Sgt. George Livers of the 487<sup>th</sup> Army Air Force.

How about this weather? Nice! It is like someone turned on the air conditioner outside! We have had some really beautiful fall weather the last few days. And hopefully it will continue throughout the weekend. Find a patch of woods somewhere and take a walk. I love this time of year.

I am keeping my fingers crossed that LSU can have a respectable game against Saban and his bunch. LSU vs. Alabama. Believe it or not, I am outnumbered on my hallway. I am the only true LSU fan on my hall here. All the others are either real diehard Bama fans, or they are Bama fans when they think they will win. I think we call them fair weather fans. Just saying.....I will watch the game with one eye closed most of the time. Fearing the worst but hoping for the best... True dat. Some are saying the Saints might have their rears handed to them by the Cowboys, too. Not going to happen. The Boys will be disappointed when they leave N.O. The Saints will be back home in the comfort of their fans and their Superdome.

So, what do y'all think about bullying in the NFL? I am not a bit surprised. I think there can be bullying anywhere it is allowed. And this guy Incognito, is not very incognito anymore. He is portrayed as a big, and I mean, big...bully. And then comes along the story of the basketball coach that was slinging chairs and cursing kids. Really? Both stories show folks who are drunk on their power over others. As we said before, we all have power. How we use it determines our character. Do we use our power for the good of others, or is our power rooted in only what makes us feel in control and powerful? I hope it is the former.

Just a note of congratulations and thanks are in order. As you know, IV-E funds are used pay for services for our youth in residential group homes and the funds are subject to federal audit. This week we received not just a clean audit but a perfect rating from the federal auditors. Congratulations to our entire P&P staff statewide, and especially central office Program Manager Melba Oubre and all the Program Specialists: Walteree Barnes, Paulette Carter, Jan Crain, Monique LaCour, Chris Potier, Joseph Powe, Karli Pullard and Wendy Sarner. The auditors were impressed by some of the processes they have put into place and the way cases in the field are reviewed. They also made note of the thorough case files, all of which combined to garner a 100 percent rating with no errors in the sample that was tested. Good work, everyone! OJJ, you rock!

I'll close with my thanks to every member of the OJJ team in every office and facility for all you do, day in and day out, to meet the mission. Every one of you is a star, and I sincerely appreciate your hard work and dedication to the work we do. I hope you all enjoy your long weekend and the gorgeous fall weather. Like my favorite Cox commercial says, "You can't get THAT with satellite!"

Sincerely,

"Doc" *Dr. Mary Livers*

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