
what's up doc?



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Hello, Everyone:

How 'bout that Super Bowl game? I think the biggest play was when “the lights went out in the Big Easy.” I got a little uneasy myself – glad I wasn't there. I suspect beer sales were a little slow so they threw a 30 minute delay to increase sales. Looks like it worked. It almost looked like the Ravens had their share of that beer too. Well, I hope your team won...I'm predicting we'll see the Saints in New Jersey at the 2014 Super Bowl.

How 'bout Bridge City? Congratulations to Director Reid, his staff and the many, many people throughout the agency who worked together to make the ACA accreditation recommendation a reality for BCCY. I could not be more pleased, what can I say? All offices and facilities will now be ACA accredited once BCCY receives the final nod. We have national credentials to prove that we are absolutely on the right track, meeting the mission and doing what's right for kids. OJJ, you rock!

Well, I'm feeling like a bowl of Rice Krispies cereal – snap, crackle and pop! That's just what my knee is saying these days. Sounds like a squeaky door that needs some WD-40. I can tell you, people at central office know when I'm coming down the hall! You should see the reactions as doors fly open, or closed!

Throw me something, Mister! It's Mardi Gras time! This is one year that my leg and I will **not** be going to New Orleans for the festivities. There will be a lot of parades all over the state, so you can celebrate wherever you are. Just be safe in the crowds, and don't do too much pushing for beads, even the long ones! As we know right after Mardi Gras comes Lent. That's sort of when we sort of make and break those New Year's resolutions.

I'm thinking that my weekly WUDs are getting a little boring. I'm finding that fewer and fewer people seem to be really reading these messages. So, what's up with that? So...you may wonder how I know if someone is really reading WUD? When someone walks up to me and asks ‘what happened to your leg?’ I'll say, “if you were reading What's Up Doc you'd know.” Snakes alive, what do I have to say to get my audience back? Feedback please, people – give me some hints about what you'd like to read about each week. It's hard to be interesting (and humorous) every week with all the “fascinating” experiences that take place ☺.

Don't forget that Valentine's Day is next week. Be sure to remember your loved ones on Valentine's, with a card, flowers, dinner, or some nice gesture to show you care. It wouldn't hurt to remind our youth to do the same for their loved ones. A handmade card sent to a mother, father, sibling, aunt, special person, etc., can make a holiday extra memorable when a kid is away from home.

Happy Valentine's Day to you all, from me, as well. I want to remember and thank every one of you, in every office and facility, for all you do every day, not just on the day we remember special people, to meet the mission. Did I mention that you rock?

Sincerely, “Doc” *Dr. Mary Livers*

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