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## ***Of COURSE it's amazing!***

This past month we had a lady stand up at the back of the church and share a testimony of how she was being overwhelmed by bills. The wolf was not only knocking on the door, it brought a lot of friends.

One day when she was at the brink of financial collapse, a check arrived in the mail--totally unexpected-- and for just enough money to bring her back to an even keel.

She rightly gave God all the glory for this act of monetary salvation.

The pastor stood on the stage afterwards also thanking God, saying, "Isn't it amazing what God does for his children?" And I sat in my pew thinking exactly the same thing.

Then another thought hit me: WHY am I amazed?

More times than I will ever know, I have seen the hand of God move so amazingly in my own life and in the lives of friends, relatives and strangers. Time and again I've seen prayers go up and miraculous, inexplicable blessings come down.

The embarrassing truth is I have no business being amazed at this testimony! Indeed, the appropriate reaction on my part should have been, "Of course!"

Christians know the power of our God and His love for each of us. And, as it points out in Luke 11:11, "which of you fathers, if

your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead?"

Amazement appears when something happens that surprises us. So why am I taken back when

the loving Father is at my side or that of a brother or sister in Christ with provision in those times of need?

As if to punctuate this point, God moved yet again in our lives a few days ago. He provided a way to replace my car when it suddenly croaked. Our circumstances, from a world view, were dismal but the Lord brought water to the desert yet again.

We don't have to be amazed at what God does--we know who He is and the unimaginable ways he blesses lives. All we really need to feel is gratitude.



## In the News

From the *Enterprise-Record* in Chico, California:

### **MAN SETS HOUSE ABLAZE WHILE KILLING SPIDERS WITH BLOWTORCH**

*That'll teach them!*

From the *U.K. Telegraph* in London, England:

### **CROCODILE ESCAPES ON QANTAS FLIGHT**

A crocodile was found roaming free in the cargo hold of a Qantas plan last week, the airline confirmed.

*He was there to make sure no luggage handler scratched or dented his alligator bags.*

From *The Associated Press*:

### **WOMAN JAILED FOR HIJACKING FERRY**

....While claiming she was Captain Jack Sparrow.

*I think the problem is not so much Captain Sparrow as it is way too much Captain Morgan.*

### **Man Accused of Killing Lawyer Receives a New Attorney**

By Scott Simovic  
SUN Staff Writer

Charged in the murder of his former attorney, Miguel Trujillo has been appointed another attorney from the public defender's office.

Judy Reed, from the Public Defender's Department in Albuquerque, had no comment, saying that she had just been given the case with no time to review

trict was hired because most of the attorneys working for the Public Defender's Department out of Santa Fe knew Carlos Vigil, the man Trujillo is accused of murdering in a drive-by shooting.

Vigil was murdered Aug. 13, 1999 a few blocks from his Stubb Street office while walking to District Court for a hearing.

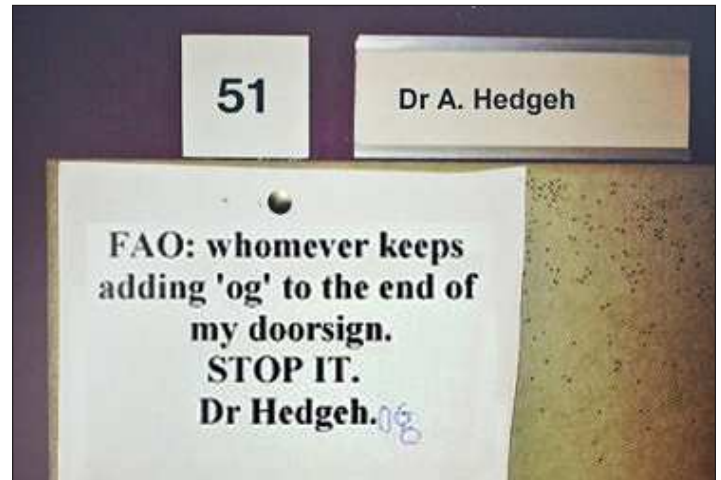
A lime-green, early model Ford pickup was spotted in the

schedule the next hearing.

All First District Court judges were disqualified from the hearings, with Judge Stephen Pfeff excused. The Supreme Court appointed Second District Court Judge Neil Candelaria from Albuquerque to oversee the hearings.

Trujillo is accused of an open charge of murder; two counts of escorting a witness or witness one charge of tampering with

### **SIGNS AND WONDERS:**



*Thanks--I never would have thought of it.*



*Finally--a way to cut down on truancy.*



*The home of one-stop shopping.*

*I bet they were lining up to have this guy as a client.*



## Say WHAT?

Each issue will feature a look at terms which may or may not be familiar in the areas of urban slang, common tech phrases and well-known idioms.

### URBAN SLANG:

#### **“DIGITAL SNOW DAY”**

Refers to a work day interrupted by an internet outage that effectively shuts down all productivity.

### TECH TALK:

#### **“9” and “99”**

“Parent is watching” and “parent is no longer watching.”

### EVERYDAY PHRASE:

#### **“GET YOUR GOAT”**

Meaning: Make you angry or annoyed.

Origin: The phrase originated in the US and the first entry in print comes from a fanciful story about a burst water pipe that was printed in the US newspaper *The Stevens Point Daily Journal*, May 1909:

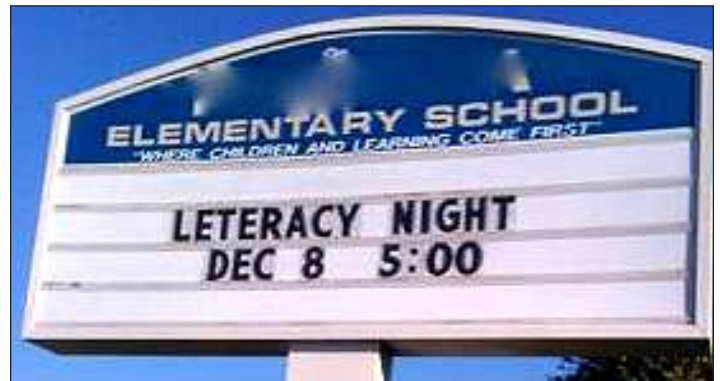
"Wouldn't that get your goat? We'd been transferring the same water all night from the tub to the bowl and back again."

## Hoof in Mouth Dept.

Every issue will feature a few typos - bloopers from the published word we have come across. A Back-to-School edition courtesy of [failblog.org](http://failblog.org).



*I thought the idea was to eliminate STD's, not welcome them!*



*Better get on this before December!*



*They should have let Anamaria or Naiesha put this sign up.*

## Tales From the Inbox

My favorite joke and story from the multitude of last month's e-mails:

### Husband Down!

On the PA system: "Cleanup on aisle 25, we have a husband down."

A husband and wife are shopping in their local Wal-Mart. The husband picks up a case of Budweiser and puts it in their cart.

"What do you think you're doing?" asks the wife.

"They're on sale, only \$10 for 24 cans," he replies.

"Put them back, we can't afford them," demands the wife, Reluctantly, he does so.

They carry on shopping. A few aisles further on along the woman picks up a \$20 jar of face cream and puts it in the basket.

"What do you think you're doing?" asks the husband.

"It's my face cream. It makes me look beautiful," replies the wife.

Her husband retorts: "So does 24 cans of Budweiser and it's half the price."

Husband down!



--From David Baker

### A Penny of Great Value

My husband and I were invited to spend the weekend at his employer's home. I was nervous about the weekend. The boss was very wealthy, with a fine home on the waterway and cars costing more than her house.

The first day went well, and I was delighted to have this rare glimpse into how the very wealthy live. I knew I would never have the opportunity to indulge in this kind of extravagance again.

As the three of us were about to enter an exclusive restaurant, the boss stopped suddenly, looking down on the pavement for a long, silent moment.

There was nothing on the ground except a single penny someone had dropped. The man reached down and picked it up.

He held it up and smiled, then put it in his pocket as if he had found a great treasure. How absurd! What need did this man have for a single penny?

The entire scene nagged at me. Finally, I asked if the penny he had found had been of some value. He reached into his pocket for the penny and held it out for her to see.

"Read what it says," he said. "United States of America." "No, not that; read further." "One cent?" "No, keep reading." "In God we Trust?" "Yes!"

He explained, "If I trust in God, the name of God is holy, even on a coin. Whenever I find a coin I see that inscription. God drops a message right in front of me telling me to trust Him. Who am I to pass it by?"

--From Ron Price

# Begging the Question

This month's query (answer next month):

In what month and year did Neil Armstrong's parents visit Jacksonville to dedicate the new junior high school named for their son?



Last month's query:

Who was the last president of the United States who did not graduate from college?

ANSWER: Harry Truman. First answer given by Martha Morris of Chapin, Illinois.

## ROGER'S HALL OF FAME

Saluting people who made a difference in my life.

*Gail "Gaw Gaw" Gilbert*

The only people who wonder where I got my hyperactive sense of humor are those who never met my maternal grandmother, "Gaw-Gaw" as we called her.

To her, life was a straight man looking for a punch line and she usually had one ready to go 24/7.

Her specialty was baking dinner rolls and making sure the one with the surprise in the middle (everything from a pickle to a cotton ball) ended up with my father.

She lives on in me and I cherish the gifts she bequeathed.



# PHOTOSHOP TILL YOU DROP

In each addition I will feature an image which has been altered through the use of the Photoshop program. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to identify how the picture has been changed. Answer in the next issue.

## *Last Month:*



*Jefferson and Roosevelt's faces (but not hairdos) switched places. First spotted by Dave Cox of Bement, IL.*

## *This Month:*



*Something is not right in this photo of Willy Wonka and Charley in the chocolate factory office. Can you spot it?*

## End of Document Stuff No One Ever Reads

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