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Subject: Change in behavior of string constants?  
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We just updated to IDL Version 3.5.1 from 3.0, and this stopped working:

```
tlab = string(flight, pass, desc, ihroll, $  
  format = '("Flight ",i0," Pass ",i0," - ",a," ",f5.1,"\xca Roll")')  
xyouts, 0.5, 0.93, tlab, /normal, alignment = 0.5, size = 1.5
```

The \xca gave me the degree symbol with Helvetica Bold on a PostScript printer. With the new version, I get, literally, \xca in the string. I looked through the release notes, and there was no mention in changing the specification of octal or hexadecimal string constants. Help!

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