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Dog-Gone Carpenter: Golden Retriever Likes to Hang Out on the Roof



MANKATO, Minn. -- It's the slow time of year for the construction business, but when your public relations representative is a Golden Retriever named Hayley, jobs for DeMars Construction in Mankato seem to come a little easier. No short of unusual, Hayley brings to the table a skill unlike any other dog-gone carpenter. Hayley is able to climb up a ladder as well as any other on the team. "She's one of the guys, part of the crew," said owner Max DeMars, who by the way is not directly related to the author of

this story. And like the crew, Hayley too can handle a two-by-four. Since she was a pup, Hayley, now 10 years old, follows the crew wherever they go. "One day we were up on the roof and there she was," explained DeMars. "Saying what about me." After hundreds of jobs over the years, she's got a pretty good handle on climbing up the ladder, even when nobody else is up on the roof. One cold January day her solo trip nearly got her in some hot water. The crew was working on an addition for the Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato when a neighbor spotted her on top of the building. The neighbor called police and a short time later an officer arrived. "The police officer came up and wanted to take her to the pound 'cause he thought it was just a stray dog," laughed DeMars. It took a bit of convincing, but Hayley showed the officer her trick and she was off the hook. The construction dog has been back at it ever since, as she will likely help secure another gig with the kind of rooftop advertising she helped to bring this time around. Video of Hayley at work [HERE](#)

Trucker blames Wendy's chili for crash

LOWELL, Mass. — Police say a lumber truck crashed into a Massachusetts home after the driver was knocked unconscious when he choked on chili from Wendy's. Lowell police say Eric Gremm reported that he choked on the chili when the truck hit a bump, causing him to pass out. The flatbed truck veered off the road and slammed into the foundation of the home. The 59-year-old Tyngsboro resident was taken by ambulance to a local hospital for treatment of minor injuries. Police say he could be cited for eating while driving.



Aircraft makes emergency landing on NJ turnpike



HADDONFIELD, N.J. – A traffic reporter in a small plane put himself in the thick of a rush-hour tie-up when his aircraft had to make an emergency landing Monday on the New Jersey Turnpike. It was a little before 7 a.m., before the morning rush in the Philadelphia suburbs gets going, when a low oil pressure indicator came on in the Cessna owned by Wilmington, Del.-based Out of the Blue, Inc. The pilot, flying with traffic reporter Mike Lankford for Metro Networks, which was providing traffic reports for a number of TV and radio stations,

put the plane down on the northbound lanes of the turnpike in Cherry Hill about two miles south of Exit 4. "This was pretty much a non-incident in terms of what the outcome was like," said New Jersey Turnpike Authority spokesman Joseph Orlando. "The plane landed, he taxied it over into the shoulder. We can't even get motorists to do that when they break down." Authorities have not identified the pilot or passenger, but have said that neither was injured. There was a traffic backup of about a mile and a half in each direction. Orlando said that was due mostly to rubbernecking. "For the first time in 8 years, I can probably say you had a good reason to stop and look," Orlando said. The Federal Aviation Administration was starting an investigation. The plane, a Cessna 152 built in 1981, was loaded onto a truck and taken to a New Jersey Turnpike Authority maintenance yard near Exit 5. No word on what the toll was.

For war protester Eve Tetaz, 78 is hardly the time to retire



WASHINGTON D.C. - It's a familiar scene for Eve Tetaz. She sits in the cold, damp holding cell, crammed together with other women. Some, like her, were arrested for protesting. Others are locked up for drugs, assault or prostitution. The other women in the D.C. jail affectionately call her grandma. Her cellmates, or as she calls them, her "sisters in chains," let her sleep on the bottom bunk so the 78-year-old doesn't have to climb to the top. Instead of letting her stand in line to get her jail-issued bologna or cheese sandwiches, many of the women bring them to her.

"These are women I probably even wouldn't see passing on the street," Tetaz said. "They are very gracious to me." With her white hair and black glasses, Tetaz is a familiar figure to the Capitol Police and at the courthouse. Since 2005, court records show, she has been arrested 20 times and convicted 14 times of various offenses, including unlawful assembly, disorderly conduct, contempt and crossing a police line. As she and other demonstrators march around various parts of the District, from the White House to the Supreme Court to the Capitol, her protests center on the Iraq and Afghanistan wars and the prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Most District judges who have heard her cases have dismissed them with a citation or fine or sentenced her to time served, usually one or two days in jail, and sent her home. But her repeated arrests have left prosecutors and some D.C. Superior Court judges exasperated. On Thursday, just days before a D.C. Superior Court judge was scheduled to sentence her in another case, Tetaz picked up her 21st arrest when she and about 40 other protesters were charged in a war demonstration on the Capitol grounds. [Story continues...](#)

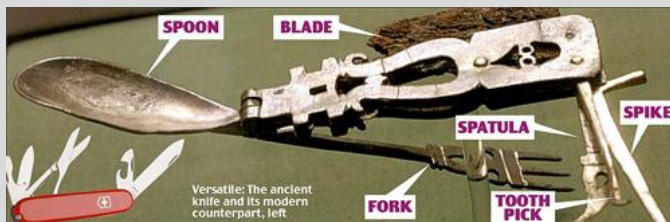
Last U.S. veteran of World War I turns 109



Washington -- The last surviving U.S. veteran of World War I, former Cpl. Frank Buckles, turns 109 on Monday and is still hoping for a national memorial in Washington for his comrades. Buckles is expected to deliver remarks during a quiet celebration Monday afternoon at his home in Charles Town, West Virginia. But the old "Doughboy" -- as World War I American infantry troops were called -- has already been outspoken in recent years, urging congressional lawmakers to give federal recognition and a facelift to a run-down District

of Columbia memorial in an overgrown, wooded area along the National Mall. In December, at 108, Buckles testified on Capitol Hill as lawmakers considered whether to fund renovation and give the site "national" monument status. But rival legislation seeks the "national" designation for a 1920s-era memorial located in Kansas City, Missouri. Congress has not yet decided on the legislation. In 2008, the old soldier came to Washington and visited that 1930s-vintage District memorial. In his wheelchair, helped along by a military aide, he slowly crossed the cracks in the flagstone walkway, and saw the cracks in the marble gazebo. Still sharp at only 107, he noted during that visit that the names engraved along the gazebo's marble walls are only of those who hailed from District of Columbia. ([Video](#))

The World's Oldest Swiss Army Knife



UK - This could very well be the world's first Swiss Army Knife. Bearing a striking resemblance to modern multi-tools, it has at least six distinct functions and originates from the Roman Empire circa 200 A.D. If our multi-tools today, with their screwdrivers, pliers, and the rest, centre on fixing things, this Roman

predecessor is more useful for enjoying the pleasures of food. The tool includes a spike which historians think was used to snag snails out of their shells. A hook-like spatula is thought to have helped coax sauce out of the bottle. Of course, the device also includes a fork, spoon, and knife for mealtime, as well as a toothpick to clean up your grill afterward. Amazingly, all of these tools appear to fold into the handle to keep everything compact, just like Swiss Army Knives and Leatherman multi-tools we use today. The tool was found in the Mediterranean area nearly twenty years ago, so technically it's not Swiss at all, and it predates the modern Swiss Army Knife, invented in 1897, by nearly 1,800 years.