

When life gives you lemons, make children's books

San Diego photographer Mike Sakasegawa prides himself on seeing the beauty in mundane objects, *The Washington Post* reports. But something about his latest subject took social media by storm. On July 11, as Sakasegawa returned home from his morning run, he noticed a round, yellow object rolling down the street. "I thought it was a tennis ball or something," he said, but in fact it was a lemon.

So he did what any self-respecting photographer would do: He captured video of the fruit as it continued its journey to the bottom of the hill, then posted his 1.5-minute documentary to Twitter. Within 24 hours the video racked up more than 2.5 million

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views. "I post stuff that's similar to this all the time," Sakasegawa said. "Most of the time, it floats on by." By the next day, the lemon video had gained more than 100,000 likes, was retweeted tens of thousands of times, and a literary agent had contacted Sakasegawa, wondering if he'd like to make the lemon into a children's book.

LEAST COMPETENT CRIMINALS

-- Rye Wardlaw, 40, chalked up a big FAIL on July 8 at NW Escape Experience in Vancouver, Washington, when he broke into the business in the pre-

dawn hours. According to *The Washington Post*, Wardlaw tried and failed to enter through a back door using a metal pipe, then knocked a hole through the wall. After climbing through, he knocked over a set of lockers.

Then, carrying a burrito and a beer he nicked from the company's refrigerator, he wandered into the "Kill Room," an escape room dressed to look like a serial murderer's hideout. Among the blood-spattered walls and fake cadavers, Wardlaw got scared, but he couldn't ... escape. So he called 911 (four times) and pleaded for help. Clark

County Sheriff's officers accepted his confession and charged him with second-degree burglary.

-- In Mesa, Ariz., two troopers with the Arizona Department of Public Safety were surprised to find themselves being pulled over on State Route 51 by a black Dodge Charger on July 11. The troopers were in an unmarked Mustang and had spotted the Charger behind them sporting law enforcement-style emergency lights, reported ABC15 Arizona. A registration check revealed the car was registered to a private citizen, who soon activated his flashing lights and pulled the troopers over.

When the (real) troopers approached the Charger, they found 44-year-old

Matthew Allen Disbro of Mesa wearing a security uniform and a gun belt with a handgun, cuffs and pepper spray. The car also contained a siren box, police radio and a vest with a baton and knife. Disbro was arrested for impersonating an officer.

HEY, IT'S FLORIDA

-- Indian River County (Florida) sheriff's officers stopped Earle Stevens Jr., 69, on June 27 after another driver called 911, complaining that Stevens' Mercury Grand Marquis kept tapping her bumper in a McDonald's drive-thru lane. The officers noted "a strong odor of alcoholic beverage emitting from his breath ... His speech was slurred and his eyes were

red and glossy." He also had an open bottle of Jim Beam bourbon in a brown paper bag on the passenger seat.

Stevens, of Vero Beach, struggled to produce his ID and said he's never had a valid Florida driver's license, according to TreasureCoastNewspapers. He also explained he was not drinking while driving, only when he stopped for stop signs and traffic signals. After failing several field sobriety tests and a breath test, Stevens was charged with driving under the influence and driving without a license.

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Silent Creed donates can tabs



Silent Creed donated 750 pounds of can tabs to the Ronald McDonald House on behalf of Bobby Ray Elementary. Pictured, from left, are Cody Boltz, Delanie Doss, Brandon Hobbs, Kerry Jordan, Bobby Ray principal Monti Hillis, Bob Hicks, Horton Nunley, Jeff Sanders, Tony Ferrell, Stacy Hobbs and Darren Turner. The donation was also made in memory of Jessie James Haggard and Trinity Paige Ortlepp, two grandchildren of Silent Creed member Tony Ferrell.

Sunday in the Bible Belt

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In 1995, the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, which is the leadership of the LDS Church, issued "The Family: A Proclamation to the World." It is believed to contain principles vital to the happiness and well-being of every family.

"To move a family toward eternal life (heaven) we first bear testimony of Jesus Christ as our Savior," explained Crawford. "We learn of Him and His teachings and we follow Him. We focus our love upon Him, our family and those around us for we are all His children."

A typical LDS Sunday service lasts approximately three hours and includes an hour-long "sacrament" meeting, where men, women and younger members offer prayers and give

sermons, sing hymns and partake of the sacrament (similar to receiving communion). In addition, there are doctrinal and scriptural classes for youth and adults.

Mormon worship in the temple is where members of the church go to commune with the Heavenly Father, feel His presence and make covenants with Him that have eternal significance. Besides marriage ceremonies, members also use the temple to perform proxy baptisms for their ancestors who died without enjoying the blessings of this saving ordinance.

"I'm not a lifetime Mormon," explained Stanford. "My family joined when I was 12 so I had some time to look at it and I thought I'll give it a shot. I'll read the Book of Mormon, I'll pray about it and if it's true, I'll live it and if it's not, I won't and



Photo provided
From left, Molly Hale and Sarah Barrett sit outside the LDS Nauvoo Illinois Temple. Around 60 teens went on a trip from McMinnville and surrounding areas to visit the historic church site.

that's how I made my own commitment."

For more information on service times or

Mormonism, visit www.mormonnewsroom.org or contact Bishop Hale at 931-607-2719.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 22

In memory of Elder Felix and Mary Cantrell, the family reunion will be at Midway Community Center. Please bring a covered dish for lunch at noon as well as family photos.

MONDAY, JULY 23

Dayspring Community Church, 4295 Smithville Highway is having VBS July 23-26 from 6 to 9 p.m. The theme is Son Treasure Island with crafts, snacks games, pony rides and more.

SATURDAY, JULY 28

Saint Thomas Health is holding a free medical mission at Warren County High School. Medical personnel will be accepting patients from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. while offering medical, dental and vision care along with select screenings and lab tests free of charge. Local community agencies also will be on site to offer additional resources. Services are provided on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, visit sthealth.com/medicalmission.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Eureka Cemetery is taking donations for upkeep. Donations can be mailed to Rudy Smith at 402 Molloy Road, Rock Island, TN 38581.

There will be a yard sale Aug. 2-3 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Liberty Cumberland Presbyterian Church youth fundraiser, 317 Liberty Lane, will have kid and adult clothing (all washed and ironed), furniture, household items, wrapping paper and more.

Lucky CIC will hold a community yard sale Aug. 11 from daylight to dark. Refreshments and concessions will be available. Anyone interested in a spot needs to RSVP by Aug. 1. Please contact Russell Pedigo at 931-273-1394.

The 82nd Annual Shady Grove Picnic will be held Saturday, Aug. 11 at the picnic grounds, 4976 Shady Grove Road. There will be a petting zoo along with games, homemade ice cream, live music and an auction. Festivities start at 10 a.m. and the auction begins at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited and proceeds go for upkeep of the cemetery. For more information, call 723-8717.

Applications for the Baby Show at the Warren County A&L Fair for babies from 6 months to 48 months are now available at *Southern Standard*, JC Penney, Ashley's Attic, and Kathy's of McMinnville. Registration is \$30 and entries must be postmarked by Aug. 30.

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