

# Man sentenced to jail for oversleeping and missing jury duty cleared by judge

The defense can finally rest. A Florida judge vacated a contempt of court conviction against the 21-year-old man he'd sentenced to 10 days in jail for sleeping through jury duty last month, according to CNN. Judge John Kastrenake said he was swayed by a heartfelt letter Deandre Somerville read to the court on Friday, apologizing for neglecting his civic duty without weighing the consequences. According to Somerville, he made an "immature decision" by not showing up to jury duty and he was sorry. "Before my hearing, I walked into the courtroom a free man with no criminal record," Somerville



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read from that letter on Friday. "I left a criminal in handcuffs." The case drew attention on social media where critics argued the

judge, who also sentenced Somerville to 150 hours community service and \$233 in fines, had come down too hard on a man who'd had no previous

brushes with the law. Many people also found it unfair that this incident would leave Somerville with a criminal

record. Character witnesses came to court with Somerville, telling Kastrenake the defendant was a good person who volunteers in his West Palm Beach community and looks after his disabled grandfather. In vacating his decision Saturday, Kastrenake reportedly said he found Somerville's apology "moving, sincere and heartfelt." The judge also felt the publicity that followed Somerville's case achieved his goal of stressing the importance of civic duty and that there was no need to make an example out of the defendant. "I know that he has been totally rehabilitated," Kastrenake wrote in his decision.

# 'Ridiculous' newlyweds slammed for updating their Facebook statuses during ceremony

A photo of newlyweds standing at the front of their own wedding ceremony staring at their phones has left people wanting to 'give up on society'. The image showing a couple updating their Facebook relationship status to 'married' just seconds after saying I do received backlash after being posted to an online wedding shaming group, according to mirror.co.uk. It was shared with the caption: "Instead of doing a unity candle or sand ceremony, Danielle and James changed their Facebook statuses to married." Commenters were quick to blast the pair for the "tacky as hell" stunt, with one saying: "This isn't cute or quirky. It's ridiculous." Another read: "If that's indicative of how their marriage is going to be, I expect they'll be up-



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dating their statuses real soon." A third said: "This is what the world has come to!! I'm giving up on society." Some couples don't even make it as far as the day itself before being accused of being tacky as they look for unique ways to make their big day stand out from the crowd. One bride to be had a similar experience after sharing a photo of her RSVP card — which featured plenty of explicit language and even referred to guests as 'dumb'.

## Blindfolded man identifies 11 ice cream flavors in 60 seconds



UPI

An Idaho man was recognized by Guinness World Records after correctly identifying 11 ice cream flavors while blindfolded — and nearly getting 12. David Rush, who has broken more than 100 Guinness records to promote STEM education, was filmed taste-testing ice cream for one minute and attempting to guess the flavors, UPI wrote.

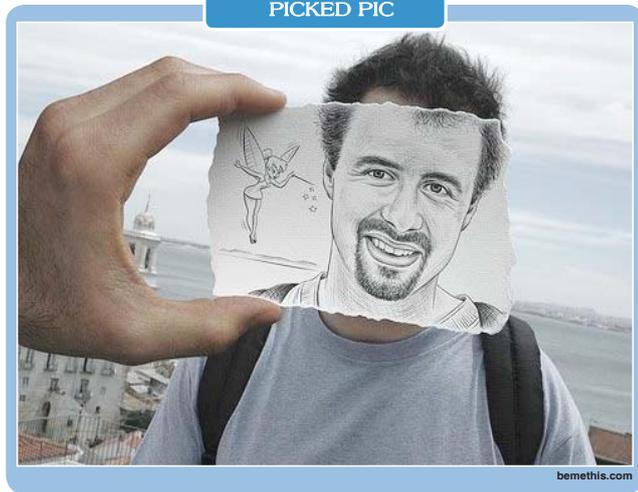
He correctly identified 12 flavors, but only managed to say half of the name of the final flavor — java chip — before the timer ran out. Guinness determined he tied the previous record of 11, set by Mohamed Ahmad Darwish at a Kuwait mall in 2013, and Rush's name was added to Darwish's on the record-keeping organization's web site.

## Confused baby koala takes ride on dog's back

A South Australia man captured video when a confused baby koala hitched a ride on the back of his equally confused dog. The dog's owner, identified only as Henry, said he let the canine, Tony, out into the yard of his Adelaide Hills home to do his business in the morning and moments later he found Tony was struggling to shake a koala joey off his back, according to UPI. The baby koala eventually fell from Tony's back and ran up a nearby tree. "I think his mom was probably up in the tree having a sleep and the baby thought Tony was his mom," Henry told The Advertiser newspaper. He said Tony has recovered from the incident.



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### Octo-Cross

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8				9			
10				11			
			12	13			
14	15	16					
17				18	19	20	21
22				23			
24				25			

### ACROSS

- Judicious
- Mischievous fairy
- Something intended to deceive
- On the sheltered side
- One time only
- Colony insect
- Wash through
- Enumerates
- Poem
- Part of the ear
- Indicating maiden name
- Malevolence
- Space
- Military vehicle

### DOWN

- What person?
- Electrically charged particle
- Pouch
- Wield
- Panache
- Optical device
- Festival
- Small island
- Lengthy
- Notion
- Ooze
- Eggs
- Container
- Moose

### Yesterday's solution

M	A	D	R	I	D	P	L	A	C	I	D
O	E			M		O		A			
N	I	A	G	A	R	A	T	Y	R	O	L
A	D			L	R	F		L			
C	S	E	A	T	T	L	E	U	S	A	
O	E			A	V			S			
L	M	A	I	N	E	M	I	A	M	I	
A	C	T	I	C	E	L	A	N	D	R	
T	U	R		I		E		A			
V	O	L	G	A		D	A	R	L	I	N
I	S			E		R		R			
A	M	A	Z	O	N	H	A	R	A	R	E

### Sudoku

Sudoku was inspired by the table devised by Iranian mathematician Khwarizmi. Fill 9x9 grid with digits so that each column, each row and each of the nine 3x3 sub-grids that compose the grid, contains all of the digits from 1 to 9.

9	7			1	2			
1			2					7
	3		6	7		9		
			8	2				
		4			6			
			1	4				
2	3		9		8			
5			7					1
6	9			3	4			

4	5	3	1	8	2	6	7	9
1	2	6	9	7	4	3	8	5
6	8	7	5	6	9	1	2	4
9	7	4	2	4	9	1	8	5
8	1	9	5	3	7	4	6	2
3	4	3	2	6	8	9	1	7
5	9	5	4	7	1	9	2	8
7	6	8	3	2	6	5	4	1
2	7	1	3	2	8	4	9	6