

# Local & Entertainment

## SWAT team called to Huntington

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Tuesday, March 17th started out the same as any other day in Huntington. But by nightfall it was anything but normal for the sleepy little town.

By 5 p.m. the population of Huntington had swelled to include members of the Baker County Sheriff's Department SWAT team and Oregon State Police.

In order to understand what transpired the following timeline is a compilation taken from statements by Lieutenant Travis Ash of the Baker County Sheriff's office, Mayor Travis Young of Huntington and several Huntington residents.

**12-12:30 p.m.** Gary Waldrup, a 59-year-old resident of Huntington was involved in a one-vehicle accident on Highway 30 across the street from Mayor Young's residence, in what the locals call "Old Town."

Mayor Young, who is also an EMT with the Huntington Fire & Medical Department, tried to assist Waldrup who appeared to be visibly under the influence of alcohol when he exited the vehicle. Waldrup refused any help and proceeded to head out on foot toward his home yelling obscenities and acting in a belligerent manner.

**1:00-2:30 p.m.** Deputy John Hoopes arrived in Huntington, discovered the crashed vehicle and started investigating the scene. He learned who owned the vehicle and discovered in the back seat of the vehicle a cardboard box containing a live cat. It was later learned that the cat be-

longed to Gary Waldrup's neighbor and was returned unharmed to its owner.

Hoopes took the cat to City Hall and proceeded to Waldrup's house to talk with him. On arriving at Waldrup's home he found the man visibly intoxicated and yelling threats of violence to his neighbor and to police officers.

Then Waldrup barricaded himself in his home.

**2:30 p.m.** Lieutenant Ash, who was in Pendleton at the time, was called and updated on the situation.

This isn't the first incident for Waldrup, who is classified as a disabled military veteran.

In 2005, Waldrup was involved in a similar situation in which he barricaded himself in his home with numerous guns and threatened to shoot the police and himself, which culminated in his arrest for driving under the influence of intoxicants, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and improper use of the 911 services.

Lt. Ash decided at that time to call in SWAT to try and avoid escalation of the situation and safeguard the Huntington residents.

**4-4:30 p.m.** Baker County SWAT team and Oregon State Police Officers arrived, and with the help of the Huntington Fire and Medical Department, started to block off the roads surrounding Waldrup's home and made plans to evacuate the people in the surrounding homes.

**5-6:00 p.m.** The evacuation began.

Huntington Librarian Christina Gaines said, "I was at the library and the

Sheriff told me to 'lock it down.' I had to turn people away and tell them to move along so they didn't get caught in the crossfire. At 6 they evacuated me. As I left you could hear Gary yelling and throwing stuff at the cops."

**6:00 p.m. - 2 a.m.** Sheriff's Department personnel continued to negotiate with Waldrup who during this time was yelling, screaming and taunting officers. At one point Waldrup was convinced to call Veteran's Services and speak to a councillor there. His family was kept up-to-date by police.

**2-3:00 a.m.** Waldrup fell asleep and the Sheriff's department decided to pack it in for the night after ascertaining that all the guns had been removed from the home.

According to Lt. Ash in a briefing to the Huntington City Council on Friday March 20, "We want to respond to what is done, not make the first aggressive move."

He said that charges are being filed for DUII, reckless driving and several other related crimes and Waldrup would be arrested at that time.

Waldrup was not taken into custody that evening because it was determined that in order to do so significant damage would have had to be done to his residence and the situation had to potential to escalate with either Waldrup or a police officer being shot.

Lt. Ash has kept in contact with Waldrup's family.

Waldrup is scheduled to be taken to the V.A. Hospital for treatment.

## Bebe's word search

### Australia

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining 49 letters spell a secret message.

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A R H C W O M B A T U N Q U E E N S L A N D  
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O A S T R M L I A T A S S O S E H C A E B  
R V T S S E M S D S N U U E G R M O U E N  
A I R T I I P O M I P E L R A N E A W U B  
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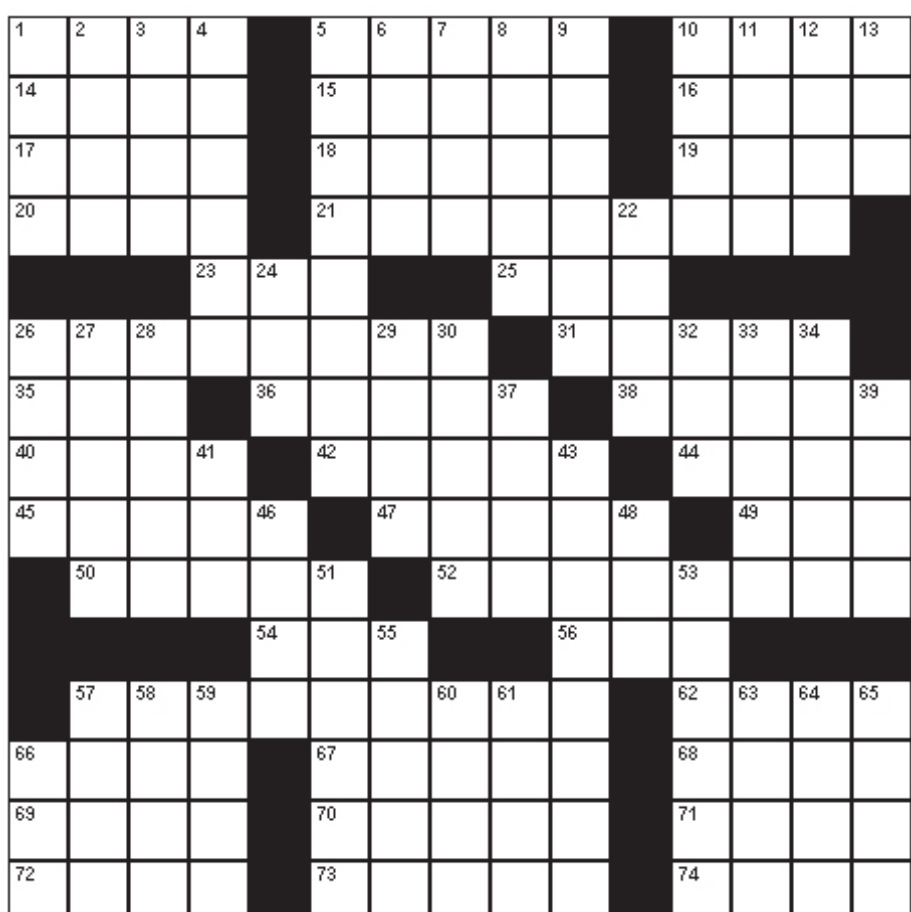
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DESERTS

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DINGO  
DOWN UNDER  
EMUS  
EUCALYPTUS TREES  
HUGH JACKMAN  
KANGAROO  
KEITH URBAN  
KOALA  
KOOKABURRA  
KYLIE MINOGUE

MARSUPIALS  
MELBOURNE  
MONARCHY  
NEW SOUTH WALES  
NICOLE KIDMAN  
OCEANS  
OUTBACK  
PARLIAMENT  
PERTH  
PLATYPUS  
PRIME MINISTER

QUEENSLAND  
RAINFORESTS  
RUSSELL CROWE  
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WOMBAT

## This week's crossword puzzle

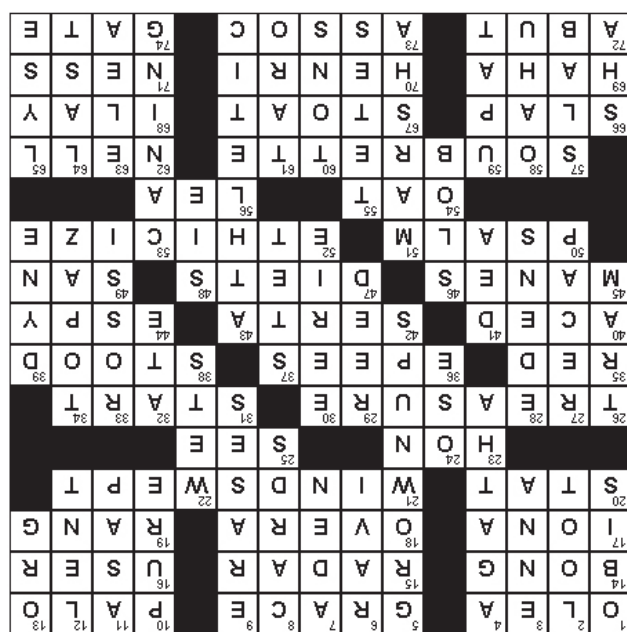


### Across

- 1- Olive genus;
- 5- Elegance;
- 10- \_\_\_ Alto;
- 14- Dull resonant sound;
- 15- "M\*A\*S\*H\*" name;
- 16- \_\_\_-friendly: not too technical;
- 17- New Rochelle college;
- 18- \_\_\_ barrel;
- 19- Pealed;
- 20- Sports figure;
- 21- Blown about;
- 23- Sweetie;
- 25- Get it?;
- 26- Cherish;
- 31- Begin;
- 35- Sunburnt;
- 36- Fencing blades;
- 38- Rose;
- 40- Scored 100 on;
- 42- Simmons rival;
- 44- Catch a view of;
- 45- Horse locks;
- 47- Eats to a plan;
- 49- \_\_\_ Quentin;
- 50- Sacred song;
- 52- Make moral;
- 54- Feedbag morsel;
- 56- Meadow;
- 57- Lively young woman;
- 62- 1994 Jodie Foster film;
- 66- Smack;
- 67- Brown ermine;
- 68- Now \_\_\_ me down...;
- 69- Very funny;
- 70- Artist Matisse;
- 71- Scottish loch, home to a monster!;
- 72- Adjoin;

- 73- Org.;
  - 74- Fence opening;
- ### Down
- 1- Kimono ties;
  - 2- Booty;
  - 3- Sicilian resort;
  - 4- First name in whodunits;
  - 5- Adults;
  - 6- Sitarist Shankar;
  - 7- Arabian Sea gulf;
  - 8- Parlor game;
  - 9- Rubs out;
  - 10- Free from contamination;
  - 11- Quickly, quickly;
  - 12- Pre-Easter season;
  - 13- Assn.;
  - 22- Dampens;
  - 24- Sugary suffix;
  - 26- Streetcar;
  - 27- Summary;
  - 28- Perfect places;
  - 29- Vibrating component of a woodwind instrument;

- 30- Causing goose bumps;
- 32- Consumed;
- 33- Martini's partner;
- 34- Mineral used as a gem;
- 37- Editor's mark;
- 39- Unit of force;
- 41- Narc's org.;
- 43- Physically active;
- 46- Slovenly person;
- 48- Sprechen \_\_\_ Deutsch?;
- 51- Actress Mason;
- 53- Punishing;
- 55- French beans?;
- 57- Thick slice;
- 58- Island of Hawaii;
- 59- \_\_\_ the crack of dawn;
- 60- Heaps;
- 61- Edible corm;
- 63- Zeno's home;
- 64- Go the distance;
- 65- Dissolve, as cells;
- 66- Doo-wop syllable;



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- To the school kid (brown hair, black shirt)

who ran across the road and grabbed our dog when it got out of the fence, and carried him back home to the yard, thank you! It's not like him to run off like that. I wish you'd knocked on the door, but you walked off too fast.

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