Tales from the Rural Patrol

(Editor's Note: Factual information for 'Tales' is provided by official law enforcement agencies. All persons listed are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Charges can be amended or dismissed.)

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Monday, March 5

*Photos were taken of two trespassers who forced open a gate in the 700 block of Caves Hwy. at 3:30 p.m. on March 3. (Smile, you're on Crook Camera.)

*A student left her 2002 Volkswagen Passat parked at Illinois Valley High School due to the snow Friday, March 2. The gates were locked during the weekend, and when she arrived March 5, the back window was broken on her car.

*At 10:48 a.m. a deputy from Josephine County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) contacted two people who were camped behind Dollar General. When he informed them that there was no camping within city limits, they claimed to have permission, and that they have been there for the last three years.

*A fugitive in a black Ford was apprehended at 409 S. Redwood Hwy. at 12:51 p.m. Maxwell Duane Wagaman, 41, had several warrants from Jackson and Josephine counties, including failure to appear for second-degree theft, as well as four for criminal driving while suspended (DWS). He was warned to not drive the vehicle and cited to appear in circuit courts March 20 and 21. (Guess how is he going to get there.)

Tuesday, March 6

*A long-haired dare-devil with a knife in his mouth jumped over a fence in the 100 block of Old Stage Road at 11:08 a.m.

*At 2:51 p.m. an airhead in Jubilee Park was reminded to return the shopping cart to Shop Smart to avoid theft charges.

*An elderly gent heard a vehicle in his driveway in the 4000 block of Caves Hwy. at 3:20 a.m. It was the sound of his 1987 Ford F350 pickup truck being stolen. He also reported that his cell phone, wallet, and three guns were missing. A report was filed for burglary and unauthorized use of a vehicle (UUV).

*At 3:29 p.m. a loss prevention officer at 110 Deer Creek Road detained an employee who confessed to taking $170 from a register. James Wright, 35, was cited to appear at Josephine County Circuit Court March 18 for second-degree theft.

*A gal reported strange smells like marijuana emanating from a blue 2005 Subaru Legacy parked near the U.S. Post Office in Selma at 3:59 p.m. (Getting a pot-head start.)

Wednesday, March 7

*A tall bearded braniac was smoking near propane tanks in front of a gas station in the 18000 block of Redwood Hwy. at 10:35 a.m. He was asked to leave because he was irritating customers and acting intoxicated and belligerent.

*Concerned citizens saw a man in a long green jacket who was talking to himself at 11:49 a.m. near the 400 block of W. River Street. He was carrying a pistol and hitting stop signs with his walking stick.

*Bruce Sam Ridenour, 31, was taken into custody at 12:46 p.m. in the 100 block of S. Redwood Hwy. because of two misdemeanor warrants from Grants Pass Department of Public Safety (GPDPS). Ridenour was cited to appear March 27 at Jo Co Circuit Court for failure to appear for strangulation and contempt, as well as felon in possession of a restricted weapon.

Thursday, March 8

*Fishermen near Westside Road and Finch Road discovered their gray PT Cruiser was missing at 12:05 p.m. They "boxed in" one guy that they found suspicious because he was muddy. Four vigilante vixens accused a mushroom picker of stealing the car and hit her in the face. It turned out that the car had been towed away because it was on private property. (Ooops.)

*Two brothers were arrested at 203 Redwood Hwy. at 1:45 p.m. Jack Matthew Roy, 50, had a GPDPS misdemeanor warrant for failure to appear for second-degree theft and giving false information to an officer. He was cited to appear April 3. Chris Roy, 47, was detained in Josephine County Jail for probation detainer.

*A familiar face returned to Josephine County Jail following his arrest at 2:13 p.m. at 305 S. Redwood Hwy. Luey Magic Ocean Music Glenn was detained for probation violation for second-degree burglary.

Friday, March 9

*A gray 1991 Honda Accord with dark tinted windows was reported as stolen from a driveway in the 100 block of Turnagain Drive at 9:14 a.m.

*Assistance was requested from Oregon State Police (OSP) and the bomb squad at 11:05 a.m. when a mortar round was found amidst donations dropped off at a thrift store at 102 S. Redwood Hwy. The mortar round was likely from the '50s and made of heavy metal material with an anodized red cap and a 1.5-inch gold band. There were no propellant packets on the mortar fins.

*Jennifer M. Lowry, 44, was detained in Jo Co Jail on a GPDPS felony warrant for failure to appear for possession of meth. Lowry will also be charged with felony elude because she drove a rattle-can black Geo Metro from Takilma Road near Happy Camp Road to Holland Loop at Caves Hwy., with speeds up to 68 m.p.h.

Saturday, March 10

*There was a domestic disturbance in the 3000 block of Lakeshore Drive at 3:35 p.m.

Sunday, March 11

*A fellow who had been given his walking papers from the 400 block of Madrona Drive was allowed to retrieve his belongings, but instead of packing, he hung out for more than four hours. He finally drove away in a Toyota with a white canopy at 12:40 p.m., then he returned at 1:23 p.m. and started taking items that didn't belong to him.

*A guy wearing bib overalls was seen jumping a fence next to Shop Smart. Joseph Watkins, 43, was arrested following a foot chase at 1:24 p.m. He was detained in Jo Co Jail for felony and misdemeanor elude, third-degree escape, driving while suspended violation, and parole violation detainer. (Now what, Houdini?)

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The World Health Organization (WHO) defined health a new way. "Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity." You probably know people who have faced more than their share of stressful situations and hardships, yet somehow they've managed to remain at peace. What accounts for the difference? We need to decide whether something is good, bad or indifferent. Here are some suggestions for facing what comes at us:

***Focus on the positive.** It's easy to focus on the problems and the things we can no longer do, but we need to remember that there are still things we can do and are capable of learning to do new things. It's always possible to find positive things to focus on.

*** Let go of what you can't control.** Things happen. The only thing we can control is our response to them. Life has a certain predictability- it can be understood. If we can focus on the things we can control, we eliminate the suffering from the things we can't.

***Live in gratitude.** We often forget to be grateful and we neglect to realize all there is to be thankful for- family, friends, our beautiful Illinois Valley, being alive, having the energy to address life's challenges because our lives matter, it makes sense and we are worth it.

***Connect with others.** Having a sense of connection to others is critical to feeling part of a community and helps us to get out of our own heads. It's a way to build support and be with people who may be facing similar life situations. You might try volunteering or being a part of our Caring Callers program.

*And last, **Practice compassion.** Practice with yourself- we are own worst enemies! Treat yourself with love, patience, and forgiveness.

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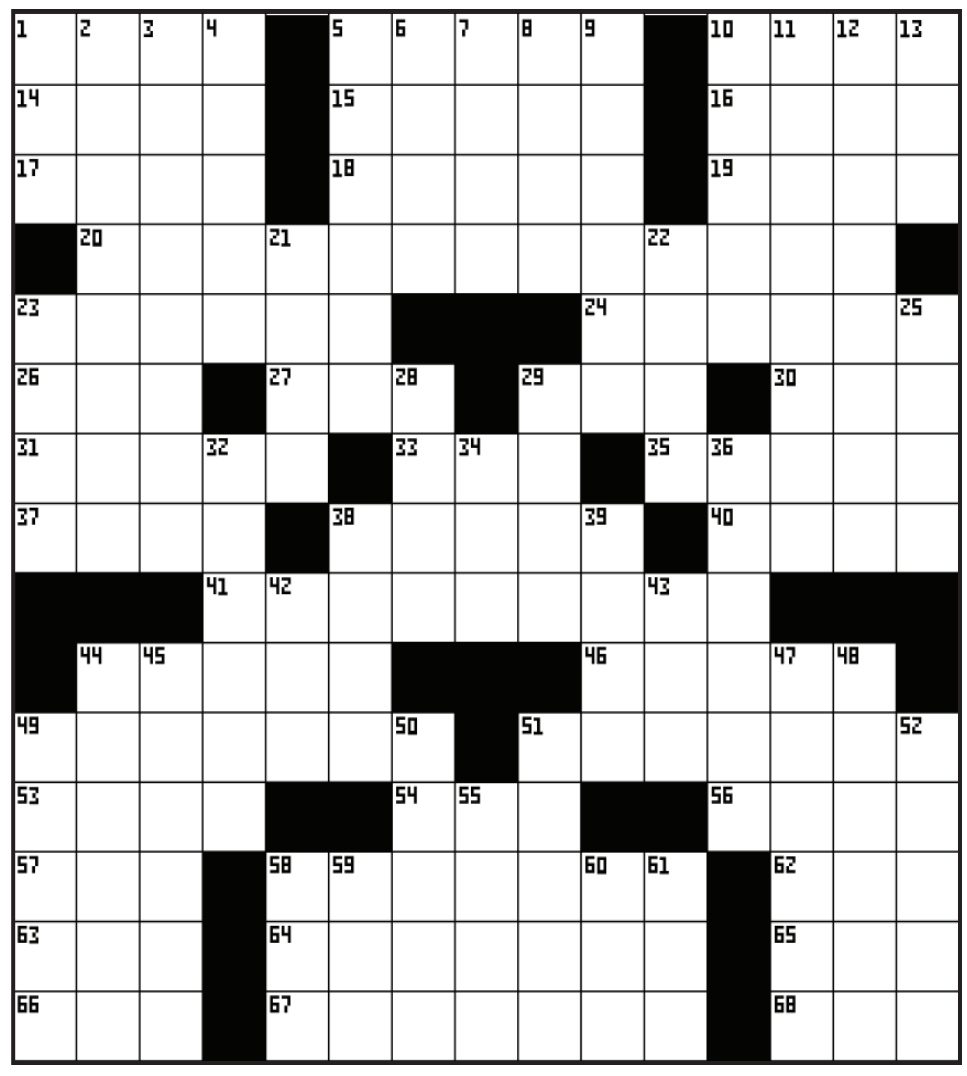
ACROSS

1) Word choice
5) Singer with bandleader Xavier Cugat
10) City in Czechoslovakia?
14) Pro __
15) Macho guys
16) The whole kit and kaboodle
17) Take delight (in)
18) Break down over time
19) Night music
20) Only woman to win the top prize on "The $64,000 Question"
23) Like many a Magic Johnson pass
24) Improvise
26) Homer's father
27) Lee side: Abbr.
29) Actor Max __ Sydow
30) Brouhaha
31) O. Henry quality?
33) Parts 1 and 4 of this puzzle's theme
35) Astounds
37) Objector
38) Blood line
40) Some narcs
41) Puzzle theme, part 3
44) Ersatz
46) Modern Persian
49) First name in Disney villains
51) Doo-wop staple
53) Sewer's bottoms
54) "The Murders in the __ Morgue"
56) Brother of Jacob
57) Plan for the future, briefly
58) This puzzle's theme is one
62) Kenya's cont.
63) Kansas City football analyst Dawson
64) Mother-of-pearl source
65) Wasted
66) Mensa stats
67) End of this puzzle's theme
68) Quartet in a George Strait title

DOWN

1) Recede
2) Snow
3) Mouthing off
4) Izu Islands locale
5) Rear view
6) Trumpeter Alpert
7) Latin lover's word
8) Second effort
9) Ring combo
10) Like Cheerios
11) Daydream
12) Asymmetric
13) Wt. units
21) Chanel No. 1?
22) Rear
23) "The Lion King" queen
25) Mix in a bowl
28) Upon
29) No
32) Classic action figures
34) They may be game winners: Abbr.
36) Slopeside sight
38) Kind of nitrite or nitrate
39) Nike competitor
42) Not in the bk.
43) Mess up
44) Trig, for calc, often
45) 43-Downers?
47) "Deal's off"
48) Up the creek
49) Dog topper
50) Dino, Desi & Billy drummer
51) Judean king
52) Mongol tents
55) "This could get __"
58) Bud
59) "Law News Now" journal publisher: Abbr.
60) Year abroad
61) Storage unit

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