

## Bob's Corner

My wife has been "relaxing" and opening new brain pathways by working to solve logic puzzles. My brain pathways are full of dead-ends, unimproved dirt roads and "Bridge Out" thoroughfares, so I don't bother with logic puzzles. Or logic, for that matter.

My college entrance exams, back in the Dark Ages of the last century, indicated that I am the proud possessor of illogical (not irrational, as some have said) thinking. Additionally, the tests showed that although I could not be a commercial airline pilot, I could function as an English teacher, as I was in the 99th percentile regarding language and stuff like that. Don't ask me how this was determined; it was during the '60s, and I was often oblivious to what was going on around me.

But about those logic puzzles. They confound me to even read, let alone try to solve. Here's an example:

There is a 12-piece orchestra with a pianist, a drummer, two guitarists, two saxophone players, three trumpeters (not a word, but I like it), a violinist, a bass player and a French horn (hornist?) player. The saxophonists are brothers, and married to the violinist, the pianist and one of the guitarists.

The names of those in the orchestra are Boris, Stanislaus, Sergie, Bartholomew, Maria, Martha, Jaime, Craig, Arnold, Frank and Betty. The conductor is named Romeo.

One guitar player is a cousin to the bass player, and neither of them likes peanut butter. The French horn player likes to gamble, and is related to the pianist, who was kicked out of a school for smoking wacky tobacco. The conductor, a former cattle rustler, is in love with one of the guitarists, who likes to drink Chardonnay. The drummer once attended a Grateful Dead concert with the three trumpet players, and they were in a traffic accident that night after drinking too many Harvey Wall Bangers. One of them has a facial scar.

Given this information, who is married to whom?

I know, it's a bit of an exaggeration, but that's how those posers come across to me. OK, I have a strange brain, but I'm puzzling it out.



## No 'finger of blame' in search for Kim Family

By SCOTT JORGENSEN  
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No blame is assessed, but areas for improvement are cited in a report about the search for a San Francisco family in late-2006.

Klamath County Sheriff Tim Evinger outlined the release of an Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA) investigative review of the Kim Family search during a press conference Thursday, Jan. 18 at Josephine County Jail in Grants Pass.

Television news crews descended from throughout Oregon as Evinger, chairman of OSSA's search-and-rescue (SAR) advisory committee, appeared with Josephine County Sheriff Gil Gilbertson to discuss the report. Gilbertson was not involved in search efforts, as he only took office Jan. 2.

The review was compiled following interviews with 40 persons involved in the search efforts, including what Evinger referred to as an "emotional interview" with Kati Kim, whose husband, James, died of hypothermia.

It attempted to identify factors that might have complicated or delayed the search, but Evinger made clear that the point was not to assign blame to any particular individual or entity.

"The purpose of this investigation is not a finger-pointing exercise," the report said.

James Kim and his family left their San Francisco home Nov. 17 for a week-long trip to Seattle. On Nov. 25, the family left Portland for Gold Beach, where they had reservations at a lodge. But when Nov. 28 rolled around and the Kims didn't return, friends became concerned for their safety.

A report was filed the following day with the San

Francisco Police Dept. The Portland Police Bureau issued an all-points bulletin for the family on Nov. 30.

The initial search area covered nearly 17,000 square miles, which was gradually reduced by investigative efforts, the report said.

A private helicopter found Kati Kim and her two daughters on Dec. 4. According to Evinger, Kati Kim was discovered "within maybe a couple of miles of Curry County" and more than 20 miles from Bear Camp Road.

"The Kims were not found on Bear Camp Road," Evinger said.

James Kim was found dead on Dec. 6, having succumbed to hypothermia after he attempted to hike out to seek help.

Bear Camp Road is used to reach the Oregon coast from the Grants Pass area, but is generally known to be virtually impassible during the winter.

In the subsequent investigation, issues regarding chain-of-command, duplication of SAR efforts and communication were found to be the most in need of improvement, Evinger said.

"Those in management positions were rapidly overwhelmed by the scope of the mission, media attention and exhaustion. Lines of communication between the investigative team and the search management team were not clear," the report said. "Coordination and information sharing could have reduced duplicated coverage and made better use of the available air resources."

The report also said that law enforcement and SAR operations must develop a curriculum on how to use cell phone information.

Analysis of James Kim's phone records led investigators to narrow the search area to 531 square miles by Dec. 2. However, there was a delay in how that information was processed, Evinger said.

"Investigators need pre-arranged contacts to reach technicians who can provide the usage and location information as well as the legal authority to quickly obtain the information during an emergency," the report said.

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## Letters to the Editor

(Editor's Note: Views and commentary, including statements made as fact, are strictly those of the letter-writers.)

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Typed, double-spaced letters written solely to this newspaper are considered for publication. Hand-written letters that are double-spaced and legible also can be considered.  
"Thank you" submissions are not accepted as letters.

### Bad manners belie Christian attitude From Dianna Fay Rose Selma

While having breakfast at one of our valley restaurants, there came loud voices from another table. The man, a local here, was talking about church things, so we knew he went to church somewhere here.

He was very loud so all could hear, and blasted the young man waiting on him for bad service and would not leave him a tip.

If that was not enough, he blasted him again while paying his bill about why he was not tipping him. If he was so unhappy he should have talked to the owner, who was there.

I would like to know where are the manners of Christians who profess the love of God? It is no wonder people do not want to go to church if this is the way Christians behave, not to mention the youth of our community. We wonder why they do not want anything to do with church and the values of their elders.

The man should go and apologize to this young man and search his heart as to why he would do such a thing. People are watching us Christians, and our lives are a story. Is it a nightmare or showing the love God has for all people?

### Immediate past sheriff critical of tax proposal From Dave Daniel Grants Pass

Last year Gil Gilbertson spent \$70,000 to tell the people about his plan to increase patrols in the valley, and add more jail corrections officers.

After a mere one week in office he wants to raise our property taxes by several hundred dollars a year to pay for it.

What a plan.

### 'Global warming' needs debunking From Robert W. Van de Walle Granada Hills, Calif.

It is amazing that so many people believe global warming is real and is caused by humans.

This myth has been largely promoted by the major media that gives much attention to those who support it and very little to those who debunk it.

For example, in December, U.S. Sen. James Inhofe of Oklahoma chaired a "Climate Change and the Media" meeting. He said that global warming is a hoax. The meeting received almost no major media attention.

During this meeting, Dr. David Deming, a geophysicist at the University of Oklahoma, stated, "I was contacted by a reporter for National Public Radio. He offered to interview me, but only if I would state that the warming was due to human activity. When I refused to do so, he hung up on me."

Deming also said that he received an astonishing e-mail from a major researcher in climate change that read, "We have to get rid of the Medieval Warm Period." From about 800 A.D. to 1300 A.D. we had the Medieval Warm Period when it was as warm or warmer than it is today. But, it is an obstacle to those maintaining that current warming is abnormal.

People who want to hear the other side can go to [www.oism.org/pproject](http://www.oism.org/pproject) for a scientific debunking of global warming. Also listed are the names of more than 17,000 scientists, meteorologists, and other technical people who have signed a petition stating that there is no convincing scientific evidence to support global warming.

Before we set our hearts too much upon anything, let us examine how happy those are who already possess it.

- François de La Rochefoucauld

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### To the Root

#### Hot Soup— The perfect winter meal

What's in your frig'? Veggies not eaten? How about the shelf? A little rice? ...a few beans? ...imagination?

What type of base are you in the mood for? Light, onion soup, or clam chowder? Both work great with veggies.

Let go your inner kitchen wizard this winter. Bake a casserole on a cold day. Learn about new foods and spices. Take turns dining with friends. Always bring a dish! (Not chips and wine.) Good food choices, like good friends, are good medicine.



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### Illinois Valley

Wednesday, Jan. 24:  
Increasing clouds,  
cold  
High--55 Low--24

Thursday, Jan. 25:  
Cloudy; snow, rain &  
ice at night  
High--43 Low--26

Friday, Jan. 26:  
Abundant clouds &  
another nasty night  
High--44 Low--26

Saturday, Jan. 27:  
Hints of sun, still cold  
High--46 Low--25

Sunday, Jan. 28:  
Cloudy more often  
than not  
High--49 Low--27

Monday, Jan. 29:  
Generally cloudy,  
clearing in evening  
High--52 Low--35

Tuesday, Jan. 30:  
Amazingly sunny  
High--52 Low--33



### TREE PLANTING PROJECT

## OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Jan. 27  
10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

- ◆ Fun crafts for the kids (and the young heart)
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