

Letters to the editor

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

Reader wants to know who ICANN is

Since I was curious about the proposed zoning change to enable ICANN USA to grow marijuana in Cave Junction, I did some

searches a couple of weeks ago. It turns out the writer of the article merely wrote down what "Mike" (Phuc) Ngo told her and didn't use any search engines to find out more. I found out a lot, here is a very simple summary.

The actual incorporated name of ICANN USA is Icann.Inc and has no business activity connected with it that can be found online anywhere. Mike Ngo's real name is Phuc Ngo. He has been involved in other DBAs along with several other people, which also seem to have little to no activity connected with the. Icann.Inc was incorporated in September 2015, so there is no way Ngo's claims of hiring teenagers to clean up and paint neighborhoods during summers, or supporting charity functions could have happened, and there are also no news reports or any

information to be found at all, anywhere on the internet for ANY activities of ANY kind for Icann.Inc or ICANN USA. Neither name is incorporated in Colorado, despite Ngo's claims, nor is there the slightest connection to be found, after around three hours of in depth searching, to any pharmaceutical research or any universities.

In fact, the official address of Icann.Inc aka ICANN USA -1907 Concourse Dr, San Jose CA 95131 - (easy to see the photo via google maps) is very small two story commercial building in San Jose which has no business sign on it other than a "For Sale" sign and has been on the market for a couple of years.

Basic info: Property Type -Office, Building Class; Listing ID: 18732918, Date Created: 06/03/2014,

last Updated: 02/26/2016, Description - 2,281 Sq.ft Newly built two story business. Downstairs has reception area with four spacious room. Second level with two private offices and open office area Motivated seller.

Icann.Inc aka ICANN USA uses a "company jurisdiction" in Delaware, which address also used by 128 other companies and is a small building. Oddly enough, Delaware is known for allowing companies to use a Delaware address even though they have no "footprint" in Delaware.

More searching found only one business supposedly currently operating at this address (despite no business sign), named I Clean USA, and a few business names previously connected. The only one with any information

on it is the South Bay Apothecary Collective Inc which sold marijuana and associated products with names like "Satori", and no longer open. Its website describes the business: "Since 2009, SBAC has served the unique needs of the Bay Area. As San Jose's oldest and only over 21 cannabis collective..."

Anyone can do their own searches to find out the truth. Whatever the truth is, it is not what Mike (Phuc) Ngo told the writer of the articles printed in the *Illinois Valley News*.

**P. Kisiela
Cave Junction**

Writer defends article

In last week's issue of the *Illinois Valley News*, a reader took exception to my

April 13 article on Erickson's continued use of the I.V. for Sikorsky AirCrane practice. My purpose, as stated in the article, was to call for a "Strategic Plan" focus group on what residents want to see happen at I.V. airport. The article also covered some current regulations. In a democracy, majority rules. Our board of county commissioners needs to hear viable ideas for family wage jobs in this valley. I contend the airport is a logical place to look and challenge residents and the Airport Advisory Board to be proactive in creating guidelines to save taxpayers' money and the airport manager's time. It would also be useful if critics don't assume our public servants only harbor the worst of intentions.

**Judy Hoyle
Cave Junction**

Guest editorial:

Corvallis Gazette-Times -Decriminalizing marijuana at the federal level

The federal government says it's reviewing marijuana's status as a Schedule 1 drug, a move that — regardless of what you think about the drug — is long overdue.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency made the announcement in a memo to lawmakers and said it hopes to have a decision ready sometime in the first half of this year.

Marijuana has long been classified as a Schedule 1 drug, but the classification is as ludicrous today as it was back in the day. The Schedule 1 category is for substances which are not considered to have "any currently accepted medical use in the U.S., a lack of accepted safety for use under medical supervision

and a high potential for abuse." By point of comparison, heroin also is a Schedule 1 drug.

There's no reason for marijuana to be listed as a Schedule 1 drug — and, besides, that bit of business about not having any accepted medical use will come as a surprise to the millions of medical marijuana users in the United States.

There's another reason why the Schedule 1 listing is vexing: It has needlessly complicated important scientific research, not just into marijuana, but also into industrial hemp, potentially a very useful crop. (Industrial hemp, which can be used for a variety of purposes, has very low levels of tetrahydrocannabinol — the substance that gets pot users

high.) It was almost amusing to watch Oregon State University officials tip-toe around this issue last year before taking tentative steps to allow researchers there to work with industrial hemp. (To be fair, an institution such as OSU will be careful about working with a Schedule 1 drug, especially since it's potentially putting millions of federal research dollars at risk.)

But there's a lot of research yet to be done into the medicinal qualities of marijuana as well, and pulling pot off the Schedule 1 list would be a substantial step forward for that work.

A recent interview in *The Oregonian* with Dr. Colin Roberts, a pediatric neurologist and director of

the Doernbecher Childhood Epilepsy Program at the Oregon Health and Science University, illuminated some of the issues researchers face. Roberts is working with a pharmaceutical company on a drug made with pure cannabidiol that has shown promise in treating patients with a form of epilepsy.

One big problem with the Schedule 1 designation is that it requires researchers to undergo a cumbersome approval process before working with a drug on the list. In the case of marijuana, researchers must use pot grown at a government-run facility at the University of Mississippi.

Researchers can't just go out and buy pot at a dispensary,

because there's no way to verify precisely what they're buying — and remember that different strains of marijuana have very different properties. Taking pot off the Schedule 1 list would allow researchers to obtain the sort of independent verification that's essential for meaningful research.

"What we really need in the medical community is really good data," Roberts told *The Oregonian*, "because if we don't have that we will never understand the impact of these products good and bad."

Pulling marijuana from the Schedule 1 list would be a first step toward getting that kind of good data. What's the holdup?

The family of the late Dorothy Young wish to thank everyone for the thoughtfulness and support shown to us. The lovely flowers, cards, messages of sympathy and help were greatly appreciated. Your kindness will always be remembered.

Warm Regards,
The Young family

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April 28

IVHS Academic Master Competition at Grants Pass High School at 6:30 p.m.

April 29

IVHS varsity track meet: away versus South Umpqua at 3:15 p.m.

April 30

IVHS boys' varsity baseball and girls' varsity softball at home versus Cascade Christian at 12 and 2 p.m.

May 7

2016 Illinois Valley Children's Fair and Pet Parade, May 7, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Jubilee Park.

May 7, Annual Mother's Day Bingo, games start at 6 p.m. at the Cave Junction Senior Center. Cash Payouts 50/50 drawings. .50 3 on papers. Sponsored by the Glenn Morrison American Legion Post 70.

May 13 & 14

We are looking for performers, directors, writers, stagehands, and kitchen help for our next Whirlwind Play Festival on May 13-14. 24 hours to create 6 original shows on the theme "THIS IS

OUR MOMENT." Doors & dinner at 6:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 14. To participate or for more info visit whirlwindfestival.wordpress.com/ or call (415) 637-9044.

May 14

Free Clean Clothes Give-away, Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Takilma Bible Church, 10343 Takilma Rd.

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