

AMERICAN WAY

April 2015

LIVING THE DREAM

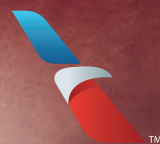
Blake Lively has a new movie, a new baby and a new outlook on life

GRAND ADVENTURE

One man travels the Grand Canyon with a bug in his ear (literally)

HOOPS, PARIS STYLE

Take to the court in the City of Light





Candy Crush

If you're a licorice lover, there's no better way to celebrate than by spending National Licorice Day at the source: Licorice International in Lincoln, Nebraska

Licorice fans have an excellent reason to rejoice this month. Since 2004, April 12 has been officially labeled as National Licorice Day. And the shop that launched the celebration, Licorice International in Lincoln, Nebraska's historic Haymarket District, will mark the occasion with two days of festivities. Just don't expect it to happen on the actual date this year, as the store is closed on Sundays, according to Elizabeth Erlandson, co-owner

with Ardith Steurtz of the booming candy business. So the duo will start the party on Friday, April 10, with an in-store performance by a local guitarist. Saturday's treats include a clown making balloon animals for kids who, with their parents, can sample their way through the spacious store's inventory, which spans nearly 200 licorice varieties from 12 to 14 different countries — the largest selection of its kind in the U.S.

Look for traditional

English licorice allsorts in a variety of neon colors, caramel-filled Danish Weer Woven (werewolf) Drop and all-natural, gluten-free Scottie Dogs from California.

Don't feel deprived, though, if you can't make it to Lincoln. The shop does half of its business online and includes free goodies in each shipment. "Our goal is to make you feel like a kid in a candy store," Erlandson says. For more, go to Licoriceinternational.com

—NORMAN KOLPAS

FROM TOP: JEFF GOLDBERG (2); ACACIA GENTRUP