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Winner/Jackpot
None; $50 million
Next drawing/Jackpot
Wednesday; $60 million

HOT LOTTO
Saturday: 9 • 10 • 16 • 17 • 20
Hot Ball: 13
Winner/Jackpot
None; $10.68 million
Next drawing/Jackpot
Wednesday; $10.84 million

GOPHER 5
Monday: 5 • 11 • 25 • 33 • 47
Winner/Jackpot
None; $160,000
Next drawing/Jackpot
Wednesday; $170,000

NORTHSTAR CASH
Monday: 1 • 4 • 19 • 20 • 23
Jackpot: $43,000

DAILY 3
Monday: 4 • 8 • 1 (in order)

MEGA MILLIONS
Friday: 16 • 19 • 28 • 29 • 68
Mega Ball: 9 Megaplier: 2
Next drawing/Jackpot
Tonight; $160 million

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FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

Actor Fred Thompson, 72
Bill Clinton, 68
Actor John Stamos, 51
Actress Kyra Sedgwick, 49
Lee Ann Womack, 48
Baseball's JJ Hardy, 32

NBC VIRGINIA SHERWOOD • Associated Press
James Spader as Raymond Reddington in a scene from "The Blacklist." NBC is heavily promoting the September return of its hit drama series.

Brace for 'Blacklist' ad bombardment

With TV viewers awash in choices, how can a network bolster a freshman hit's chances of repeating its success in year two? Plot a marketing extravaganza that's nearly inescapable.

For NBC's top-rated drama "The Blacklist," the network has devised a campaign that will put the show and star **James Spader** front and center on billboards, faux magazine covers and online before its Sept. 22 return.

Various images of Spader as master criminal Raymond "Red" Reddington will decorate the mock covers on the flip side of 10 magazines, including Vanity Fair, Rolling Stone, Wired and the New Yorker.

"The Blacklist" was among the reasons NBC finished the 2013-14 season as No. 1 among young adult viewers for the first time in a decade. "The size and scope of this campaign speak to both the importance of the series to NBC and the creative ways in which we can get that message out," said **Len Fogge**, president of marketing for NBC Entertainment.

Megan Boone and Ryan Eggold co-star in the drama.

Vargas back in rehab

ABC News reporter **Elizabeth Vargas** has returned to a recovery center to be treated for alcohol dependency. The "20/20" co-anchor said in an e-mailed statement that she checked into a treatment facility last weekend while on vacation. "As so many other recovering alcoholics know, overcoming the disease can be a long and incredibly difficult process," Vargas said. "I feel I have let myself, my co-workers and, most importantly, my family down and for that I am ashamed and sorry." Vargas, 51, spent several weeks in a treatment facility last fall.

Vargas

CASTING CALL: The musical about **Gloria Estefan** and her husband **Emilio** is dancing to Broadway and you could earn a part in it — even playing Gloria. Producers of "On Your Feet!" said they'll offer performers a chance to audition for all the roles by submitting audition videos online. There also will be two open casting calls — in New York City on Sept. 9 and in Miami on Sept. 21. The musical is due to begin previews in New York in October 2015.

RETURNING: **Craig Ferguson** is close to a deal to launch an early-evening talk show starting in fall 2015. The outgoing host of CBS' "The Late Late Show" would introduce his half-hour syndicated series on stations in a slot just before prime time. Ferguson, who has held a late-night berth on CBS for a decade, will step down in December. In a separate venture, he will host a new syndicated game show, "Celebrity Name Game," beginning in September.

NEWS SERVICES

County divided over pot growing as a human right

Dueling initiatives would limit cultivation or allow all to grow marijuana.

By JOE MOZINGO
Los Angeles Times

GINA FERAZZI • Los Angeles Times via MCT
Rancher Rob Brown scoured parts of his 300-acre property for illegal marijuana plants and growers in Kelseyville, Calif.

CLEARLAKE, CALIF. – Transients occupy the old cottages where vacationing families once came to fish and swim. Rotted docks and pier pilings litter the lake's shoreline.

But across the water in the Lake County seat of Lakeport, civic and business leaders talk of bringing back tourism, of planting more vineyards instead of weed. They are tired of the thuggish out-of-towners, the stream diversions and the violent crime.

In 2013, residents successfully pushed county supervisors to ban pot growing on parcels smaller than an acre and limit growers to six plants.

Pot growers organized a June ballot referendum to rescind the law, losing by fewer than 500 votes out of 15,000 cast.

Now those who hope to preserve marijuana cultivation are taking their case to the voters again — in the form of competing initiatives.

A coalition of growers and activists is pushing a plan that it said would promote reasonable, regulated and limited growing of medical cannabis. Grower Ron Kiczenski said their measure would ensure that a few established farmers dominate, keeping prices high and most residents out of the market. His proposal would establish marijuana growing as a human right.

Opponents of both are gearing up for battle. In this place of beauty and poverty, residents in November will sort out the debate at the ballot box.

Michael Horner, a marijuana activist, explained the initiative his group, the Emerald Unity Coalition, is pushing. By making it legal to grow up to 48 plants in Lake County, he said, the measure is about responsibility, environmental friendliness, and access to safe, clean medicine. Under his initiative, he said, a marijuana enforcement division would keep growers in line.

Rob Brown is the county supervisor leading efforts to push out the marijuana industry. "It's not the marijuana, it's the culture that comes with it," he said. "They want to smoke their weed and make their money and not have to work."

Kiczenski's ballot initiative would allow anyone to grow any plant for their own use — including coca leaves and opium poppies.

But by limiting people with less than an acre to four plants, Kiczenski said, Horner's measure would keep most of Lake County out of the market. Kiczenski said the right-to-grow initiative is the next epic battle.

"What are people supposed to do up here?" he asked. "There's no work. Half the people grow."

'Frozen Dumbo' to the rescue

By JOHN HAYES
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

PITTSBURGH – In the last decade in Africa, ivory poachers have eliminated some 70 percent of the wild elephant population. In zoos around the world, natural reproduction and artificial insemination are difficult.

But at zoos in Austria and England, two baby elephants were artificially fathered with sperm gathered from South African wild elephants in a project spearheaded by international partners, including the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium.

For the first time, elephant genetic material gathered in the wild was frozen and used to artificially inseminate captive female elephants that delivered calves.

Previous attempts to freeze elephant semen samples for artificial insemination failed.

The process is still experimental but considered promising by international elephant conservation groups.

Project Frozen Dumbo is a partnership among the Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research in Berlin, the Pittsburgh Zoo, the Vienna Zoo and ZooParc de Beauval in France. It originated through discussions between Barbara Baker, president and CEO of the Pittsburgh Zoo, and Thomas Hildebrandt, a reproductive specialist at the Leibniz Institute.

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Willie Theison with Zuri.

"The success of this procedure creates more opportunities to introduce new genetics into the African elephant population among zoos, diversifying the population," Baker said.

In 2011, teams from the Pittsburgh Zoo and Leibniz Institute, including Baker and Hildebrandt, traveled to the Phinda Resource Reserve in South Africa to help wildlife researchers tranquilize and collect sperm from 15 wild elephants. The material was frozen using Hildebrandt's process, which led to the two successful births in Europe in 2013 and 2014. A third elephant inseminated through the process is now pregnant at another zoo in England.

"It's monumental," said Willie Theison, elephant program manager at the Pittsburgh Zoo, who helped choose elephants for the program.

Frozen Dumbo has the support of elephant conservation groups including the International Elephant Foundation.

"This has been done in other species, but never before in elephants," said foundation director Deborah Olson.

Getting wild genetics into the international zoo population may be crucial to the species' survival, said Theison.

With rampant deforestation in Africa and poachers profiting from a thriving Asian market for ivory trinkets, the wild elephant population has dropped from about 1.5 million in 2004 to between 300,000 and 400,000 animals.

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