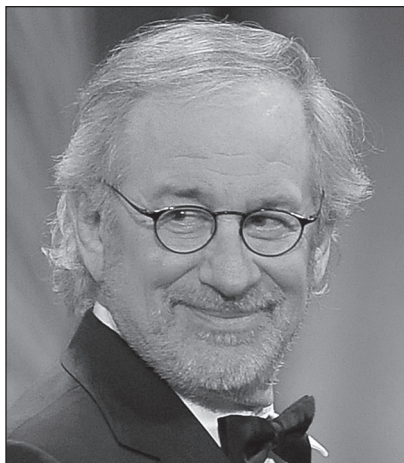


Celebrities

Steven Spielberg, shown at an awards ceremony June 7 in Culver City, Calif., has earned his 11th film nomination from the Directors Guild of America Awards, this time for his Civil War epic "Lincoln."



Directors again honor Spielberg

LOS ANGELES — Steven Spielberg has extended his domination at the Directors Guild of America Awards, earning a nomination Tuesday for his Civil War drama "Lincoln" to pad the record he already held to 11 film nominations from the guild.

Also nominated were past winners Kathryn Bigelow for her Osama bin Laden thriller "Zero Dark Thirty"; Tom Hooper for his musical "Les Miserables"; and Ang Lee for his lost-at-sea story "Life of Pi."

Rounding out the Directors Guild lineup is first-time nominee Ben Affleck for his Iran hostage crisis tale "Argo."

The Directors Guild field is one of Hollywood's most-accurate forecasts for who will be in the running at the Academy Awards, whose nominations come out Thursday. The winner at the Directors Guild almost always goes on to win the directing prize at the Oscars too.

Winners for the 65th annual Directors Guild awards will be announced at a Hollywood dinner Feb. 2, with Kelsey Grammer as host for the second year in a row.

In other news

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Douglas Kennedy, a son of the late Robert F. Kennedy who was acquitted of criminal charges in a maternity ward scuffle, is suing two nurses who said on TV that he hurt them. Kennedy is alleging defamation and malicious prosecution by nurses Cari Luciano and Anna Lane.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Luke Bryan is joining Blake Shelton to co-host the 2013 Academy of Country Music Awards. The Academy also said in a Tuesday news release that this year's show will be April 7, to be broadcast live on CBS, and Brad Paisley will host the ACM Fan Jam, a satellite event held simultaneously with the awards show.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Author Judith Krantz, 85.
Singer Joan Baez, 72.

Guitarist Jimmy Page of Led Zeppelin, 69.
Singer Crystal Gayle, 62.
Singer Dave Matthews, 46.

Singer A.J. McLean of the Backstreet Boys, 35.
Guitarist Drew Brown of OneRepublic, 29.

From news services

Correction

A story on Page 3A Tuesday indicating an Eau Claire man received two years of probation for punching a pregnant woman in the stomach was incorrect. Jason C. Arneson, 25, pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct in connection with the case. But felony charges — aggravated battery, false imprisonment and strangulation and suffocation — concerning the alleged punch were dismissed.



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Lotteries

The winning numbers for Tuesday are:

Mega Millions: 3-20-21-38-42

Mega Ball number: 19

Megaplier number: 4

Estimated jackpot: \$47 million.

SuperCash: 8-13-14-22-24-35

Daily Pick 3: 5-7-8

Daily Pick 4: 3-9-0-8

Badger 5: 1-10-20-29-31

Estimated jackpot for today's drawing: \$15,000.

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Powerball: Tonight's estimated jackpot, \$70 million.

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Hmong/Wis. population trends young

from Page 1A

Median income for Hmong households in Wisconsin increased from \$14,276 in 1990 to \$32,076 in 2000 and to \$47,200 in 2010, gradually narrowing the gap to reach 92 percent of statewide median.

Likewise, the poverty rate nationwide for Hmong residents dropped from 64 percent in 1990 to 38 percent in 2000 and to 25 percent in 2010, when it was even lower (19 percent) in Wisconsin, according to the report, which reviewed data from the 2010 census and incorporated analysis from Hmong scholars nationwide.

The articles that comprise the special issue of Hmong Studies Journal represent the most in-depth scholarly analyses of emerging issues and trends affecting Hmong-American communities, editor Mark Pfeifer wrote in the introduction.

While Caitlin Lee, an equal opportunity specialist in the Affirmative Action Office at UW-Eau Claire and past president of the Eau Claire Area Hmong Mutual Assistance Association, is pleased to see the progress, she cautioned that the numbers could be misleadingly positive because less-educated Hmong residents are the ones most likely to have made errors in filling out census forms and thus may not be properly reflected in the data.

"It makes me happy to see we're doing so well statistically, but the local Hmong community still has a ways to go," Lee said, noting that many Hmong still work in unskilled or factory jobs with little opportunity for advancement.

Midwest Hmong Population Centers

Nat'l Rank	Community	2010	2000
1	Minneapolis-St. Paul	64,422	40,707
4	Milwaukee	11,904	8,078
8	Wausau	5,927	4,453
10	Madison	4,230	2,235
11	Detroit	4,190	3,926
12	Sheboygan	4,168	2,706
13	Green Bay	4,152	2,957
14	Appleton	4,082	4,741
17	La Crosse	3,195	2,285
20	Eau Claire	2,749	1,920
23	Oshkosh-Neenah	2,320	N.A.
27	Kansas City, MO-KS	1,754	948
28	Manitowoc	1,614	N.A.
31	Stevens Point	1,274	N.A.
35	Lansing-East Lansing, MI	958	855
36	Menomonie	832	N.A.
40	Marshfield-Wis. Rapids	705	N.A.

Note: All of these communities refer to the metropolitan area except Manitowoc, Stevens Point, Menomonie and Marshfield-Wis. Rapids, which are classified by the U.S. Census Bureau at micropolitan areas.

Source: Hmong Studies Journal

Staff graphic

She also noted that incomes in Hmong households typically must be stretched to support larger families. The study confirmed that Hmong households, though shrinking, are still about twice the size of average U.S. households.

Lee expressed optimism that the economic status of Hmong households will continue to improve in the next two decades, as the post-Vietnam War Hmong baby boom generation seeks more education and moves into more professional and managerial occupations.

"People in their 30s and 40s are really the ones who

can change the face of a community, and they make up just a tiny sliver of the Hmong population now," Lee said. "It's going to be exciting to see what those younger ones do over the next 15 to 20 years."

The study confirmed the relative youth of the Hmong population in Wisconsin, where the Hmong median age is 20.2, compared with the overall median of 38.4.

The proportion of Hmong obtaining a higher education in Wisconsin and in other states continues to show impressive increases, Pfeifer said, citing statistics showing the percentage of U.S. Hmong residents with a bachelor's degree or higher rose from 4.9 percent in 1990 to 14.5 percent in 2010.

"This threefold increase within the span of 20 years is remarkable considering that, throughout the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s, the vast majority of Hmong refugees arrived in the U.S. with less than a high school education," researcher Yang Sao Xiong of UCLA wrote in the report. He noted that the rate is 31.4 percent for non-Hispanic whites, so a significant gap still exists.

Lee said the gains in educational attainment are a good sign that parents and Hmong leaders are doing a good job of promoting higher education as a road to prosperity.

Among the report's other key findings:

■ For the first time people of Hmong origin now live in all 50 states plus the District of Columbia.

■ The largest Hmong populations live in California, Minnesota and Wisconsin, which ranked third with an estimated 49,240 Hmong residents in 2010, up 46 percent from 2000. The Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, with 64,422 Hmong residents, has by far the largest number of Hmong residents in the country, followed by Fresno, Calif.

■ The Hmong population in the Midwest made up 49 percent of the 260,073 Hmong Americans counted in the 2010 census.

■ The percentage of foreign-born Hmong who are not U.S. citizens dropped nearly 30 percentage points from 2000 to 2010, and more than 50 percent of the Hmong residents in the United States now were born in this country.

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Gun/Attendees will boost local economy

from Page 1A

Gun shows are attracting increased scrutiny from lawmakers and others in the wake of the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, with lawmakers both in Washington and throughout the nation pushing for stronger background checks and the curbing of sales of assault weapons.

Schley said the decision to rent out the gym for the gun show occurred long before the Newtown shootings. He said he understands why some people might oppose a school hosting a gun show, but past shows haven't been problematic.

The district rents its

building for \$75 per day. In addition, the show promoter has donated \$500 to Project CHS, or Communities Helping Students. Project CHS donates money to the school, Schley said.

Cornell Mayor Judith Talbot said she sees both sides of the issue.

"I don't have a problem with it," Talbot said of the school district hosting a gun show. "No one voiced their opinions or concerns one way or another at our (City) Council meeting."

Talbot echoed Schley's comments that an expected attendance of 1,000 means a big economic boost for the city.

"Our economic impact is huge," she said. "Our res-

taurants are full, our grocery store is busy, our gas stations are busy. We have vendors coming from a long distance that stayed here."

David Madis, operator of Greater Midwest Mercantile in Eau Claire, said dealers at shows must conduct background checks before selling guns to customers. However, private citizens can sell guns without performing a check, he said.

"There are feds and policemen at these gun shows making sure people aren't breaking the law," Madis said.

Madis is not setting up a booth at the show.

"I'm not a huge fan of gun shows," Madis said.

"One, it's competition for me. Two, there are private people selling guns who aren't doing background checks."

Chippewa County Sheriff Jim Kowalczyk said guns are bought and sold on a daily basis nationwide, and he doesn't view the gun show in Cornell as troublesome. He said he understands the balancing act of allowing people to own guns while also restricting some gun sales, especially those involving assault rifles.

"The entire country is very sensitive to guns in schools and public places," Kowalczyk said.

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Council/County not heard from

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restaurant and convenience store, city public works director Brian Amundson said, but the economy has changed since then, and the city doesn't know if plans have changed.

City finance director Rebecca Noland said there is the possibility that corporations interested in the project could invest elsewhere — including Altoona — if they don't know where the city stands on the project.

Van Gompel said he would have considered the budget shift as a sign Eau Claire is willing to participate in the project.

"All we're doing is saying the funds are available," he said. "It does not commit us to moving forward on the project, and I'm sure the developer is aware of it."

Councilman David Klinkhammer said he supported raising the city's budget to \$500,000 for the project to signal the start of negotiations with Haselwander.

The developer knew that city staff already recommended \$500,000 in their draft budget to the City Council, Klinkhammer added.

But the council voted to cut that in half during November's budget deliberations after seeing the city would be shouldering the majority of the cost of the project, with a total price tag of \$750,000. The council voted 11-0 to spend \$250,000 for the North Crossing/Black Avenue intersection, and the other \$250,000 would be spent on other road projects.

As the Black Avenue intersection is partially on Highway Q, the council also was interested to see if the Eau Claire County government would contribute to the project, but has not heard back.

Councilman Larry Balow said undoing that budget cut would eliminate the city's leverage in negotiations with other parties that would benefit from the project.

"We took \$250K out to try and force negotiations — to bring the county or developer to the plate," he said. "If we just simply put the money back in tonight, there is no negotiation, it's over."

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