

WHAT'S NEW NOW



Just in time for Halloween: a spider sculpture

Delaware sculpture Andre Harvey's newest piece is a foot-long Daddy Long Legs spider balancing on a bronze leaf that rests on an oval walnut base.

He says on promotional material that those spiders remain in our memories and evoke childhood as well as safety because of the long legs the spider uses to protect its mate and her eggs.

"I like the form of the sculpture, the special relationship of the oval suspended body to the delicate legs," Harvey wrote. "The shape encompasses a lot of volume without taking up much physical space."

Harvey has produced 60 numbered bronzes of the sculpture, which sell for \$6,000 each. Each of the sculptures has 28 parts in the legs that are cast separately and then joined to make the pose. The piece weighs 10 pounds and is 13½ inches long, 10 inches wide and 8½ inches tall. For more information, go to www.andreharvey.com

Celebrity birthdays

Thursday: Gospel singer **Shirley Caesar** is 79. Musician **Paul Simon** is 75. Keyboardist **Robert Lamm** of Chicago is 72. Actor **Demond Wilson** ("Sanford and Son") is 70. Singer **Sammy Hagar** is 69. Model **Beverly Johnson** is 64. Singer-actress **Marie Osmond** is 57. Singer **Joey Belladonna** of Anthrax is 56. Actress **T'Keyah Crystal Keymah** ("That's So Raven") is 54. Actress **Kelly Preston** is 54. Country singer **John Wiggins** is 54. Actor **Matt Walsh** ("Veep") is 52. Actor **Reginald Ballard** ("Martin," "The Bernie Mac Show") is 51. Actress **Kate Walsh** ("Grey's Anatomy") is 49. Musician **Jeff Allen** of Mint Condition is 48. Actress **Tisha Campbell-Martin** ("My Wife and Kids," "Martin") is 48. Singer **Carlos Martin** of Il Divo is 48. Country singer **Rhett Akins** is 47. TV personality **Billy Bush** is 45. Actor **Sacha Baron Cohen** is 45. Singers **Brandon and Brian Casey** of Jagged Edge are 41. Singer **Ashanti** is 36.

Friday: Actor **Roger Moore** is 89. Country singer **Melba Montgomery** is 79. Singer **Cliff Richard** is 76. Singer **Justin Hayward** of the Moody Blues is 70. Actor **Harry Anderson** ("Dave's World," "Night Court") is 64. Actor **Greg Evigan** ("My Two Dads," "B.J. and the Bear") is 63. Singer **Thomas Dolby** is 58. Actress **Lori Petty** ("A League of Their Own") is 53. Actor **Steve Coogan** ("Night at the Museum") is 51. Actor **Jon Seda** is 46. Country bassist **Doug Virden** (Sons of the Desert) is 46. Country singer **Natalie Maines** of the Dixie Chicks is 42. Singer **Shaznay Lewis** of All Saints is 41. Singer **Usher** is 38. TV personality **Stacy Keibler** ("Dancing with the Stars") is 37. Comedian **Jay Pharoah** ("Saturday Night Live") is 29.

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Save the date: PBS 'Victory Garden' host to speak at UD

Holly Shimizu, a former host of PBS's "The Victory Garden" and first curator of the National Arboretum's Herb Garden, will speak at the University of Delaware Botanic Gardens at 7 p.m. Nov. 1.

She will present an illustrated lecture, "A Passion for Gardening," which will partly focus on changes in the gardening world, including enhanced knowledge and awareness of the natural environment. She retired as executive director of the U.S. Botanic Garden in 2014.

Tickets are \$10 for UDBG Friends and \$15 for non-members. Call (302) 831-2531 or email BotanicGardens@udel.edu to register.

Winterthur Museum receives \$110,760 grant for preventive care and research on metals

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has given Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library a \$110,759 grant for a project on preventive care for metal objects in its collection, including silver.

"Winterthur has a reputation for thorough research into conservation methods that influence international standards," said Winterthur Senior Objects Conservator Bruno Pouliot in a press release. "We hope that our continued work on methods to prevent silver and copper alloys from tarnishing will continue that tradition."

Winterthur houses a premier collection of American metalwork made between 1650 and 1900, said Gregory J. Landrey, Dwight and Lori Lanmon director of Academic Affairs. It includes about 2,900 silver and silver-plated objects and slightly over 2,050 copper, brass and bronze objects.

To help the general public care for heirlooms, Winterthur conservators will share the best practices that result from this research through public programs that include web videos and classes on maintaining silver.

Two technicians will be hired to treat approximately 500 silver objects in the two-year project, which starts later this fall. They will remove failing lacquer coatings and apply new ones on silver objects, while Winterthur conservators and scientists study where a more aggressive corrosion was found, as well as different options to protect from tarnishing objects made of copper alloys.

Many of Winterthur's silver and copper alloy objects are displayed in Henry Francis du Pont's home. As a result, natural low-level sulfur pollutants in the air, alongside ambient moisture, cause tarnishing. Lacquer coatings remain for now a proven method to inhibit tarnish for up to 30 years within the museum environment.

Regular polishing, even with the gentlest methods, removes some metal, eventually erasing shallow elements of the design or, for silver-plated items, exposing the base metal underneath. Winterthur implemented a comprehensive metal coating campaign in 1982, and this program has continued uninterrupted, although with some modifications. Since the 1980s, a lacquer based on cellulose nitrate has been used on most silver and copper alloy objects, as it provides the best balance of minimal visual intrusion, stability and tarnish protection.



TV personality Billy Bush is 45.

Tyler Hoechlin suits up as Superman

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NEW YORK - Tyler Hoechlin says a pivotal moment playing Superman on The CW's "Supergirl" came when he met four children on the set while he was wearing the suit.

Hoechlin says he realized "they don't know my name. They don't have any idea who I am, but for 10 minutes, I'm Superman to them. It was the coolest thing."

It also helped him shape the character.

"He's a symbol of hope for kids so they can do anything, they can be anything; that good can triumph over evil, so that was a really kind of a cool, informative situation," the 29-year-old actor said in a recent interview.

Also surreal: Being offered the part by the show's co-creators and executive producers, Greg Berlanti and Andrew Kreisberg. Hoechlin, best-known for his portrayal of a werewolf on MTV's "Teen Wolf," said they brought up the idea on a Monday. That Friday he received a phone call that it was happening while riding in a car with his younger brother. "He was like, 'Wait, so you're Superman?' It's the weirdest thing to say."

Hoechlin was in Australia when news broke that he would play the role. He woke up to "50 text messages," he said, and that's when he realized that casting had been announced.

Hoechlin is appearing in the first two episodes of the second season of "Supergirl," which returned Monday on The CW (8 p.m. Eastern) after moving from CBS.

When "Supergirl" was getting ready to debut, Superman wasn't going to make an appearance so as



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Tyler Hoechlin is guest-starring in two episodes of "Supergirl."

not to overshadow his cousin, Kara, played by Melissa Benoist. Hoechlin says Superman's presence now makes sense because the two characters understand each other.

"At the end of the day,

no one in the world knows where they come from or who they really are the way those two do," he said.

Hoechlin and The CW have said he will appear in two episodes, but the actor says he could be back.

"Who knows? Those decisions are in the hands of other people. We'll see how people respond to the first two episodes and we'll go from there."

He wouldn't confirm whether he'll return for the send-off of "Teen Wolf," airing its sixth and final season starting in November. The finale will air in 2017. "It's going to hit 100 episodes this year; it's a great note to go out on."

Hoechlin will also be seen in the films "Fifty Shades Darker" and "Fifty Shades Freed."

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