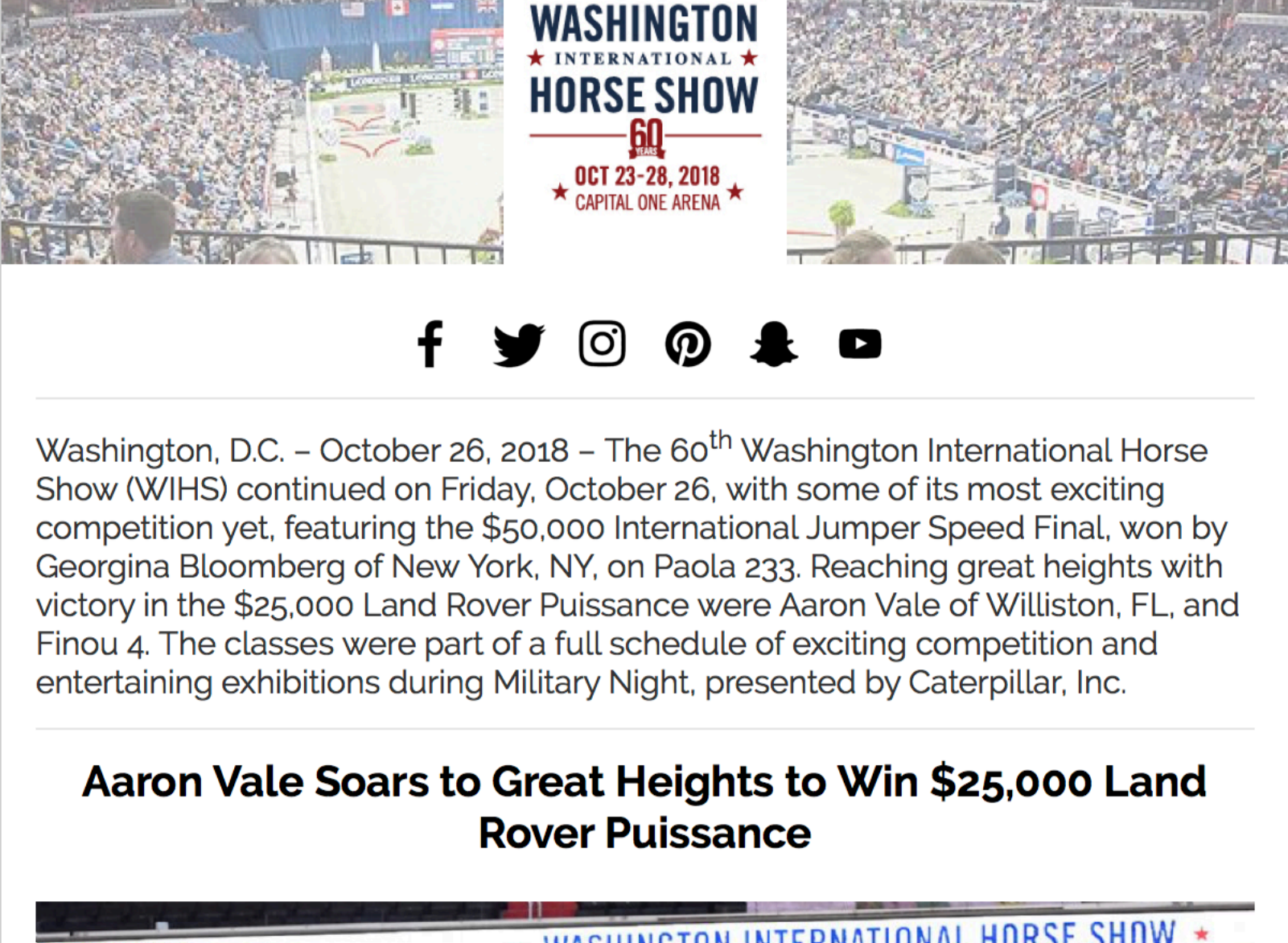
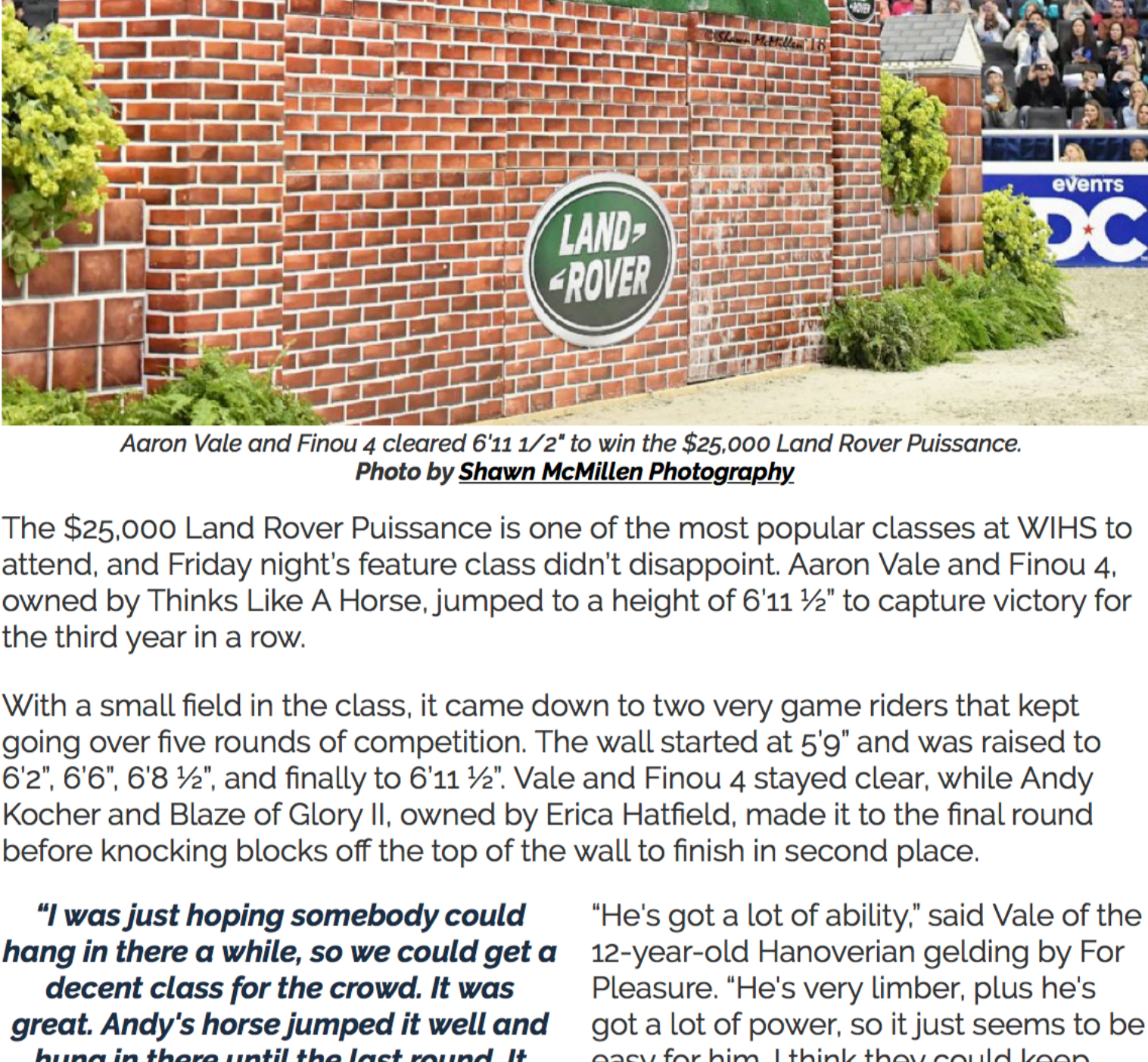


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Washington, D.C. – October 26, 2018 – The 60th Washington International Horse Show (WIHS) continued on Friday, October 26, with some of its most exciting competition yet, featuring the \$50,000 International Jumper Speed Final, won by Georgina Bloomberg of New York, NY, on Paola 233. Reaching great heights with victory in the \$25,000 Land Rover Puissance were Aaron Vale of Williston, FL, and Finou 4. The classes were part of a full schedule of exciting competition and entertaining exhibitions during Military Night, presented by Caterpillar, Inc.

Aaron Vale Soars to Great Heights to Win \$25,000 Land Rover Puissance



Aaron Vale and Finou 4 cleared 6'11 1/2" to win the \$25,000 Land Rover Puissance. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

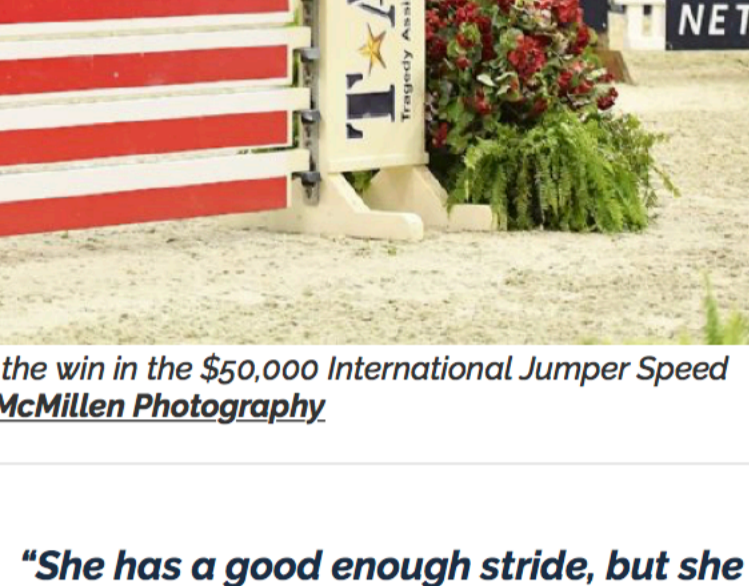
The \$25,000 Land Rover Puissance is one of the most popular classes at WIHS to attend, and Friday night's feature class didn't disappoint. Aaron Vale and Finou 4, owned by Think Like A Horse, jumped to a height of 6'11 1/2" to capture victory for the third year in a row.

With a small field in the class, it came down to two very game riders that kept going over five rounds of competition. The wall started at 5'9" and was raised to 6'2", 6'6", 6'8 1/2", and finally to 6'11 1/2". Vale and Finou 4 stayed clear, while Andy Kochoer and Blaze of Glory II, owned by Erica Hatfield, made it to the final round before knocking blocks off the top of the wall to finish in second place.

"I was just hoping somebody could hang in there a while, so we could get a decent class for the crowd. It was great. Andy's horse jumped it well and hung in there until the last round. It made a really good class and worked out the way that I wanted. I got a little competition, but I still got the blue!" - Aaron Vale

"He's got a lot of ability," said Vale of the 12-year-old Hanoverian gelding by For Pleasure. "He's very limber, plus he's got a lot of power, so it just seems to be easy for him. I think they could keep raising it, and I'd keep riding him to it."

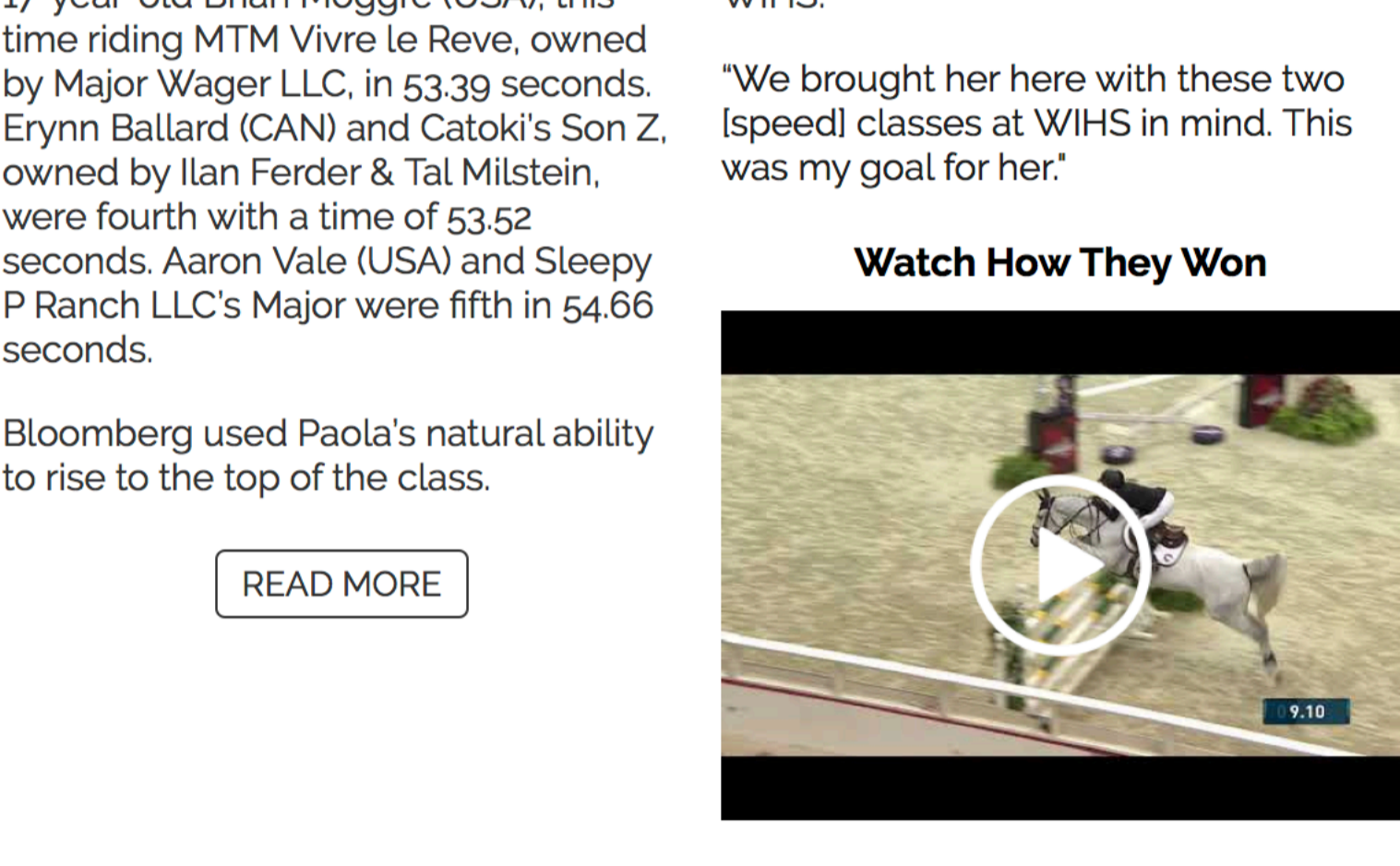
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This is Vale's fifth win in the puissance class at WIHS, with previous wins coming in 1996 with Big Joe, in 1998 on Happyness, and now three consecutive years with Finou 4, who seems to have a certain something that makes him successful over the big wall – despite blindness in his left eye.

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Georgina Bloomberg Bests \$50,000 International Jumper Speed Final



Georgina Bloomberg and Paola 233 on their way to the win in the \$50,000 International Jumper Speed Final. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

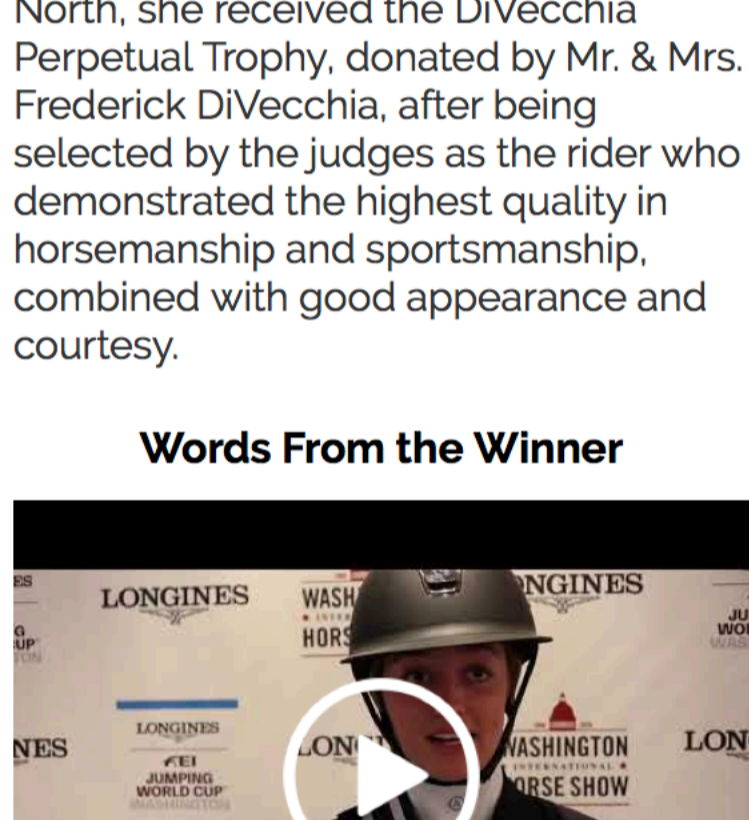
Riding over a faults-converted speed course designed by Olaf Petersen Jr. of Germany, Georgina Bloomberg and Paola 233, an 11-year-old Westphalian mare by Pontifex owned by Gotham Enterprizes LLC sped to victory in the \$50,000 International Jumper Speed Final. The handy grey mare and Bloomberg finished clear in 52.90 seconds, edging out McLain Ward (USA) on Walsstib Stables LLC's Queen Jane, who recorded a time of 53.15 seconds.

"She has a good enough stride, but she doesn't need to leave out strides. She's really quick in the turns, and she's very quick in the air. Given the option, I always play it safe, and I add a stride because I know I can be quicker other places. Really any of the other options of leaving out strides I didn't love for her. I felt like I could just be quicker by turning and using her natural speed." - Georgina Bloomberg

With a light competition schedule since the Hampton Classic Horse Show in late August, Bloomberg aimed Paola for WIHS.

"We brought her here with these two [speed] classes at WIHS in mind. This was my goal for her."

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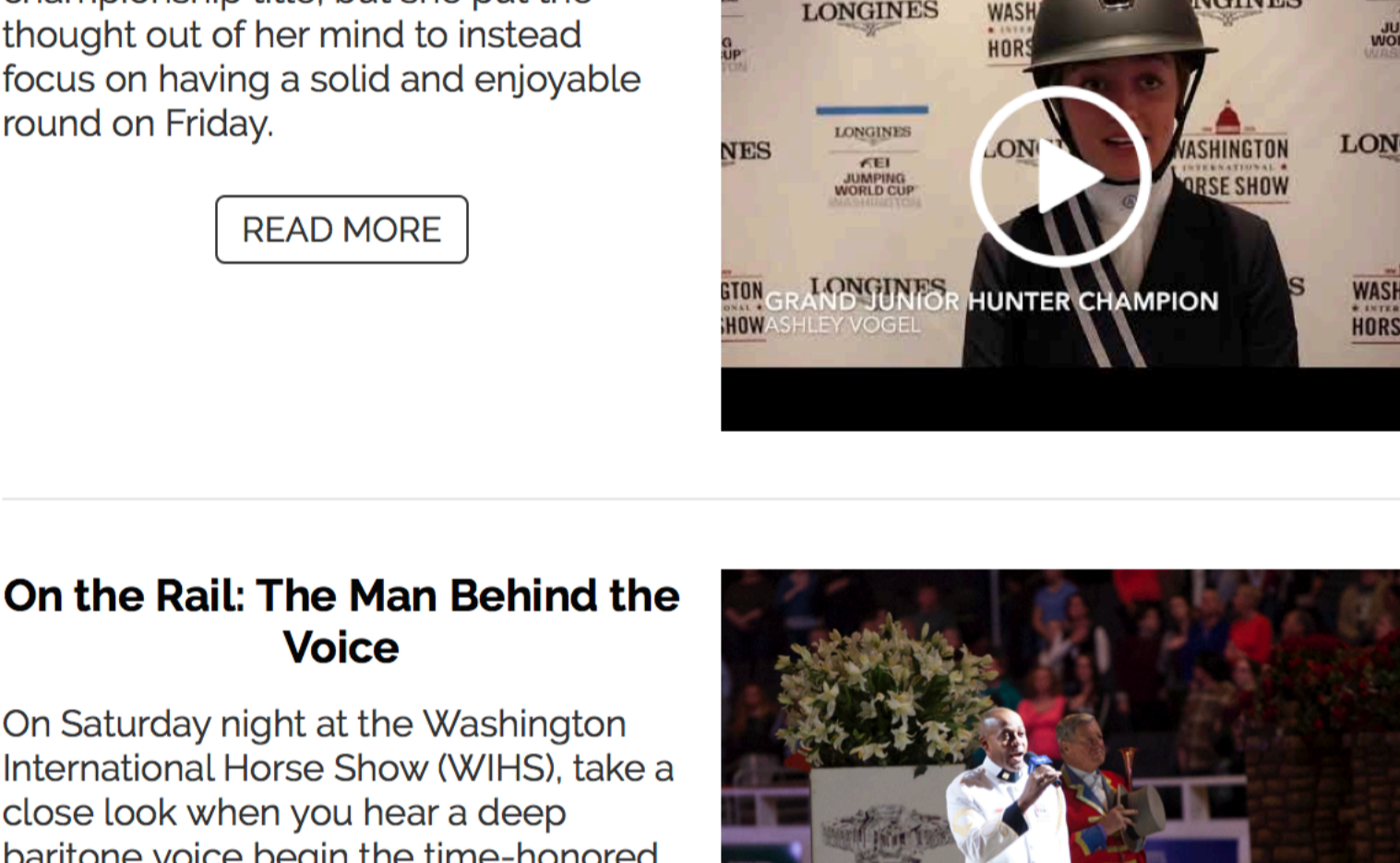


Third place went to last night's winner, 17-year-old Brian Moggre (USA), this time riding MTM Vivre le Reve, owned by Major Wager LLC, in 53.39 seconds. Erynn Ballard (CAN) and Catoki's Son Z, owned by Illan Ferder & Tal Milstein, were fourth with a time of 53.52 seconds. Aaron Vale (USA) and Sleepy P Ranch LLC's Major were fifth in 54.66 seconds.

Bloomberg used Paola's natural ability to rise to the top of the class.

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Ashley Vogel and Legacy Win Grand Junior Hunter Championship



Legacy, owned and ridden by Ashley Vogel, was named the 2018 Grand Junior Hunter Champion. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

Ashley Vogel of Mequon, WI, rode Legacy to the 2018 Grand Junior Hunter Championship and the Best Child Rider on a Horse title on Friday.

"Everyone kept coming up to me like, 'You have a really good shot at this,'" said Vogel, who trains with Maria Rasmussen and Jeff Wirthman. "But I was really trying hard to not crack under pressure. My trainer said, 'Just go have fun with it.' That's exactly what I did; everything worked out in our favor."

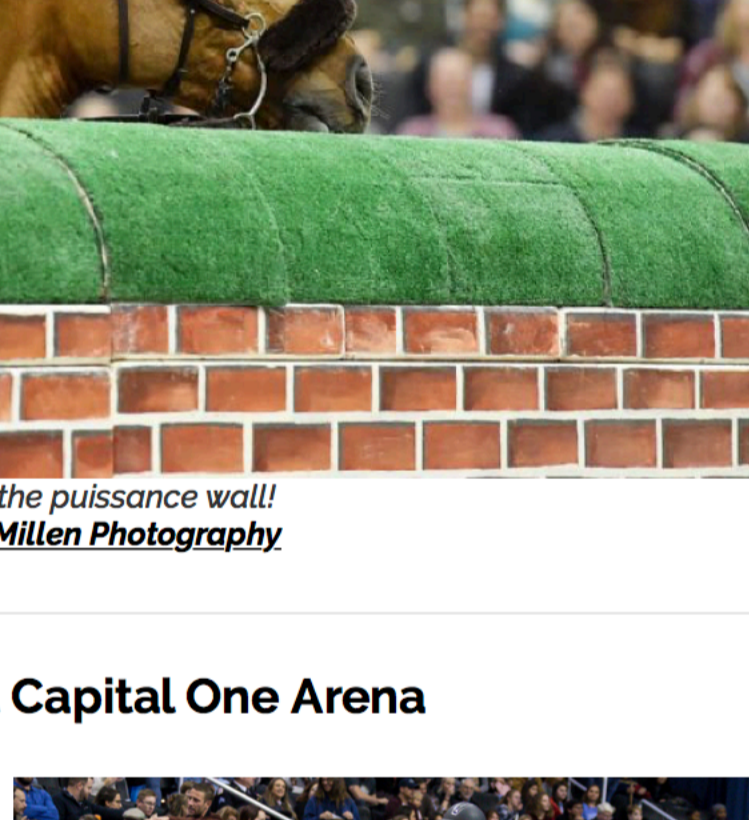
Vogel and her 10-year-old bay Warmblood gelding came into the day with two wins over fences in the Small Junior 16-17 Hunter division, and the pair topped off their successful week with a sixth place under saddle and a second place in the Small Junior 16-17 Hunter Stake to take the division championship, and ultimately the grand championship.

For the Grand Junior Hunter Championship, Vogel was presented with the Ides of March Perpetual Trophy, donated by Linda Lee and Lee Reynolds. For the Best Child Rider on a Horse title, sponsored by Gotham North, she received the DiVecchia Perpetual Trophy, donated by Mr. & Mrs. Frederick DiVecchia, after being selected by the judges as the rider who demonstrated the highest quality in horsemanship and sportsmanship, combined with good appearance and courtesy.

"It's pretty incredible. I wasn't expecting it at all, so it was a really nice surprise. This is my favorite horse show, and I was hoping for some good rounds – the same as last year. We had some good ribbons last year but not like this. It's pretty incredible. I'm still in awe." - Ashley Vogel

"I am a Capitals fan. I got it bad!" Green said. Most of the time when he sings before Caps games, he performs a duet with Sergeant Major Bob McDonald. "I think we're the only ones in the entire industry, whether it's the NBA or NHL or in baseball, where we do a duet. You'll see trios and quartets, choruses, all those, but we're the only duet I've seen."

Words From the Winner



With her two wins on Thursday, Vogel and Legacy had a good shot at the championship title, but she put the thought out of her mind to instead focus on having a solid and enjoyable round on Friday.

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But he has strong ties to the Capital One Arena—he has sung the national anthem at Washington Capitals ice hockey games since 1999. He even has a Stanley Cup ring awarded to him by Caps owner Ted Leonsis after the Caps' Stanley Cup victory in June.

You probably not realize it, but you've also probably heard Green perform before. He sang at President Barack Obama's 2009 inauguration concert, and he's sung the anthem at Washington Redskins football games.

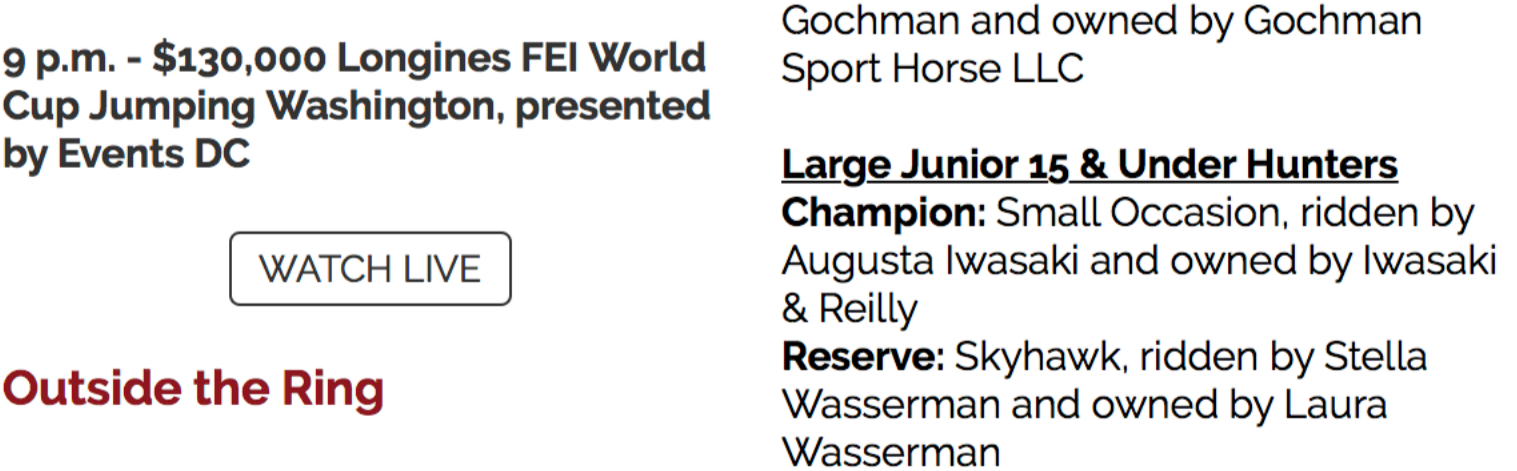
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Photo of the Day



Devin Ryan eyes up the puissance wall! Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

Behind The Lens At Capital One Arena



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Saturday's Highlights

3:30 p.m. - Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund WIHS Equitation Finals - Jumper Phase

6:45 p.m. - Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund WIHS Equitation Finals - Work-Off

9 p.m. - \$130,000 Longines FEI World Cup Jumping Washington, presented by Events DC

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WIHS Winners

Small Junior 15 & Under Hunters, sponsored by The Wasserman Foundation
Champion: Boss, ridden by Stella Wasserman and owned by Laura Wasserman
Reserve: Evermore, ridden by Mimi Gochman and owned by Gochman Sport Horse LLC

Large Junior 15 & Under Hunters
Champion: Small Occasion, ridden by Augusta Iwasaki and owned by Iwasaki & Reilly
Reserve: Skyhawk, ridden by Stella Wasserman and owned by Laura Wasserman

Small Junior 16-17 Hunters
Champion: Legacy, owned and ridden by Ashley Vogel
Reserve: A Million Reasons, ridden by Emma Kurtz and owned by Dr. Betsee Parker

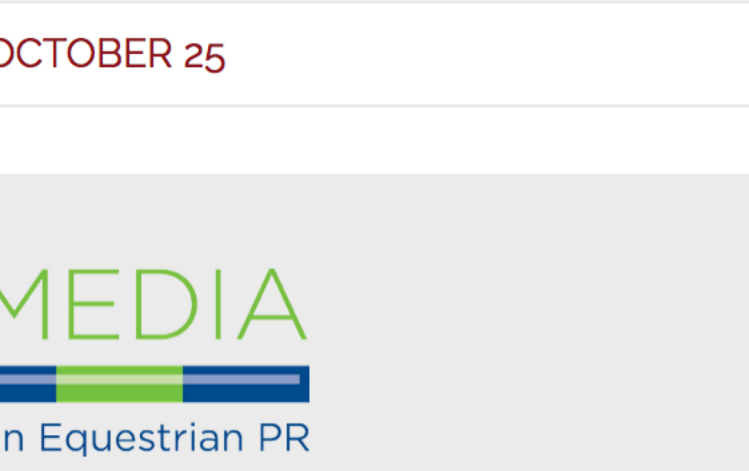
Large Junior 16-17 Hunters
Champion: Cartello Z, ridden by Ava Stearns and owned by Caroline Lloyd
Reserve: Tzargazer, ridden by Chloe White and owned by Steve Schaefer

Best Child Rider on a Horse: Ashley Vogel

\$2,500 Low Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumpers
Winner: Catalina Peralta of Geneva, FL, riding Chopin Z, owned by Grindstone Farm LLC

\$5,000 High Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumpers
Sponsored by The Gierkink Family Kadley Farm:
Winner: Sophie Gochman of Palm Beach, FL, riding Carola BH, owned by Gochman Sport Horse LLC

Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund WIHS Equitation Finals - Hunter Phase
Winner: Eli Yeager of Wellington, FL, riding her own Copperfield 39 to a score of 92.5

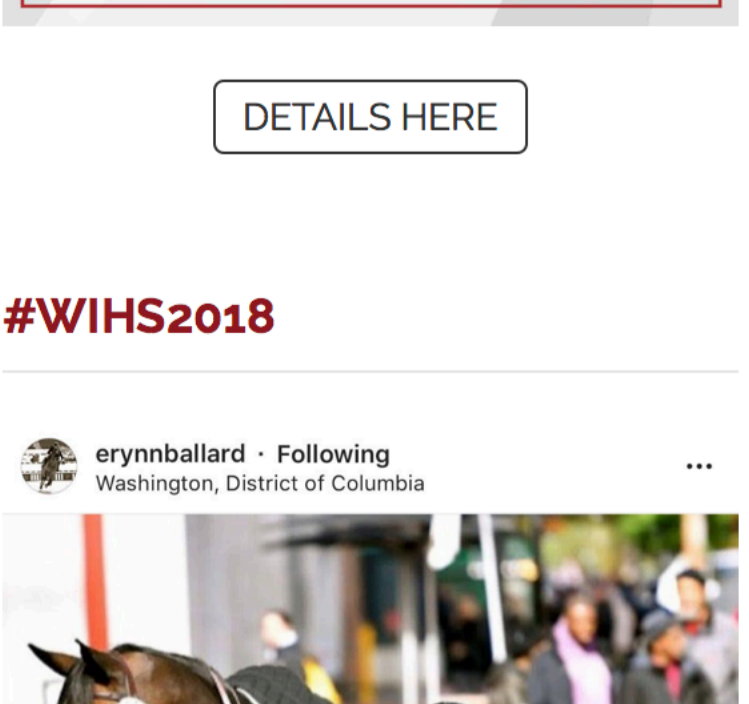


Eli Yeager rode Copperfield 39 to the win in the Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund WIHS Equitation Finals - Hunter Phase. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

Outside the Ring

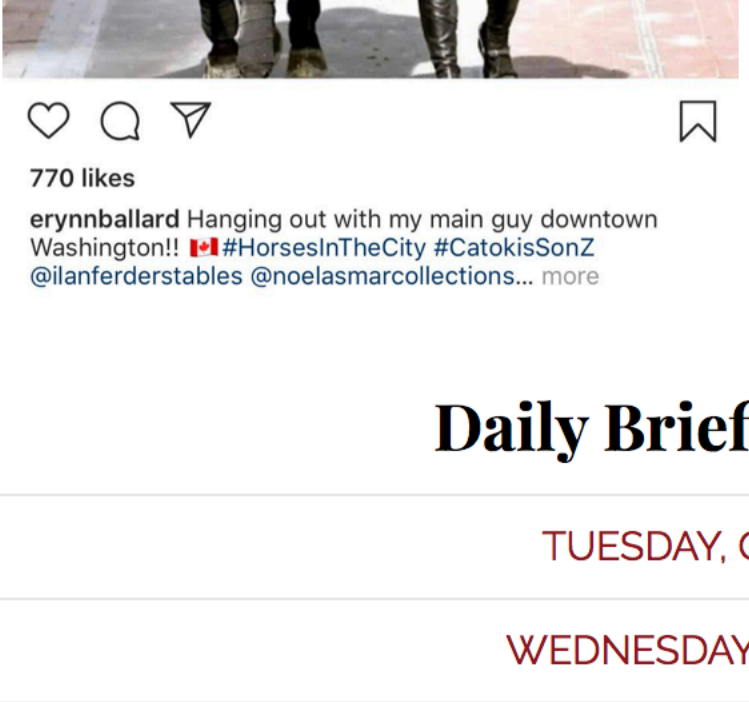
WIHS Kids' Day
 Saturday, October 27
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All activities will be located inside on the course due to expected inclement weather.



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President's Cup Party
 Saturday, October 27
 6:30 p.m.



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