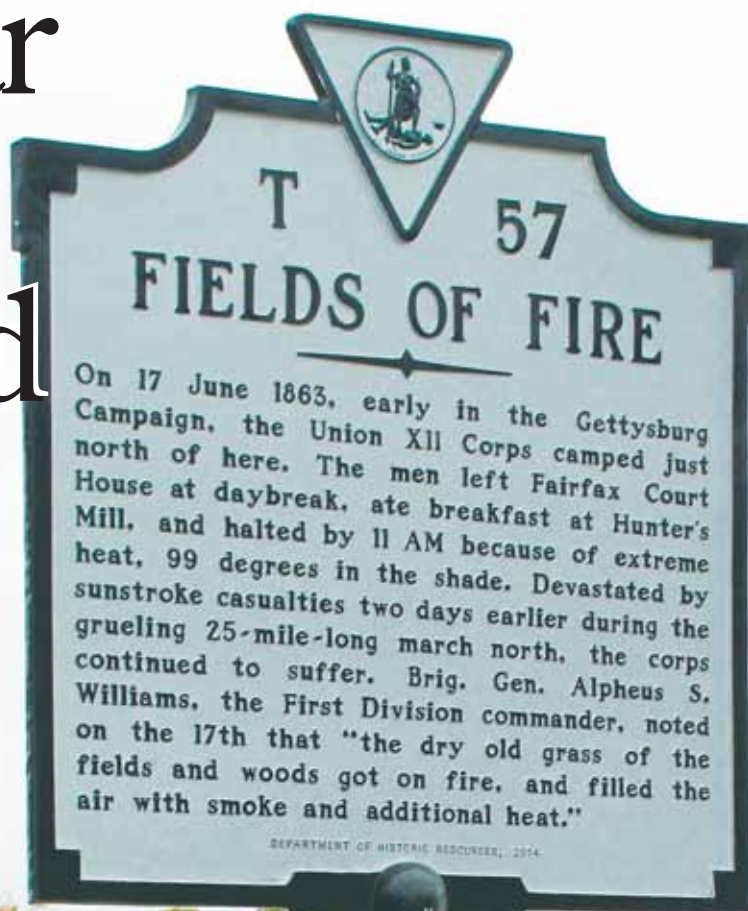


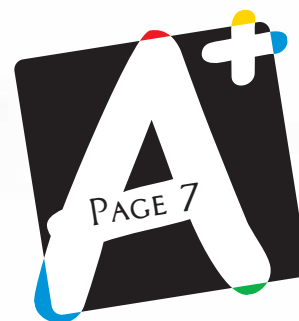
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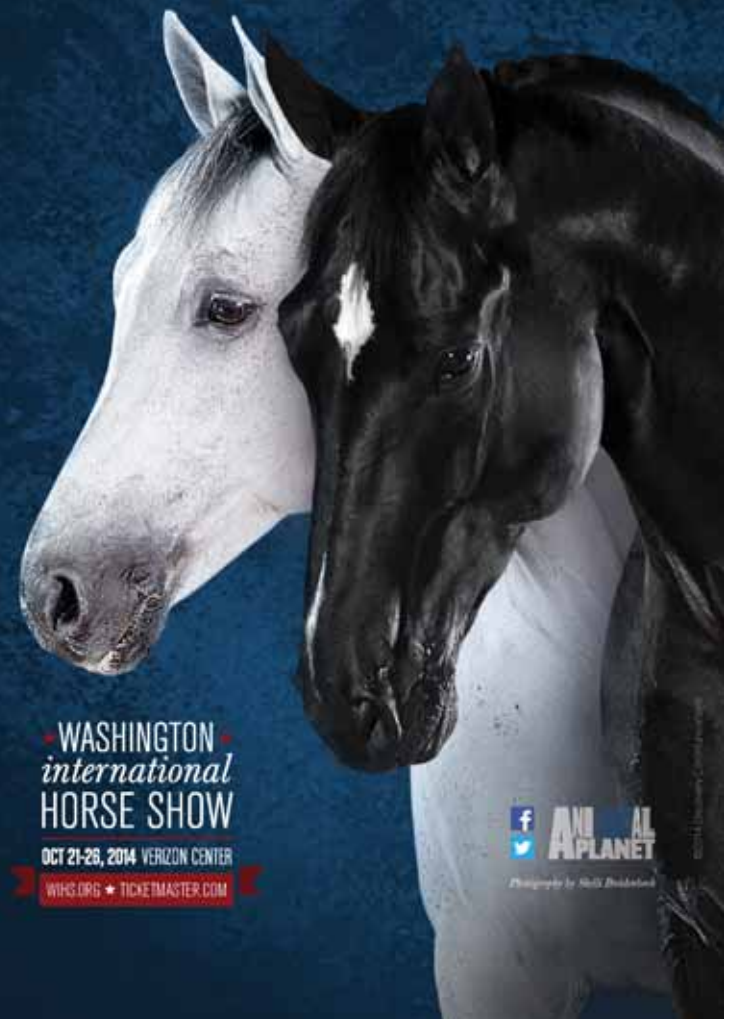
- A draft referendum question to be mailed to those RA members who are required to use the Reston Lake Anne Air-Conditioning System and are authorized to vote on the subject of removing from the Reston Deed, Section VI.3(d)(15) on Air-Conditioning Units which prohibits the use of individual air-cooling systems.
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The Alpine Dancers performed at the Reston Oktoberfest and invited members of the audience to participate.



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At the Reston Pavillion the Low 'n' Brows provided music for polkas, waltzes and the "Chicken Dance" which was popular with children and parents.

## Oktoberfest Held At Reston Town Center

Visitors attend weekend-long festival in Reston.

BY RYAN DUNN  
THE CONNECTION

Despite overcast weather, the 2014 Oktoberfest was held again at Reston Town Center with Alpine Dancers, exhibitors, Oktoberfest fare, beer and carnival rides. On Saturday the Guns 'n Hoses Chili Cook Off was held as teams of Firefighters and Police Officers competed for the coveted "Best Overall Chili" and "People's Choice" awards.

One of the judges was Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova.

Announced as winners of the People's Choice Award for the chili cook-off was the

Fairfax County Police Department. The team consisted of Fairfax County Police Officer Dean Tran, his wife Sarah Tran, and Tom Divers. "We have done this a couple of years," said Dean Tran. "We come together to have a bit of fun with people of the community."

The Fairfax County Police Department's chili was a sweet, savory chili with cinnamon, chocolate and Guinness beer. "It is a perfect day for chili," said Sarah Tran.

Team "Limp Brisket," led by Fairfax County firefighter George Hahn from Burke Station 14 was announced as winner of the Guns 'N Hoses Chili Cook-off. The chili they cooked was a "drunken piggy chili."

"I would describe it as smoky with a southern kick," said team member Drew Mitchell.

"This is the first year we have had 16 craft beers at the event," said Mark Ingrao, President of the Reston Chamber of Commerce. The Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce has produced Oktoberfest Reston for the past six years. Brews were provided by craft brewers including family-owned Old Ox Brewery and Old Bust Head Brewery. There was also a beer garden by the main pavilion with beer on tap.

At the Reston Pavillion, the Low 'n' Brows provided music for polkas, waltzes and other traditional German "hofbrau haus" music. The Alpine Dancers, specializing in dance from Austria, Germany and Switzerland, performed at the Reston Oktoberfest and invited members of the audience to participate. "It was a wonderful event, we love dancing here," said Carol Traxler who helps lead the Alpine Dancers.

Some Reston Town Center store employ-

ees debated whether the festival brought increased customer traffic. "The festival did not generate us extra customers, I think the crowd which attends here is mostly to dine," said Liz Gardner, resident of Reston and manager for the Appalachian Spring located on Market Street in Reston Town Center.

"If the weather was nicer, there may have been more customers," said Ilona Bentsi-Enchill, an employee at women's clothing store Talbots.

Sponsors of the 2014 festival included Whole Foods Market at Reston, BMW, the Fairfax 2015 World Police & Fire Games, Reston Town Center, and Reston Hospital.

"This is definitely the place to be this weekend, with all the crowds in the Town Center and perfect fall weather this evening," said Reston resident Adam Bennett. "Great time enjoying the music, food, and brew with friends."

## Civil War Marker Unveiled

BY REENA SINGH  
THE CONNECTION

In June 1863, thousands of Union soldiers trudged down Hunter Mill's dusty roads during the hottest week of the year.

Craving food, water and rest, the soldiers who did not die from the extreme temperatures hunkered down in a field to recuperate at 11 a.m. on the 17th. That field, which became aflame from the dry heat that day, became known as the Fields of Fire.

Hunter Mill Defense League unveiled what may be their last civil war marker at a ceremony on Oct. 11, recalling how the troops fell victim to sunstroke just days before they crossed what is now across the street from the Reston Zoo.

"This is the most difficult marker we have put up here in the Hunter Mill corridor," said HMDL History Committee member Jim Lewis, standing in the grass alongside the intersection of Hunter Mill Road and Leesburg Pike.

He said this marker was low priority

in an area rich with history.

"After mulling over our options, we decided to honor our roots," he said.

He told the audience some background on the soldiers trip from Fairfax County to Gettysburg.

"Captain George Collins, 2nd Division, 3rd Brigade, described the road as one of inferior width and quality," he said as the audience laughed. "Not too far off."

The previous two days, the soldiers had marched about 25 miles.

That morning, the soldiers were traveling from Fairfax Court House and the Hunter Mill area, where they had breakfast. The fields, which previously were full of vegetables near harvest, were damaged by the time they got there. The temperature, said Lewis, was 99 degrees in the shade.

"Hundreds fell by the wayside from fatigue," he said.

The Union soldiers, once in Gettysburg, stayed there and fought until General Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox Court

## Union soldiers sought refuge in Fields of Fire.



PHOTO BY REENA SINGH/ THE CONNECTION

Some of the Hunter Mill Defense League executive members unveil the historic marker on Oct. 11.

House in April 1865. Again, they had to march to Washington, D.C., with all of their animals and gear for the official ceremony, arriving on May 19 in Alexandria.

This is the 11th marker HMDL has helped install and dedicate in the area.

"We had a desire to increase the awareness of the history of the corridor," said

HMDL History Committee Chairman Steve Hull.

**THE GROUP** has bus tours and walking tours of the 11 markers, including Cartersville Baptist Church and the Oakton Schoolhouse. This may be the last marker to be installed in the area, according to Hull.

"I've been involved in some of the activities here," said David Mudrick, Reston, after the unveiling. "I have a general interest in the history of the area, and I think they're doing a great job of promoting that."

Nearly 50 people showed up, despite the rain earlier that day.

"I drive around here all the time and wonder what is right underneath my nose," said Janet Goodman, Vienna.

For more information about HMDL or to find out about history tours, visit [www.hmdl.org](http://www.hmdl.org).



# Reston Association Hosts Home and Garden Expo

Guests learn about home care and Reston Association services.

BY RYAN DUNN  
THE CONNECTION

**R**eston Association hosted a home and garden expo at Reston Association headquarters. “We look forward to hosting this event annually as we see it as a service to the community,” said Cate Fulkerson, Reston Association CEO. Experts in home and garden care were present to answer questions.

“My company likes to reach out to their clients,” said Jesse Morrow, a realtor representing Reston-based National Realty.

An advantage to owning a Reston home is the protective covenants included in the Reston Deed of Dedication. When residents purchase property, they agree to comply with the property covenants and help maintain the design standard established for Reston properties.

For more than 30 years, Reston properties have retained their beauty and usefulness because property owners participate in the design review process. A Design Review Board panel meets to review applications every Tuesday evening, except for the third Tuesday of the month, holidays, and inclement weather. The full Design



**Jennifer Hecht and interior designer Cindy Beyer (a Reston resident since 1996) with Reston Association President Ken Kneiven at the October home and garden expo. Cindy focuses on clientele in the Reston, Vienna, Oakton and Great Falls area.**



**Reston Association Environmental Resource Supervisor Patricia Greenberg attended the home and garden expo at Reston Association headquarters. “I am impressed with the turnout,” said Greenberg.**

Review Board meets on the third Tuesday of the month.

In order for an application to be reviewed at a panel meeting, the completed application must be scheduled at least one week in advance for one of the nine available appointment times.

“We feel this event draws the residents of Reston in, and it is a good resource for the residents,” said Anna Varone, Director of Covenants Administration. “We want to make it available to them on an annual basis.”

Amelia Vallone Logan, owner of Reston-based Amelia Vallone Interiors gave an afternoon presentation on color trends in interior design. “There is no bad color; only bad use of color,” said Vallone.

“It has been a really great event, we are glad to be here,” said Jeff Houk, a certified inspector with Pest Management Services Incorporated.

Approximately 300 people visited the Reston Association offices to obtain information and speak with vendors and representatives.

On Thursday, Oct. 23 the Reston Association Board of Directors will be holding public hearing during its regular 6 p.m. meeting to receive comments on the issues of the proposed 2015 budget updates.

For more information on Reston Association visit [www.reston.org](http://www.reston.org).

## COMMENTARY

BY KENNETH R. “KEN” PLUM  
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

**A**s I wrote in a column several months ago, Virginia has historically ceded decisions to federal authorities on major issues on which the state had been unwilling to move forward, despite the Commonwealth’s historic antipathy toward the federal government.

Another issue fell into this category last week: same-sex marriage. Regardless of the desire on the part of conservative Virginians to pretend that it is not so, thousands of Virginians love someone of the same gender, an unknown number live together as partners and some have already gotten married in other states.

While an amendment to the

# Saved by the Feds



state constitution defining marriage as being between a man and a woman passed in a referendum more than a half dozen years ago, recent public opinion polls show a majority of Virginians as accepting of same-sex marriage. Failure of the legislature to act on the issue resulted in two cases before federal courts challenging Virginia’s prohibition of same-sex marriage.

As has been the experience in other states where such cases have been brought in federal court, the prohibition was found to be unconstitutional. With the Supreme Court refusing to hear an appeal of the cases, Virginia is once again having to face a reality that it has resisted.

It is not the first time. Virginia also had a law that said that persons of different races could not marry. The legislature refused to acknowledge the unfairness of the law or vote to change it. It took a federal court decision, *Loving v. Virginia* (1967), to strike down the law.

Virginia segregated its public schools based on race until the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision (1954) — of which a Virginia case was a part — struck down racial segregation. Virginia’s decade-long effort to resist the fed-

eral decision was called Massive Resistance.

Asserting states’ rights arguments, Virginia leaders attempted to stop desegregation. The campaign was unsuccessful, although it did take 40 more court decisions to integrate the schools in Virginia.

Virginia was also part of the *Baker v. Carr* decision in 1962 establishing the “one man, one vote” principle because the state legislature refused to acknowledge population shifts that were occurring and permit legislative representation to reflect those shifts until the federal courts intervened. Just last week a federal judge threw out Virginia’s Congressional redistricting as being discriminatory against minorities.

Federal intervention and the Voting Rights Act got rid of the blank sheet voter registration system and the poll tax that disen-

franchised most African Americans. While it is good that the federal government has been a backstop to ending discrimination in many forms, it is truly unfortunate that the General Assembly has been unwilling to recognize the wrongness of their laws and make decisions on their own without the need for the federal courts to protect Virginians from their own government.

The argument for states’ rights has been used to justify violations of personal rights. The federal court was right in striking down Virginia’s marriage amendment. Now the General Assembly needs to move forward on my bill to outlaw discrimination based on sexual orientation instead of waiting until we’re forced to by the federal government.



## Reston Master Plan Phase II Community Meeting

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins and the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning are hosting a second community meeting regarding the draft Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan text pertaining to the Reston community. The meeting will be held on Saturday morning, Oct. 18, from 8:45 – 11:30 a.m. at South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m.

The Working Draft addresses the residential areas of Reston, the Village Centers, and other commercial areas located outside of the Town Center or Transit Station Areas. This meeting will focus on the draft Plan guidance for the Village Centers, including a proposed process for property owners to bring forward ideas for potential enhancements and/or changes to their Centers.

A third community meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 8, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. (location to be determined). To review the Working Draft of the Comprehensive Plan Text, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/reston/documents.htm>. For additional information, contact Goldie Harrison at 703-478-0283.



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The annual Children's Connection is a tradition of well over a decade, and we begin getting inquiries from teachers and parents about submitting artwork and writing almost as soon as summer is over.

We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or gardens or other creative efforts.

We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf). Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in jpeg format.

Some suggestions:

- ❖ Drawings or paintings or photographs of your family, friends, pets or some favorite activity. These should be photographed or scanned and submitted in jpeg format. Photos of sculpture or larger art projects are also welcome.

- ❖ Short answers (50 to 100 words) to some of the following questions: If you could give your parents any gift that didn't cost money what would that gift be? What are you most looking forward to in the upcoming year? What is one thing that you would change about school? What do you want to be when you grow up? What is your favorite animal? What is your favorite toy? What makes a good parent? What makes a good friend? What is the

best or worst thing that ever happened to you? What is the best gift you've ever given? Ever received?

- ❖ Your opinion (50 to 100 words) about traffic, sports, restaurants, video games, toys, trends, politics, etc.

- ❖ Poetry or other creative writing.

- ❖ News stories from school newspapers.

- ❖ Photos and text about activities or events.

We welcome contributions from public and private schools, individuals and homeschoolers.

Email submissions for the Children's Connection to [editors@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:editors@connectionnewspapers.com).

Identify each piece of writing or art, including the student's full name, age, grade and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name of teacher and town of school location. Please provide the submissions by Monday, Dec. 8.

To send CDs or flash drives containing artwork and typed, electronic submissions, mark them clearly by school and hometown and mail the CD to Children's Connection, 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Please send all submissions by Dec. 8. The Children's Connection will publish the week of Dec. 27, 2012.

## Halloween Parties, SoberRide

Halloween is now as much of an adult party as a children's festival. Along with the Fourth of July, the holiday period including New Year's Eve and a few other dates, Halloween stands

out as a holiday connected to increases in drinking and driving.

If you will be out celebrating with alcohol, you can plan ahead. Assign a designated driver. Celebrate at home. Take public transportation. But if these plans fall through, the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) Halloween SoberRide program provides a safety net.

For six hours from 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31 until 4 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1, SoberRide serves as a way to keep impaired drivers off the road. During this six-hour period, area residents ages 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI and be afforded a no-cost (up to a \$30 fare), safe way home.

For more information visit [www.wrap.org](http://www.wrap.org)

## Last Call for Letters

Letters to the editor from local residents about the upcoming election should be received by Friday, Oct. 24 to be considered for publication ahead of Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4. Letters on candidates, bond questions, election procedure or any other local, election related topics are welcome and encouraged. Letters should be original, and include the writer's full name and address; we will print your town name, not your full address. Letters will be under 200 words and convey opinion with civility. Send letters to [editors@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:editors@connectionnewspapers.com)

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## John Geer Killing—An End to Impunity?

BY JOHN LOVAAS  
RESTON IMPACT PRODUCER/HOST

In August 2013, a Fairfax County Police Officer shot and killed unarmed John Geer as he stood in his doorway talking to police. There were many civilian witnesses, including family, to the SWAT team killing. Yet, 14 months later, the shooter has not been identified and there has been no explanation for the killing by either the police, the Board of Supervisors which oversees them, the Commonwealth Attorney, or the U.S. Justice Department to which this case was referred for investigation. In Fairfax County, it has been routine in the 74 years since the Board of Supervisors created the Police Department for officers to kill citizens without apparent justification and not be held accountable to anyone but themselves for doing so. The Geer case is only the most recent example.

John Geer's family, some of whom were eyewitnesses to the shooting, has been remarkably patient, wait-

ing 14 months so far for completion of the official investigation and explanation as to how and why it was the unarmed, non-threatening Mr. Geer was shot to death. Finally, their patience ran out. They have filed suit against the police and the county demanding justice — a full explanation, accountability for those responsible, and \$12 million for their incredible loss.

No county officer has ever been charged with wrongdoing for killings in the line of duty. Nor has any killing been investigated by anyone except fellow officers. The police and county have been sued by families of the dead, but to date Fairfax County has opted to pay seven-figure settlements with our tax dollars rather than go to trial or lift the iron veil of secrecy.

And, the Board of Supervisors, to whom the police nominally report, has inexplicably failed to hold them accountable.

I do, however, see signs for hope the Geer case may be different. Why should I, a known pessimist, think there is a chance to break the

perfect record of non-accountability to the people who pay the police to protect them? Here are some possible reasons.

- ❖ Police employed a heavily armed SWAT team arrayed like a firing squad for this domestic dispute raising the question of excessive force;

- ❖ Unlike many police killings, there were many civilian witnesses to this one;

- ❖ Police left the badly wounded man to die;

- ❖ The Commonwealth Attorney, usually a rubber stamp for the police, declared an unspecified "conflict of interest" and referred investigation of the shooting and shooter to the Justice Department which has to date remained silent;

- ❖ The Board of Supervisors suddenly has shown an interest in this case. Chairman Bulova sent a letter to the U.S. Attorney expressing concern about the delay; and,

- ❖ The Geer family, which is suing county police, says they will not settle for cash, and wants a trial to force police to explain fully the cir-

cumstances.

Of course, the police and some who advise the Board of Supervisors will resist genuine accountability to the people of Fairfax County. So, it will be an uphill struggle. But, at least two supervisors (one Democrat and one Republican) are acknowledging they favor new approaches, such as the creation of an independent civilian review board.

Seventy-five percent of U.S. jurisdictions the size of Fairfax County already have them and they generally work well, renewing community confidence in their police and finding very few officers abusing their lethal power once there is oversight.

Seventy-four years without accountability for using lethal force is more than long enough. Think about it. It is hard to believe that any officer drawing his or her gun is not aware that there is no penalty for miscalculation and unjustified use of it. That is a very scary proposition. But how can it be otherwise after 74 years?

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# The Private School Admissions Process

Local educators offer insider tips on how to select and get your child admitted to the perfect school.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hile this school year might still feel new, some parents are already thinking about next fall. Or if they're not, they should be. For parents who are considering sending their children to one of the area's private schools for the 2015-2016 school year, the application process should be underway.

"Now is the time to begin the independent school admission process for the 2015-2016 academic year," said Diane Dunning, director of admission and financial aid at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria. "Application deadlines vary by school, but generally fall between mid-December and late January.

"Parents often start the process by exploring school websites and speaking with trusted friends who have personal experience with specific schools. Doing your research may be time-consuming, but what

could be more important than finding the right educational fit for your child?"

Use this time to peruse school websites and get to know the schools you think might be a good fit for your child. "Go beyond the admission [web] pages," said Mimi Mulligan, assistant head and director of admission and enrollment management at Norwood School in Bethesda, Md. "Read a school's magazine or its weekly parent memo. Follow a school's Facebook page or Twitter feed. Looking at a school through varied lenses will provide a better sense of culture at the school.

"Talk as a family about what would be the best kind of school for your child," she continued. "Coed versus single gender, traditional versus progressive, suburban versus urban, no uniform versus uniform, kindergarten through second versus kindergarten through eighth versus kindergarten through 12th."



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**Visiting prospective schools will give parents and students a sense of the institution's atmosphere and culture.**

Consider your child's strengths and weaknesses, and what they need to be happy and successful in school. "Keep your mind open," said Mulligan. "The spectrum of excellent schools in our area is broad, enabling parents to think beyond name recognition and focus on right fit when selecting a school."

There are a few factors for parents to consider: "Does a school's mission resonate with your family's values?" asks Dunning. "Will the curriculum challenge your child's strengths and support him or her in other areas?"

**PARENTS AND STUDENTS** should begin by creating a list of schools where they plan to apply and start contacting their top choices. "The most important piece of advice for a family is to visit the school website often. That is full of interesting stories about a school," said Ann Richardson Miller, director of admission and financial aid at The Madeira School in McLean.

"Once you've narrowed down your choices, make plans to visit the schools. Tours have started, and there will be additional opportunities such as open houses, student visiting days, and curriculum nights," said Dunning. "It is important to experience the culture of the school to get an accurate picture. Each independent school has its own distinctive mission, and you will feel it as soon as you step onto campus."

Miller says open houses can help reduce the potential anxiety a student might have about other parts of the application process, such as an interview or standardized test, which are often requirements for private school admissions. She also suggests attending a school play or athletic event. "Those are great ways to see a school community."

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# SPORTS

## Langley, McLean, South Lakes Compete at Glory Days Invite

Langley, McLean and South Lakes were among the boys' teams that competed in the Glory Days Invitational cross country meet on Oct. 11 at Bull Run Regional Park.

South Lakes finished 25th out of 35 teams with a score of 656. Andrew McCool was the Seahawks' top finisher, placing 32nd with a time of 17 minutes, 2 seconds. Sean Miller finished 77th (17:32) for South Lakes.

McLean finished 29th with a score of 701. Alex Pierce came in 50th with a time of 17:13 for the Highlanders.

Langley came in 34th with a score of 845. Alessandro Shapiro led the Saxons with a 131st-place finish (18:02).

Loudoun Valley's Andrew Hunter was the top individual finisher with a time of 15:44. Millbrook's Tyler Cox-Philyaw finished runner-up (16:05). Chantilly's Ryan McGorty was the 6A North region's top finisher, placing third with a time of 16:11.

Thomas Jefferson had three harriers place in the top 15: Christopher Blagg (10th, 16:35), Saurav Velleleth (11th, 16:35) and Nate Foss (14th, 16:42).

Dulaney finished first in the team competition with a score of 71, followed by Good Counsel (160), Thomas Jefferson (189) and Chantilly (220).

## Marshall Football Gets Second Victory

The Marshall football team on Sept. 26 earned its first victory since 2011, beating Thomas Jefferson. Two weeks later, the Statesmen added another.

Marshall defeated Stuart 32-24 on Oct. 10 for the Statesmen's first home win of the season. Marshall improved to 2-4 this sea-



**Langley's Alessandro Shapiro (1491) runs during the Glory Days Invitational on Oct. 11 at Bull Run Regional Park.**



**McLean's Alex Pierce finished 50th in the boys' varsity race at the Glory Days Invitational on Oct. 11 at Bull Run Regional Park.**

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**South Lakes' Andrew McCool came in 32nd with a time of 17:02 during the Glory Days Invitational on Oct. 11 at Bull Run Regional Park.**

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The Statesmen will host Stone Bridge at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17.

## South Lakes Football Earns First Win

In a battle of winless teams, South Lakes trounced Thomas Jefferson 49-6 on Oct. 10.

The Seahawks improved to 1-5. South Lakes will travel to face Langley at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17.

## McLean Football Drops to 3-3

The McLean football team traveled to Stone Bridge on Oct. 10 and lost 42-19, dropping its record to 3-3.

The Highlanders have lost three of their last four since starting 2-0.

McLean will host Fairfax at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17.

## Langley Football Falls to Fairfax

The Langley football team, in its most tightly-contested game of the season, lost to Fairfax 35-28 on Oct. 10 dropping its record to 2-4.

The Saxons' previous five games were each decided by 11 points or more.

Langley will host South Lakes at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17.

## Herndon Blanked at Home

The Herndon football team lost to Edison 17-0 on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 11.

The Hornets fell to 3-3. Herndon will open Conference 5 play on the road against Chantilly at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17.

# Oakton Volleyball Succumbs to Injuries, Woodson

## Sophomore Yang plays well in expanded role.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Oakton volleyball team's starting setter and libero missed Monday's match against Woodson with ankle injuries. By the end of the night, the Cougars had lost a starting middle hitter to yet another ankle injury.

Oakton hung around early, winning the second set to even the match at 1-apiece. Eventually, however, the Cougars' unfamiliar rotations caught up with them and Woodson cruised to a 3-1 (25-18, 17-25, 25-11, 25-20) victory on Oct. 13 at Oakton High School.

After Oakton won the second set, Woodson took over behind the play of senior outside hitter Mackenzie Reed,

who finished with 12 kills and four aces. The Cavaliers finished with 18 aces as a team.

"We just fell apart in some rotations," Oakton head coach Dan Courain said. "Woodson really gained a lot of confidence on their serve, they served tough. We just lost a lot of confidence on that serve-receive and [from] each rotation trying out something new. We just didn't have it in games three and four.

"... I will say injuries [were a problem], but that's no excuse."

Oakton started the match with junior setter Meghan Wood and junior libero Alex Marquis on the bench. Wood suffered an ankle injury and could miss the remainder of the season, Courain said. Marquis had been playing through an ankle injury, but



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**Oakton junior Emily Heier had six kills against Woodson on Monday.**

she sat out of Monday's match with hopes of returning at 100 percent.

Senior middle hitter Camille Baechler suffered an ankle injury during the match.

With multiple teammates out, sophomore outside hitter Alice Yang, already one of the

Cougars' best players, took on an expanded role, setting from the back row. She finished with eight kills, five digs and 10 assists.

"She did a spectacular job," Courain said. "... She really stepped up."

Junior middle hitter Emily Heier finished six kills, three aces and four blocks. Junior libero Lindsey Wallen totaled a career-high 16 digs.

Courain said junior opposite hitter Coral Hulcher also played well.

The loss was Oakton's third straight and dropped its record to 12-9. The Cougars, who are 1-1 in Conference 5 matches, will travel to face Robinson at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16.

"We've got to be able to win," Courain said. "We've got another conference match Thursday against Robinson. ... We can't use injuries as an excuse."



# CALENDAR

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## THROUGH FRIDAY/OCT. 31

**Side-by-Side in Europe: Two Artists, Two Views, One Subject by Jerry Lewis & Mohsen Alashmoni.** 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Hunters Woods Exhibit, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Two artists, one from Reston and the other from Egypt, will approach the same subject from viewpoints influenced by different religions, culture and nationalities. 703-476-4500.

**Fine Art Mosaics Exhibit: Anita Bucsay Damron.** Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday: 8 a.m. – noon. Reston Corner One, 120001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, main floor lobby. Beautiful glass mosaics are inspired by the tapestries of Gurut and Rajasthani India, and created with Italian glass, Czech and Austrian crystals, 24k gold and more. [www.AnitaDamron.com](http://www.AnitaDamron.com)

## THROUGH MONDAY/NOV. 3

**Annual ArtReston Regional Fine Art Exhibit.** 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Jo Ann Rose Gallery, 1609 Washington Plaza N, Reston. An exhibit of two-dimensional paintings and mixed media art from members of the League of Reston Artists. [www.leagueofrestonartists.com](http://www.leagueofrestonartists.com)

## THURSDAY/OCT. 16

**Meet the Artists Series.** 2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. The CenterStage at Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Phoenix Woodwind Quintet. Free. 703-476-4500.

**Kid's Graphic Novel Book Club.** 4 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join us for lively discussion for the best in graphic novels. This month's title is "BigFoot Boy" by J. Torres. Books are available for checkout at the Children's desk. Age 8-10.

**Calling all Poets.** 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. An open mic evening for all poetry lovers. Share your own work or that of a favorite poet. Adults.

## THURSDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 16-19

**Fall Carnival Fun on the Farm.** Frying Pan Farm Park, 2309 West Ox Road, Herndon. Games and rides, tasty food fair and beverages for sale. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark/>

## FRIDAY/OCT. 17 – SUNDAY/NOV. 2

**You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown.** 8 p.m. CenterStage at the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown follows a typical day in the life of Charlie Brown and the Peanuts gang. Tickets can be purchased at [www.restonplayers.org](http://www.restonplayers.org) or by calling the CenterStage box office at 703-476-4500.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 18

**Finding Wholesale Happiness in a Retail World.** 2 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Author and media personality Jeff Yeager, a.k.a the Ultimate Cheapskate, talks about money, happiness and consumer culture. Registration required: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library). Adults. Free.

**Reston Home Tour.** 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. This tour celebrates Reston's five decades with properties from each, as



**Follow a typical day in the life of Charlie Brown and the Peanuts gang in CenterStage's theatrical production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" playing Oct. 17- Nov. 2 at Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston.**

well as a stop at The Avant, a luxury apartment building in Reston's Town Center where South Lakes High Schools Culinary Arts Program will offer tastings from each decade served in stunning surroundings. Tickets are \$30. They can be purchased at the Reston Museum, Lake Anne Florist, The Wine Cabinet at North Point, Appalachian Spring and GRACE at Town Center. All proceeds benefit the Reston Historic Trust and the Reston Museum. Visit [www.restonmuseum.org](http://www.restonmuseum.org) for more information.

**Community Yard Sale.** 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Weichert Realtors, 1760 Reston Parkway, Reston. To participate in the sale call Weichert Realtors at 703-264-0000.

**Halloween Family Fun Day.** 12 - 2 p.m. The CenterStage, 2310 Colt Neck Road, Reston. Come dressed in your favorite costume and enjoy sensational performances perfect for the whole family. Peter McCorty, a famed one-man band, will put children in the Halloween spirit at 12:15 p.m., followed by a wonderful performance at 1:15 p.m. by Bob Brown's Puppets in Monster Madness. Little ghosts and goblins up to the age of 8 will try their skill at winning candy and prizes when they play carnival games.

**Black & White Masquerade.** 7-10 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Don your finest Black & White apparel as you join ArtSpace Herndon in celebrating its second annual Fall Gala. Enjoy an evening to support The Herndon Foundation for the Cultural Arts with hors d'oeuvres, desserts, wine, champagne, prizes and live music. A limited number of tickets are available, \$25 single, \$40 per couple, for this black tie affair; a party masquerade mask is suggested. For more information call 703-956-6590 or visit [www.artspaceherndon.org](http://www.artspaceherndon.org)

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 18-19

**Farm Harvest Days.** Saturday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Frying Pan Farm Park, 2309 West Ox Road, Herndon. Watch the cider press in action, milk a goat, shell corn, peel apples, meet the farm animals and see traditional farm demonstrations.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 19

**Art Fest 2014.** 3-6:30 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Oil paintings, prints, frames, photos, posters, books and collectibles will be for sale. Specific items for sale include a framed Thomas Kincade "Morning Glory Cottage" and an original photogravure of Bryonia alba White bryony, tendrils. All proceeds benefit The Closet of the Greater Herndon

Area, which supports the Herndon-Reston community through grants to local nonprofits and college scholarships to local students. For more information on The Closet, visit [www.theclosetofgreaterherndon.org](http://www.theclosetofgreaterherndon.org).

**The Great War and the Shaping of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: a Film History of World War I.** 2 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Six part series led by Dr. Harry Butowsky, research historian and professor of history at George Mason University. The series will and examine the troubling truths and profound issues of World War I. Adult, teens.

## MONDAY/OCT. 20

**Rock n' Roll.** 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Musical activities for preschool students. Singing and dancing in a sensory-rich environment while using age-appropriate instruments.

## TUESDAY/OCT. 21

**Herndon Regional Wind Ensemble.** 7-9 p.m. Herndon Middle School, 901 Locust St., Herndon. This Ensemble will offer local musicians a professional environment to assemble and play for their mutual enjoyment, to provide cultural and educational enrichment for the community through public performances, and promote further development of musical skills.

**Baby Steps Storytime.** 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Interactive story time for you and your child. Age 12-23 months with adult.

**ESL, Speak and Write for Intermediate Students.** 1 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join Sandy's weekly class.

**Director's Choice Book Club.** 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Sam Clay, Director of Fairfax County Public Library, leads a monthly book discussion.

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 22

**Toddler Storytime.** 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join us for stories, songs and finger-plays. Age 2 with adult.

## THURSDAY/OCT.23-SATURDAY/OCT.26

**Washington West Film Festival.** Bow Tie Cinemas, 11940 Market St., Reston. Independent films will be screened or premiered in three in-competition categories: dramatic features, documentary features and short films. [www.filmfest.com](http://www.filmfest.com).



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**Shu-Chen Cuff in performance of "The Core."**

# Uplifting, Magical Dance

## Reston's Gin Dance Company making impressions.

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION

“Through dance, we deliver our ideas, stories and emotions across without saying a word,” said Shu-Chen Cuff, artistic director of the Reston-based Gin Dance Company. “Regardless what country you are from and what language you speak, the audience can hear your voice by watching the body movements expressing with a different rhythm, different energy and different dynamic. “

Founded in 2011, Gin Dance has taken leaps and bounds in the area's professional dance scene. Gin Dance has performed at the Reston Multicultural Festival, at benefits such as the "Angel's Fund" held at Westfield High School and for the Child Rescue Centre at George Mason University's TheaterSpace as well as at Reston's CenterStage and the VelocityDC Dance Festival in Harman Hall to name a few.

Gin Dance Company's choreography reflects Cuff's Asian heritage blended with contemporary Western dance; a graceful artistic fusion. Born in Taiwan, she now resides in Reston.

Describing Gin Dance, Board member Liza Eller, of Springfield, noted that "Shu-Chen works in such detail and with such passion and commitment".

Why the name "Gin"? The pronunciation of "Gin" means

## Where and When

**Atlas Performing Arts Center,** 1333 H Street, N.E., Washington, DC. Performance: Oct. 25, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: Adult: \$28, Child (12&Under): \$22. Call: 202-399-7993 or visit [atlasarts.org](http://atlasarts.org) and [gindance.org/](http://gindance.org/)

"real," "truthful," "sincere" in Mandarin.

Next for Gin Dance will be a full evening at the Atlas Performing Arts Center in D.C. called "East Meets West." The performance will take the audience on a journey from a fortuneteller in Taiwan "to the American pop culture scene where an addiction to technology is changing the way we interact," said Cuff.

The event includes a new work by Gin company member Elizabeth Lucrezio.

"Music is such an important element of choreography. It's an invisible art form in dance, but yet the imagination and emotions seems so close and clear..."

The recorded musical pieces "enhance the story, idea, and emotion for the piece." For "East Meets West" the dancers "will don modern costumes with an Asian flair, a colorful contemporary edgy look, and whimsical black and white contrast."

"Watching dance is a great way to unplug for a couple of hours and lose ourselves in the moment; a moment filled with beautiful and intricate movement set to music that touches our soul," said Cuff.



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## Not in the Mood



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Sometimes, believe it or not, I'm not in the mood to be a terminal cancer patient (duh). Not that the effect is particularly tangible, but the weight of it, as well as the associated waits I've occasionally written about, can get awfully heavy. Moreover, in spite of my best psychological efforts, generally speaking, there seems little I can do to diminish its effect. More often than not, it's merely time; simply time passing and/or time spent trying to talk myself out-of how I feel and in-to how I haven't failed.

Obviously, surviving five years and almost eight months after initially receiving a "13-month to two-year" prognosis from my oncologist on February 27, 2009 is success with a capital "S." I understand that miraculous fact amazingly well. Nevertheless, on a daily basis, I might not feel so successful. I attribute it to things beyond my control: the underlying disease; the treatment/side effects; the figurative rewiring of my brain after it learned and began to live with the diagnosis/prognosis and the responsibilities of being a proactive cancer patient; these are certainly reasonable and customary considerations given the world in which I now exclusively reside. Still, it's my life and I have to live it.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not "woeing-is-me," nor am I the least bit ungrateful for the great good fortune I've had beating the hell out the original life-expectancy odds I was given. I'm thrilled, every day. But I'm still a cancer patient with incurable stage IV, non small cell lung cancer, one of the least desirable diagnoses in the cancer world. Lung cancer is a killer, almost always – and I don't mean inevitably so, I mean prematurely (not that every death isn't premature, but you get my meaning, right?).

Every day – or so it seems, there are words, phrases, references, articles, news/media reports, and miscellaneous reminders that I see, hear and/or read, that connect me with my situation. I haven't exactly completed a study on the nature of this exposure, but it sure seems/feels, however inadvertent or random it may be, that it is impossible to escape and next to impossible to ignore – although I try, and in reviewing the content of this column, it is an ongoing failure of mine.

Some days, I can shrug it off; most days in fact. But this day (today when I'm writing this column), I couldn't. I'm not exactly depressed, more like forlorn. I don't feel hopeless, maybe a little helpless. I don't feel unlucky, perhaps a bit unsettled. Nothing really out of my ordinary; but still, a little out of my character. I'm entitled; I understand that. I've been carrying this weight for over five and a half years. No one said being a terminal cancer patient was going to be easy; in fact, they said the exact opposite: that it was going to be the toughest thing I've had to do, and of course, they were right. Today is simply one of those days when it's most difficult. I'm sure tomorrow will be better. Of that I'm positive (at least that's what I tell myself – ALL THE TIME).

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**ESL for Advanced Students.** 10 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join Richard's Thursday conversational group. Adults.

**ESL Pronunciation and Speaking for Intermediate Students.** 1 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join Sandy's weekly class.

**ESL: Grammar and Vocabulary for Intermediate Students.** 6:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join Paul in this 12-week course that meets on Thursdays. The course teaches the basic rules of English grammar and contains vocabulary building exercises. Regular attendance is required.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 17

**ESL for Beginners.** 10 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join Elayne's Friday conversational group.

**Let's Talk-ESL for Intermediate Students.** 11 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join Richard's Friday conversation group. Adults.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 18

**Fall Cleanup.** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Tons of trash end up in the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay every year. Litter is harmful and an eyesore in neighborhoods and open spaces. For exact locations call Ha Brock, 703-435-7986, [habrock@reston.org](mailto:habrock@reston.org).

## SUNDAY/OCT. 19

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## MONDAY/OCT. 20

**ESL for Intermediate Students.** 10 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Monday conversational group.

**ESL for Intermediate Students.** 11 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join Richard's Monday conversational group.

**ESL: U.S. Citizenship Exam for Intermediate Students.** 3 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join Molly in this 12-week course that teaches speaking and writing skills on the basis of selected topics of U.S. history and government. Regular attendance is required.

**ESL for Intermediate Students.** 4:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join Juanita's Monday conversational group.

**Reston Photographic Society Meeting.** 7-9 p.m. Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston. RPS is a special interest group of the League of Reston Artists and holds meetings on the third Monday of the month, from September–November and January–May. Photographers of all skill levels are invited to share information and enjoy guest speakers, workshops and group critiques. Nonmembers are welcome. [www.leagueofrestonartists.org](http://www.leagueofrestonartists.org).

## TUESDAY/OCT. 21

**ESL for Advanced Students.** 10 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join Bob's Tuesday conversational group.

**ESL, Speak and Write for Intermediate Students.** 1 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join Sandy's weekly class.

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 22

**ESL for Intermediate Students.** 11 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join Richard's Wednesday conversational group. Adults.

**ESL for Intermediate Students.** 1 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join Susan's Wednesday conversational group.

**ESL for Intermediate Students.** 6:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join Marilyn's Wednesday conversational group.

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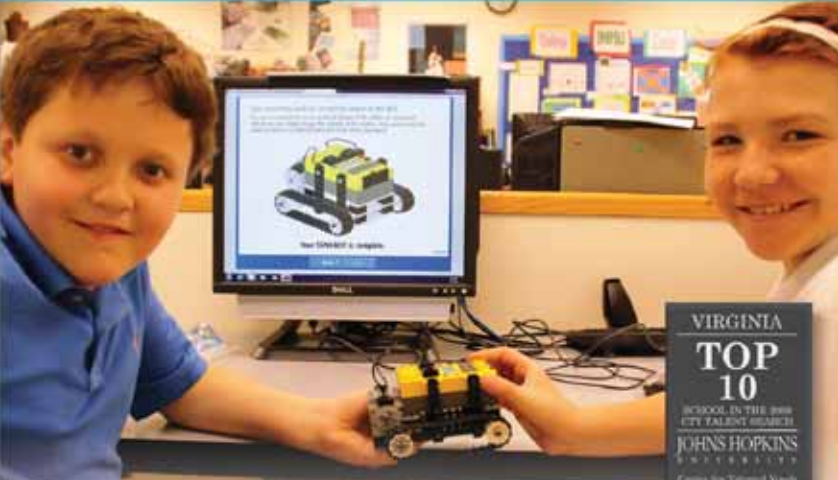
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