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Final Say



JEFF SAY

Hair today, gone tomorrow

Every morning I wake up and check to make sure I still have my hair. It might be a little obsessive compulsive, but I have good reason. Every member of my family is bald. And has been for some time.

My dad lost most of his hair right after he turned 20. I say most because he still tries to make believe he has hair by growing what I call, not affectionately, the tail. My dad is completely bald on the top of his head, but has "halo" hair — the hair that still grows on the side and back of your head.

But Dad isn't comfortable with his baldness. No, he has to grow a long strand of hair out of the back and wrap it around his bald area to ... well it doesn't really hide anything, so "hide" isn't the right word. Let's go with "invoke laughter" when he takes off his hat.

He tries to hold the "tail" down with a boatload of hair spray, but once that thing hits the wind, it takes off. It probably should be licensed as a weapon of mass destruction in the state of Pennsylvania. My dad took his hat off for the "Star Spangled Banner" one time at a Pittsburgh Pirate's game and took out four rows behind us. They never saw it coming.

I always vowed that if I went bald, I'd never have the tail. My brother, who as I've mentioned before is quite a bit older than me, lost most of his hair by the time he turned 20 as well. But he's kept it classy and has embraced the baldness. I respect that.

As for me, I haven't had that problem — yet. The day I turned 20 I jumped up and ran to the mirror. Thankfully, my hair was still there.

Since then I've been increasingly mindful of "my bald spot," a tiny circle in the middle of my head that is slowly growing. Normally I don't even notice it, but occasionally my mother-in-law will catch me and comb my bald spot, presumably trying to make it look better, but only causing me to remember that I have it.

For me, going bald is a sign that I'm getting older. Every year on my birthday since I turned 20 I've checked my hair, and this year will be no different. Except that I won't be in my 20s anymore.

This year, I hit the big 3-0, a word I don't even like saying. I'm not quite sure why I dread turning that number. Maybe because it signals I'm out of my 20s, a decade in which I — like most young people — have found myself, found love and some of my closest friends. But "treinta" has always loomed in the darkness like a black cloud sucking the fun out of life. Why? I'm not sure.

I realize you're only as young as you feel, and I feel young. I hold onto childhood favorites like the Pirates, Scooby Doo and heavy metal music just in an attempt to keep myself stuck in my youth. It must be working — I always get carded.

But old age is always creeping up on me in the form

See HAIR C2



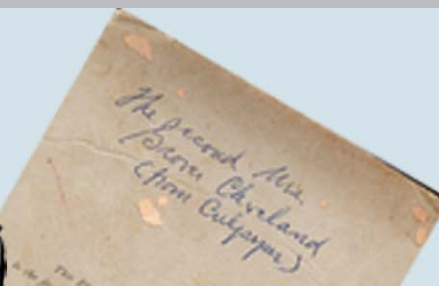
Gone forever

Bud Hall discusses how part of the Brandy Station battlefield has been lost to history. » C6



Mystery woman

Zann Miner tracks down whether President Grover Cleveland's wife lived in Culpeper. » C6



From trash to electricity

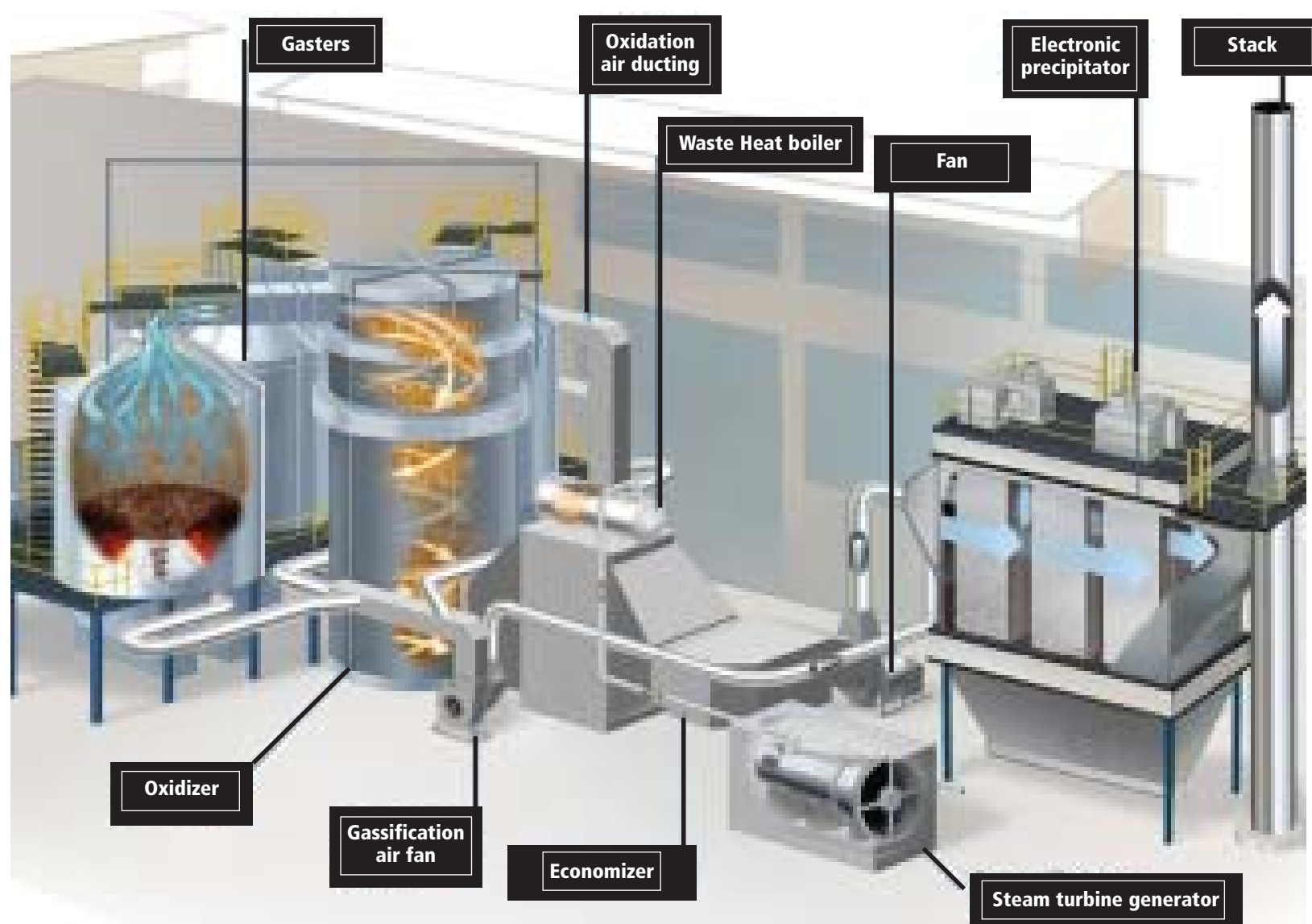


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Close Coupled Gassification (multi-staged combustion) serves as the source of power generation for creating heat to turn trash into fuel. This machine, which could be brought to Culpeper under Warrenton Mayor George Fitch's plan, would cost between \$25 million to \$50 million.

How the mayor of Warrenton wants to make taking out Culpeper's trash good for the environment

By Allison Brophy Champion
STAFF WRITER

Warrenton Mayor George Fitch thinks there's a more creative way to discard trash than just burying it in a landfill.

In fact, new technology makes it possible to convert waste into electricity and fuel.

This biomass-to-energy proposal is the cornerstone of Fitch's "Green Initiative" — a multi-level plan to improve human relations with the environment.

But he's not content with just putting Warrenton "on a low carbon diet" — he thinks other small-towns countrywide should do the same. That's why he attended last week's meeting of the Culpeper County Rules Committee.

Fitch has gone green.

Public-private

"It's a very ambitious goal but very achievable," he told the three-member committee at the Jan. 8 meeting of his proposal for a "biomass facility" at his county's landfill in which trash would be converted into energy.

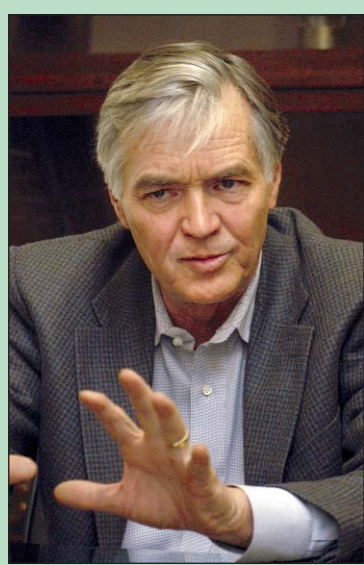
Converting the idea into reality requires a public/private partnership, Fitch said, noting that he already has substantial interest from the private sector in funding the innovative \$25 million to \$50 million project.

On the public side, a local government would free up land at a landfill where the facility could be built, Fitch said, and then sign off on a long-term supply contract with the private investor for the provision of trash.

About George Fitch

Professional background: Mayor of Warrenton since 1998, 11 years in the Foreign Service under President Reagan, commercial trade attaché to Jamaica and France, holds a Masters in International Business from George Washington University, served on President George W. Bush's Advisory Council on International Trade, co-founder of the Jamaican Bobsled Team for the 1988 Olympics in Calgary, a story that inspired the Disney film, "Cool Runnings."

Personal background: Born of a missionary family in Canton, China during the Communist Revolution, married to Patricia since 1975, speaks several languages including Spanish and French.



On the cusp

And yet if his plan goes through, the town of Warrenton would be one of the first in the nation to venture down the path of green garbage.

Still, Fitch feels it would make a difference, and he hopes the idea will spread.

"I think we on a small scale, but gradually on a much larger scale, can make a huge contribution to our nation's goal to be less reliant on fossil fuels and foreign oil," he said last week.

Repeatedly, Fitch told the Rules Committee that he's not interested in using Culpeper's trash to feed Warrenton's planned biomass facility. Instead, he challenged the supervisors to rethink the way Culpeper County handles its trash.

Since the county's landfill closed

in the '90s, Culpeper's trash has been hauled off to a landfill in Richmond.

In the process, lots of money is spent on fuel to transport it to the state capital, not to mention the negative environmental impacts, Fitch said.

Culpeper County produces more trash than its neighbors in Fauquier, he said, and so the biomass facility proposal could prove more profitable. The study also identified industries in Culpeper seeking an alternate outlet for its woody scrap materials — the perfect type of waste for a biomass plant.

Local electric companies are interested in purchasing the resulting power, Fitch said, and the federal government is interested in supporting such green initiatives.

"There are so many benefits to actually doing this," he said, mentioning that the technology is proven and in place in several European countries. "So we are on the cusp."

"This is going to happen and I would like other communities besides mine to get behind it this because it does work."

On board?

The Fauquier County Board of Supervisors got an update on Fitch's proposal at a meeting last week. It also adopted resolution promoting energy efficiency and environmental designs.

Culpeper County Administrator Frank Bossio said the Department of Defense recently approved a sim-

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A Piece of the Past

Have you ever wondered why people love to collect antiques? Things were built differently than they are today...no assembly line construction. Each piece was custom made by hand. It was a time when individuality and character were a big part of life. Perhaps we want to preserve those times by owning a piece of the past.

Today nearly every item we purchase is a clone of the others on the shelf. Mass production allows us to make more for less, but where is the uniqueness? Is individuality lost to the past? Not to God.



God cares about each and every one of us individually. We are matchless in His eyes. He hears our words and knows our thoughts the same as He did years and years ago when these old things were made. Some things never change. We can still instruct our children about God. We are free to pray for our needs. Even today, God has not changed. He tells us in Malachi 3:6... "For I the Lord do not change..." Celebrate your uniqueness this week at your house of worship.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ephesians	Luke	Luke	Luke	Luke	Luke	Luke
6.10-24	3.1-22	4.16-30	4.31-44	5.1-16	5.17-39	6.1-16

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CHURCH NEWS

JAN. 17
Culpeper United Methodist Church announces 2008 Winter Classes at CUMC:

■ Jan. 17, Thursdays at 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Bible Study — The Book of Proverbs, Rev. Bob Donnelly

■ Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Starting Point — Exploring the Christian Faith and church membership, Pastor Randy and Lay Leaders. NOOMA led by Worship Leader, Dwight Parker, parenting class on teen relationships, four-week class

■ First Wednesday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Singles game night — bring your favorite board game and snacks

■ Third Wednesday evenings, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Singles prayer/Bible study "Living Prayer," led by Nancy Palmer

■ Thursday Evenings, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Intercessory prayer in the chapel

Stay tuned for: Outstanding Lenten studies on faith-sharing and witnessing, A talk for single moms and more.

Culpeper United Methodist Church Singles upcoming events for January:

■ Country Western dance lessons,

■ Ballroom dance lessons,

■ Wednesday fellowship dinner,

■ Game night,

■ Sunday brunch,

■ Grief recovery workshop,

■ Bible study / prayer group,

■ Performance by Craig Dodson,

■ Singles Service Project

■ 1950's Sock Hop Dance, Jan. 26 in the fellowship hall from 7 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$10 per ticket. Tickets may be purchased at the church office. All singles welcome.

JAN. 18-19
Novum Baptist Church, on

Novum Church Road in Reva (Route 605), will have a regional Sunday School seminar Jan. 18-19: Dr. Elmer L. Towns, co-founder of Liberty University and Dean of the School of Religion will present a seminar, "Teaching to Influence Lives," an open event hosted by the Novum Baptist Church in Reva. The seminar will begin Jan. 18 from 5:30 to 9 p.m.; it will continue Jan. 19, from 8 a.m. to noon. A catered dinner will be included Friday night and refreshments will be available during breaks. Childcare will be provided for infants and toddlers. A suggested donation of \$8 per participant will be invited during registration to cover costs. Contact Pastor Jeff Light at (540) 987-9523 to register or to request additional information.

JAN. 19
Culpeper Baptist Church — The Saturday night service, "Overflow," will be held in the church sanctuary beginning at 6 p.m., and will feature contemporary worship, praise music and a time of fellowship. Music is lead by Justin Harding. Minister of Youth Dave Wheatley's third message in a three-part series is titled "What's in a Name?" based on Isaiah 45:22-23.

The church will have its regular Sunday morning contemporary service Jan. 20 beginning at 8:30 and a traditional worship beginning at 11 a.m. There are Sunday school classes for all ages beginning at 9:45 a.m. Call the church office at 825-8192 for more information.

JAN. 20
Little Zion Baptist Church, 15116 Tomahawk Creek Rod, Orange is hosting a fellowship service in honor of the 79th birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. starting at 3 p.m. The guest messenger is the Rev. Leo Wagner, pastor of

Mount Nebo Baptist Church, West Point, Va. A reception will be held with birthday cake following the service.

Woodland United Methodist Church, Woodland Church Road, US 522 N. Culpeper invites the public to join us for our Sunday Worship service beginning at 11:15 a.m. The Rev. Lynn Wilbur's message will be "God Gets Personal." Scripture from John 1:29-42. You may also hear the Sermon at Jefferson UMC at 9 a.m. and at Oak Shade UMC at 10 a.m.

Catlett Assembly of God announces Jan. 20 starting at 6 p.m. the Stevens Family Gospel Group will be ministering in song. For more information call (540) 788-4880.

JAN. 21
New Life Anointed Ministries West invites the public to join them for its one-year church and pastoral

anniversary celebration Jan. 21 beginning at 5 p.m. at the Pearl Sample Elementary School, 18480 Simms Drive, Culpeper. Refreshments will be served.

Regular services are held every Sunday at 10 a.m. at the same location. Call Pastor Eugene and Terry Logan, 540-891-5324.

The Chestnut Grove Baptist Church, Brightwood will have a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. service Jan. 21 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Local pastors will speak on behalf of Dr. King. We will have a series of sermons. Our guest singers will be The Little Gospel Guys. Rev. Bernardo Snipes is pastor.

The Culpeper Branch NAACP invites the public to the annual birthday celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jan. 21 at noon at the Antioch Baptist Church, West Street, Culpeper. The Rev. Dr. Milton Branch, Pastor, will be the featured speaker. Music will be provided

by the Culpeper Middle School Choir and the Divine Life Gospel Chorus. Betty Turner is president.

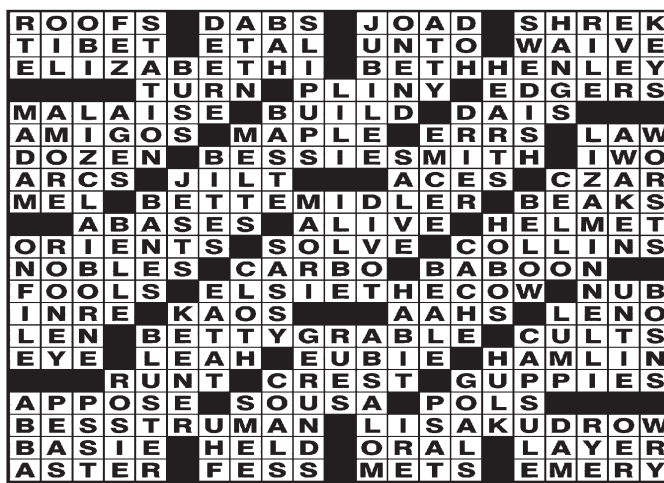
JAN. 26
Jefferson United Methodist Men, hosts its third annual chili dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Jan. 26 at Oak Shade United Methodist Church, Route 229 N. Rixeyville, \$7 adults, \$3 children under 12. Proceeds go for missions.

Spotswood Baptist Church Men's Connection is sponsoring its 3rd Annual Men's Wild Game Dinner at Fredericksburg Christian High School on Jan. 26 from 2 to 8 p.m. Joe Dedrick, Department of Game & Inland Fisheries will be the special guest. We'll celebrate God's great outdoors with great food, games and fellowship. The event is free. Bring a main dish (preferably made with

wild game) and a side dish to feed yourself and three others. There will be events for age 15 and under as well as adult events. There will be archery competition, big buck contest on 7/8 season, wild turkey calling, door prizes and fun for all. Register at spotswood.org or mensconnection.org or by calling Spotswood Baptist Church at 898-0757.

City of Refuge Bible Baptist Church Women's Ministry prayer breakfast will be held Jan. 26 beginning at 9 a.m. For more information contact Lillian Johnson at 972-9296.

Hopewell United Methodist Church, Lignum invites everyone to the Healing Service for Robin Whitlock-Smith, Jan. 26, 7 p.m. The Worship Service will include special music by The Hazel River Trio.



"Crimes of the Heart" (25 Across), the first play of BETH HENLEY to be produced professionally, received a Pulitzer Prize for Drama. Apollo 11 astronaut Michael COLLINS (64 Across) piloted the command module while Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landed on the moon. Composer EUBIE Blake (86 Across) got his nickname from his middle name of Hubert.

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Church school 10 am; worship 11 am

HOPE HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday school 10 am; worship 11 am

MARSHALL UNITED METHODIST
Sunday school 9:45 am; worship 11 am; youth fellowship 6 pm

WARRENTON UNITED METHODIST
Worship 8:30 am; Church school 9:30 am; worship 11 am

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Worship Sundays 9 & 11 am; Sunday School 10:15 am Remington

Worship Sundays 8:30 & 11 am; Sunday School 10 am

FAUQUIER UNITED METHODIST
Church School 9 am; worship 10 am

MIDLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Church School 9:45 am; worship 8:45 & 11 am

WESLEYAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Calverton - Church School 9 am; worship 10 am

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL
Holy Eucharist 8 am; Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30 am

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL
Church school & Adult Bible Study 10 am; Morning service 11 am; Holy Eucharist 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays

GRACE EPISCOPAL
Sun. Holy Eucharist 9 am; choir rehearsal 10:30 am; Holy Eucharist and sermon 11 am

CEDAR RUN EPISCOPAL PARISH

FIRST ASHVILLE BAPTIST
Sunday school 9:45 am; worship 11 am

MT. ZION BAPTIST
Sunday school 9:30 am; worship 11 am

OAK SHADE BAPTIST
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays; Sunday school 9:30 am; worship 11 am

BEALETON BAPTIST
Sunday school 9:45 am; worship 11 am; Childrens Church 11:30 am; Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 7 pm Wed.

MT. PLEASANT BAPTIST
Sunday school every Sunday 10 am; worship 11 am; 2nd & 4th Sundays

RISING ZION BAPTIST
Sunday school 10 am; worship 11:30 am

BROAD RUN BAPTIST, SBC
Sunday school 9:45 am; worship and pre-school nursery 11 am; church training 6 pm; worship 6:45 pm; adult choir rehearsal 7:30 pm

SECOND MT. MORRIS BAPTIST
1st & 3rd Sundays, Sunday school 10 am; worship 11 am

BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Worship Services Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am

LIBERTY UNITED METHODIST
Sunday school 9:30-all ages; Worship 10:45 am; Wed. choir practice 7 pm

ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST
Worship 8:45 am; Church school 10 am

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday school 9:45; worship 11:00

AMISSVILLE UNITED METHODIST
Sunday school 9:45 am; worship service 11 am;

CEDAR RUN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Church school 9 am; worship 9:45 am

Trinity, Catlett
Church school 10 am; worship 11:15 am

FIRST BAPTIST
Sunday school 9:45 am; worship 11 am

CEDAR GROVE BAPTIST
Meets every 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 11:30 am

ORLEAN BAPTIST
1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays, Worship 9:45 am; Sunday school 11 am

PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH-REMINGTON
Sunday school 9:30 am; devotions 10:45; worship 11 am; children's church services; Bible study Wed. at 7:30 pm

CALVERTON BAPTIST
Sunday school 9:45 am; worship 11 am & 7:30 pm

ST. JAMES BAPTIST
Sunday school 9:45 am; devotions and worship 11 am

WARRENTON BAPTIST
Sunday worship 8:30 am; Sunday school 9:45 am; worship 11 am

POPLAR FORKS BAPTIST
Worship every Sunday at 11 am; Sunday school 10 am

WARRENTON PRESBYTERIAN
Worship 9 am; Sunday school 9:45 am; worship 11 am

BEALETON PRESBYTERIAN
Sunday school 10 am; worship 11 am

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday Bible study 10 am; assembly & children's church 11 am; children's class & preaching 6 pm

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATER DAY SAINTS
Sacrament 9:30 am; Sunday school 10:30 am; Priesthood and Relief Society 11:30 am

WALNUT GROVE BAPTIST
Sunday school 10:30 am; worship 11:30 am

THE PLAINS BAPTIST
Sunday school 9:45 am; worship 11 am

REMINGTON BAPTIST
Sunday school 9:45 am; worship 11 am; Wed. Bible Study 6:45 pm

MARSHALL BAPTIST
Sunday school 9:45 am; worship 11 am

ST. THOMAS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Meeting at Cedar-Lee Jr. H.S.-Bealeton. Worship hour 10 am; Sunday school 9:15 am

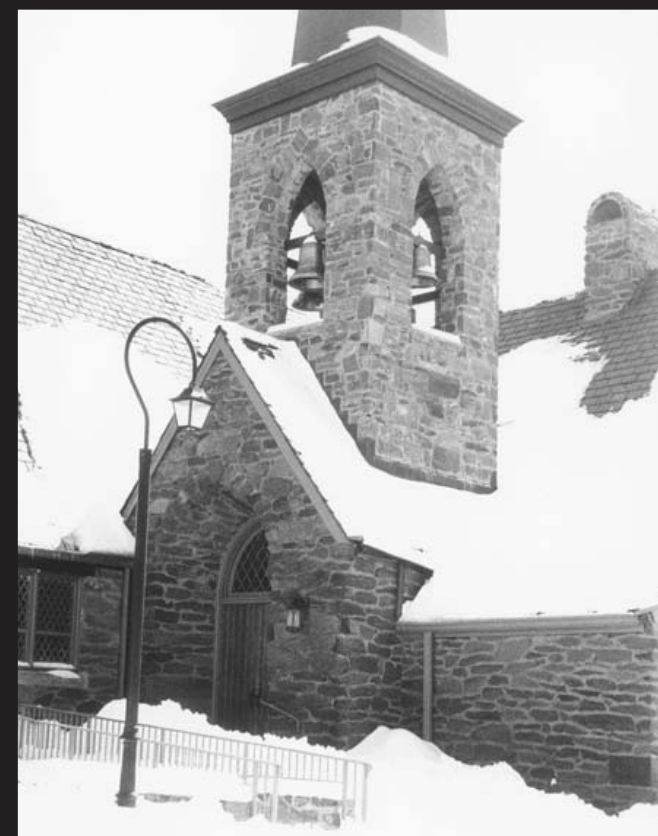
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Sunday services 10 am & 6 pm; Wed. & Sat. 7:30 pm

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Sunday school 10 am; morning worship 10 am; Testimony Meeting 7:30 pm Wed.

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Sunday school 10 am-10:45 am; Sunday worship 11 am-12 am (nursery provided); Wed. Bible Study (all ages) 7-8 pm

SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE
Highland School (music room) Sunday Mass 10:30 am

Even as the Snow Falls



SUNDAY
Matthew
12:33-50

MONDAY
Romans
10:5-17

TUESDAY
Acts 9:1-25

WEDNESDAY
Acts 9:26-43

THURSDAY
Acts 10:1-33

FRIDAY
Acts 10:34-48

SATURDAY
Acts 6:1-15

It's a quiet evening. The prime time movie is about to begin in the family room. Suddenly... "Stay tuned to this station for a special announcement. The national weather service is predicting ten to twelve inches of snow within the next twenty-four hours. Cancellations will be announced as they are received."

The children cheer as their parents groan. Though some of us look forward to the snow, it is a source of inconvenience for many. A loss of electricity, fender-benders, that frantic search for child-care when the schools close...snowy weather can add to our stress. Yet, when we are all "snowed in", we have the opportunity for togetherness that we otherwise wouldn't. This is a good time to drink hot chocolate and to share our thoughts and our dreams and to reflect upon God's role in our lives.

Finally, remember that the warmth of God's house waits. Worship Him each week. Even as the snow falls, church bells chime.

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Phoenix eager to show off during Super Bowl

City has more than football to offer in February

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PHOENIX — It's a reunion 12 years in the making. Since hosting the 1996 Super Bowl, Phoenix and its suburbs have been preening and preparing for the return of the NFL's biggest game.

The last crucial piece finally fell into place in 2006 when the state-of-the-art University of Phoenix Stadium opened in Glendale, west of Phoenix.

Bob Sullivan, president of the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee, knows the pressure is on to not only put on the "world's largest neighborhood party," but entice the NFL to come back a lot sooner than 12 years.

"We have the potential to get another game in the future. We're not going to get another game if we're not putting our best foot forward this time," Sullivan said.

Tourists comprise the other audience Arizona wants to win over. For the last year, the committee has been pushing a "come early, stay late" campaign. The 150,000 visitors expected to travel here — pumping an anticipated \$200 million into the local economy — are being urged to stretch

their trip to take in some sights.

"Go up to Sedona, go to Tucson ... experience more of what the state has to offer than its ability to put on a Super Bowl," Sullivan said.

While the city will temporarily be the hippest, hottest place to be seen, the region has typically been thought of as where Grandpa and Grandma go to quietly retire. The dry weather and 200-plus manicured golf courses create a real oasis in this desert valley. Although many "snowbirds" flee the heat each summer, residents say the mild temperatures year-round make living here worthwhile.

Arts: Clusters of high-end galleries make up much of the art scene in metro Phoenix. Scottsdale's arts district will hold a special edition of its swanky, weekly art walks with the Scottsdale Super ArtWalk Feb. 2, scottsdalegalleries.com/artwalks2.html.

Aside from browsing at galleries, visitors can listen to local musicians along the designated route and sample food from local restaurants.

The downtown Phoenix Art Museum has 60 paintings,

sculptures, etchings and watercolors in a new exhibit on 19th century French artists.

"Masterpiece Replayed: Monet, Matisse and More," phxart.org.

Music: From "Diddy" to Dogg, a variety of musical artists host outdoor, high-priced concerts in Scottsdale. Sean "Diddy" Combs will perform Jan. 31 outside of Axis Radius club. The club will also put on concerts for the Anheuser-Busch Bud Bowl — rapper Snoop Dogg on Feb. 1 and Kid Rock on Feb. 2. Tommy Lee and Dave Navarro are slated to rock out at a block party for club e4 Feb. 2.

However, there are some more affordable, indoor shows.

Jobing.com Arena, next door to the University of Phoenix stadium, will be the site of the two-night Pepsi Smash Super Bowl Concert Series. Mary J. Blige and Maroon 5 take the stage Jan. 31. Mexican pop group RBD will perform Feb. 1.

Singer Patti LaBelle will headline the 9th Annual Super Bowl Gospel Celebration Feb. 1 at Symphony Hall in Phoenix.



AP PHOTO

A pink jeep is guided down a steep incline during a Pink Jeep Tours of the Broken Arrow Tour in the Coconino National Forest Dec. 13 in Sedona, Ariz.

EVENTS

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Phillips, and Gary Lee, CPA with Yount, Hyde & Barbour, PC will provide information on how to value your business. This information will be helpful to those who are interested in selling or purchasing a business and want to know the marketable value. Join us for this "Coffee Break" workshop Jan. 18, at the Depot Conference Facility, from 8 to 9:30 a.m., \$20 per person includes materials and continental breakfast. Space is limited so make your reservation today.

JAN. 18-21

DMV Offices closed for State Holidays: In honor of Lee-Jackson Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day, all Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) customer service centers will be closed Jan. 18 and Jan. 21. All customer service centers will be open Jan. 19 during their normal operating hours.

JAN. 19

Empowering Culpeper USDA Food Commodity Distribution will be Jan. 19 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Providence Bible Church, 740 Old Brandy Road, Culpeper. Families that are income eligible will be enrolled to receive food commodities on a monthly basis. Households that receive Food Stamps or Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) are automatically eligible. Empowering Culpeper will also be distributing coats donated from St. Stephens, blankets from Comfort Inn, and hats, gloves from Mountain View Cub Scouts. The Culpeper Connector provides drop off and pick up transportation to the church. Registration and distribution will take some time. For more information call 829-2065 ext. 309.

JAN. 20

The Theatre, Gay Street, Washington, Va.: The community is invited to the 17th annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration in Rappahannock on Sunday, January 20, 2008 at 4 p.m. at the The Theatre, Gay Street, Washington. The guest speaker will be Dr. Ed Jackson, the Executive Architect for the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation, Inc, on the Mall in Washington, D.C. For more information, phone 540-399-9815 or email: jeboddiescholarship@usa.com

"The War Between the States in Fauquier County" lecture presented

by Donald R. Tarpe will begin at 3 p.m. Jan. 20 in the John Barton Payne Building, 2 Courthouse Square, Old Town Warrenton. The lecture is free and is sponsored by the library and the newly formed Fauquier Heritage Institute. 341-7019

JAN. 21

GriefShare One is a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. We meet each Monday, Jan. 15-March 18; Tuesdays, Spiritual Care Support Ministry Center, Warrenton, Jan. 15-March 18; Wednesdays, Manassas Assembly of God Church, Briston, Jan. 15-March 18. This is non-denominational and free. Teens and adults are welcome. Call 349-5814 for information, time, and directions.

JAN. 21-25

Town of Culpeper release their holiday refuse collection schedule: Town Offices will be closed Jan. 21 in observance of the Lee-Jackson-King Day holiday. Trash schedule will be as follows: Jan. 21, holiday, no refuse collection; Jan. 22, Monday and Tuesday refuse collection, cardboard and newspaper recycling pickups; Jan. 23, regular refuse collection; Jan. 24, regular refuse collection; Jan. 25, regular refuse collection. We would like to remind you that carts need to be set out by 6:30 a.m. on your day of collection.

Town of Warrenton holiday refuse collection schedule for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 21 is: Jan. 21, holiday, no refuse collection; Jan. 22, Monday and Tuesdays refuse collection; Jan. 23, recycling collection (cardboard, news paper and blue bags); Jan. 24, regular refuse collection; Jan. 25, regular refuse collection. There will be a refuse truck available at The Public Works Facility, 360 Falmouth Street over the holiday for residents to dispose of their refuse.

JAN. 22

VA Claims Agent Schedule: Mr. Angel Lugo, the Commonwealth's Department of Veterans Services Claims

Agent will be at the Culpeper VEC from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Jan. 22. Veterans requiring assistance prior to that date may also contact the Veterans Claims Agents or Office Service Specialists in Charlottesville at 434-295-2782, Front Royal at 866-895-5025 or Quantico at 800-925-0640.

JAN. 22-FEB. 26

Hospice of the Rapidan is offering a free six-week Coping with Grief – Winter Support Group on Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 22 through Feb. 26. Topics will include issues and concerns of people who have recently lost a family member, loved one or close friend. Many who have suffered a loss find these workshops to be a great help because of the mutual support of others in a similar situation. Knowing your loss is not unique is often a great comfort. All members of the public are welcome and no prior affiliation with Hospice of the Rapidan is necessary. The support groups will be held in Hospice of the Rapidan's community room at 1200 Sunset Lane, Suite 2320, Culpeper, from 2 to 3:30 pm. Reservations are appreciated but not necessary. Reservations and additional information are available from Craig Wilt at 825-4840. To learn more about hospice care, grief support, or becoming a volunteer call Hospice of the Rapidan at 825-4840 or visit online at hotr.org.

JAN. 24-MARCH 6

Transformation Weight Loss Sessions will be held at the Culpeper County Library Jan. 24 – March 6 each Thursday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Each session will include an introduction to a written message, discussion and sharing, prayer, and recipes. A reading assignment and brief written homework will also be offered. It is being led by Joy Rollins, who has lost over 100 pounds by God's power, and she will share the lessons she feels God has taught her through His Word on this 18 month journey. For more information or to register email Joy at gods_transformation@yahoo.com or call 937-5673 or 522-8578.

Exploring the timeless Turkey

This is the first in a two-part column on our most extraordinary trip to timeless Turkey.

Our journey through this modern and ancient land helped to dispel many of our preconceived notions and ill-gotten premises. Although Turkey straddles two continents, Europe and Asia, because of its more recent Muslim heritage it can be more readily identified with the Middle Eastern nations. This said, we were surprised how much western dress was evident throughout the country, more so in the large cities than in the countryside and small villages.

This is a land of contrasts; modern and industrial on the one hand and sheep and goat herding nomads on the other. Turkey is truly a kaleidoscope of culture (European, Asian and Muslim), color (turquoise seas to verdant green forests), and sights (mosques, ruins and cave cities). Come with me as I recollect the sights, sounds and smells of this remarkable country.

We Americans are often unconscious of the vast histories of other countries, how they have evolved through literally thousands of years. This is true of the area now known as Turkey. It is a panoply of ancient and modern cultures — Hittite, Hellenic (Greek), Roman, Lycian, Byzantine, Ottoman and European — each of these lasting hundreds of years, much longer than 200 plus years that the USA has existed.

Istanbul, a sprawling city of over 10 million people, was our gateway to Turkey and immediately we witnessed its antiquity in the great walls



MELANIE CHAMBERS

of the ancient city of Constantinople. We walked its cobbled streets, visited mosques (old and new), wondered at Topkapi Palace of the Ottoman Empire, were immersed in the sights, sounds and smells of the Grand Bazaar and Spice Markets, and sailed on the Bosphorus to view this magnificent city (European and Asian) from the water at sunset. One of the most unforgettable sights of this timeless city was from a hill-top cemetery, which afforded us a view of the Sea of Marmara, the Bosphorus, the seven hills, the old city to the right and the newer "Golden Horn," and at least 25 grand and small mosques. It was like having all the treasures of the city spread at our feet. Istanbul is truly a rich tapestry of old and new, European and Asian, Christian, Jew and mostly Muslim, street vendors hawking their wares with loud, exuberant voices to stylish shops, and quiet museums.

Three of the most memorable buildings were the "new palace," built to resemble European palaces like Versailles and containing an astounding number of crystal chandeliers (including the largest Irish crystal chandelier in the world); the Blue Mosque, so called for the

vibrant blue tiles that line its interior, and surrounded by its six towering minarets, making it a defining element in the Istanbul sky; and the Hagia Sofia, "Church of the Divine Wisdom," completed in 537AD by Emperor Justinian, was a Christian church and the largest building in the world for almost a thousand years, until the conquest of Constantinople in 1453. It became a mosque during the Ottoman Empire and until 1934 and is now a museum.

Bargain hunting can be done at the Grand Bazaar and at the Spice Market in Istanbul. The Grand Bazaar is like none other I have witnessed! Can you imagine over 4,000 shops? A shopper's delight! Such a maze can be totally overwhelming, making me surmise that some very focused bargain hunters have probably been lost. Oh, the crowds in the Spice Market — Turkish and tourist haggling over sweet scented, exotic spices and herbs from all over the world! This is an indoor/outdoor venue, with fresh fish, meat, cheese, and produce outdoors and a myriad of small shops (lots of competition), indoors. Fascinating especially for the American tourist who rarely encounters such markets.

My next chapter will take you along the turquoise coast, to villages, ancient ruins, across wide plains and into the unbelievable world of Cappadocia, in central Turkey.

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Part of Brandy Station lost to history

Having researched, lectured and written about the Battle of Brandy Station since 1986, I still often trek upon America's greatest and largest cavalry battlefield. The word *large* is emphasized, because like this immense battle involving 20,000 troops, the battlefield itself is enormous.

The Brandy Station Battlefield stretches from Kelly's Ford seven miles west to Stevensburg; north from Stevensburg seven miles to the northern tip of Fleetwood Hill and from there, three miles east to Beverley's Ford; then, completing the rough square, six miles south to Kelly's Ford. Although the area of tactical deployment is indeed expansive, the heaviest fighting occurred north and east of Brandy Station.

After years of tramping over this grand battle arena, I herein offer there is only one area now effectively "lost to history." What does this assertion mean? The answer is simple: Any historical landscape is lost to history if the terrain has been altered and reconfigured such that it no longer represents the ground upon the day of battle. Further, it is lost if the public cannot see and understand the battlefield's topography the same way soldiers witnessed it. But before this irretrievably lost history is



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identified, an overview is proper.

Federal attackers poured across Beverley's Ford on the morning of June 9, 1863, and were amazed to find Gray cavalymen in heavy force just south of the Rappahannock. Equally astonished at the surprising Union assault, Rebels counterattacked down the ford road from their camp at the Mary Gee House, east of Beverley's Ford Road, near its intersection with St. James Church Road. Savage fighting broke out on both sides of the ford road as troops clashed murderously. Soon, the sheer momentum of the intrepid Union attack thrust the Rebels back on both sides of the ford road.

Quickly securing a defensive position on the Gee House/St. James Church Ridge, the Confederates established a stout line, extending their right flank a mile east from the Gee

House. The highest point on the entire Rebel line was the front yard of the Gee House itself, and a four-gun battery took advantage of this lofty position to pour deadly cannon fire into attackers charging across the plateau beneath the Gee House. A Rebel cavalry brigade took position upon the Gee House Ridge, which gently descended eastward, terminating at Hubbard's Run.

The Union 1st Cavalry Division and an infantry regiment took lodgment east of the ford road, 700 yards north of the Gee House Ridge. The Federal commander extended his left flank two miles to the Rappahannock, so as to "preserve communications toward the river." Union attackers attempted to seize the Gee House Ridge but were thrown back by Southern firepower.

As the Rebels counterattacked east of the ford road, thousands of men grappled in the fields north of the Gee House. Falling back, Union officers realized it was impossible to seize the Gee House Ridge. Arriving at the Gee House, Jeb Stuart expressed pleasure his men stymied the Yankee attack.

The Rebels could have held the formidable Gee House Ridge all day, but a separate attack at Fleetwood Hill in their rear rendered the position untenable. As

the Confederates abandoned the St. James/Gee House Ridge and raced back to Fleetwood, the Union commander snatched the Gee House as his headquarters. The hard-hitting battle continued throughout the long, deadly day and at battle's end, Federal cavalry re-crossed the river, reluctantly yielding the bloody field over to their enemy.

"It is what it is" that the Culpeper Regional Airport and the Industrial Airpark were built directly atop an important phase of the Battle of Brandy Station. The Gee House site and ridge presently overlooks airport infrastructure and the once dominant ridge floats off into a sea of commercial activity. It is a hard fact that the terminal, hangars, apron and runways are situated precisely on top of ground where young Americans fought and died in droves.

The Civil War Preservation Trust owns vital battlefield land to the west of Beverley's Ford Road. But it is what it is that the battlefield east of the historic ford road has now been forever lost to history.

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Col. Thomas Casimer Devin (pictured as a general), commanded Union forces attacking the Gee House/St. James Church line. An extremely capable officer of Irish descent from New York City, he received the impossible assignment of seizing the Mary Gee House Ridge east of Beverley's Ford Road, now on airport/airpark property.

Diving into the Culpeper mystery of Frances Cleveland

Stephen Grover Cleveland (1837-1908) became the 22nd (1884) and the 24th (1892) President of the United States; the only President in history elected to two non-consecutive terms.

His campaign platforms, policies and leadership are truly fascinating. One New York newspaper published four solid reasons why they were supporting Cleveland for President, "He is an honest man." "He is an honest man." "He is an honest man." "He is an honest man."

But my focus is on his personal life. Was he married twice? Was his second wife from Culpeper? A hand-written inscription on the back of a photo, newly discovered at the Museum of Culpeper History, reads, "The second Mrs. Grover Cleveland (from Culpeper)." Could it be? The possibilities are intriguing and so the hunt began.

The journey was enlightening, educational and fraught with political scandal; the results not so conclusive.

First things first, the investigation must confirm the identity of the woman in the photograph. Was she Mrs. Grover Cleveland Jr., or First Lady Frances Folsom Cleveland?

A study of the text on the front and back of the photo card revealed interesting clues. On the back is a printed message from the photographer C.M. Bell detailing the issues of copyright and authenticity and explaining that the photograph "is the first one of Mrs. Cleveland made since her marriage."



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Below the portrait on the front is the printed name, presumably of the individual, Mrs. Cleveland. Under that is a line that includes the date 1886. Other information noted includes a facsimile of the photographer's signature and a Washington address.

Fact: President Grover Cleveland married Frances Folsom on June 2, 1886 at the White House.

The search online for an official picture of First Lady Frances Cleveland removed all doubt that the photo in my hands was indeed the same person. The questions regarding her status as wife number two and her suggested relationship to Culpeper were unresolved.

There exists a plethora of research and published documents detailing Cleveland's life, before, during and after his presidency. Not one single record supports a theory that he was married more than once or prior to his marriage to the daughter of his law partner and good friend Oscar Folsom.

However, there may be an explanation for the unknown author's inscription suggest-

ing that Miss Folsom was the second Mrs. Cleveland.

History reports that Grover Cleveland acknowledged and assumed financial obligation for a son born in 1874 to a woman he had dated but chose not to marry. The actual paternity was never established, the mother was reported to have been institutionalized for mental illness and the boy was later adopted by another family. During the 1884 Presidential, the effort to scandalize the situation by 21st century standards was thwarted by Cleveland's candor and declaration of responsibility.

Did the author of the inscription, along with perhaps thousands of other Americans, misunderstand the stories? It is certainly plausible.

And what about the implication that Frances Folsom was once a resident of Culpeper? On that question, I am far less certain.

Frances Folsom was born July 21, 1864 in Buffalo, N.Y.

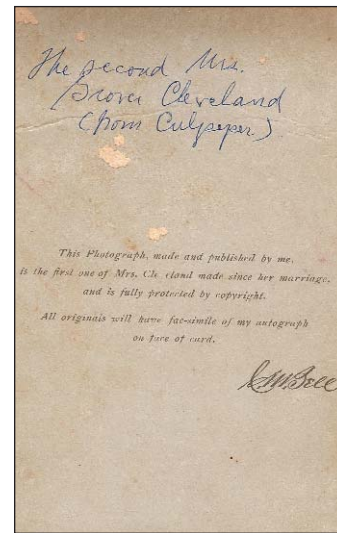
Her parents as well as the paternal and maternal grandparents all hailed from New York. Census records between her birth and marriage have her residing only in New York.

Despite these facts, the photo was found in Culpeper and I am convinced the author of the inscription believed the information to be accurate. Was it oral history with no basis? Did Frances Folsom quietly reside in Culpeper between census years as a guest or teacher? Unfortunately, that truth may never be confirmed or dispelled.

The value in this discovery was the enlightening journey in quest of solving a mystery prompted by the photo of a lovely young woman.

I promise there will be many more such stories of Culpeper's intriguing past.

P.S. During the research I found an interesting footnote to the story of C.M. Bell's photograph of Mrs. Cleveland. In 1891, Bell sued



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LEFT: First Lady Frances Folsom Cleveland in a photo found at the Museum of Culpeper History. RIGHT: The inscription on the back reads, "The second Mrs. Grover Cleveland (from Culpeper)."

the Henderson Krebs Lithograph Company for copyright infringement involving the photograph of Mrs. Cleveland. Bell had intended to use the photos for advertising and on receiving evidence that all of the

photos were destroyed, he sought damages of \$34,000. Until next week.

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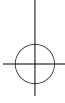
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