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Is Santa Claus REAL?

'Twas my night before Christmas... being 10 years old, I was still getting into



Saint Nicholas

bed early so Santa would have plenty of time to do his good will and of course deliver my present.

I remember looking at the night sky and, seeing one bright star, I wondered if that was the same star the three wise men had followed to Jerusalem. It was the perfect Christmas Eve for me.

After crawling into bed trying to fall asleep as fast as I could, I begin to hear a pounding on my bedroom window. Pulling back the curtains what do I see? ...my best friend Terry Smith with a very puzzled look on his face.

"Why are you in bed so early," he asked? The more

I tried to explain to him the more puzzled he looked. He then informed me that he had already opened his present from Santa Claus as some family's do on Christmas Eve. I think I was having a nervous break down the more he tried to explain to me that Santa Claus couldn't be real! Returning to bed I just couldn't believe this had all been a hoax.

Moving ahead 30 years, as I was putting my children's presents from Santa Claus under the tree and in their stockings, I begin to think about that Christmas Eve 30 years earlier and all at once it hit me. Santa Claus's name was

on my kid's presents the same way it was on my presents when I was their age. I realized I must be one of the millions of his helpers and the presents I was placing under the tree would never exist if not for Sanctus Nicolaus (Santa Claus).

Saint Nicholas was born in 270 AD into the Roman Empire to very wealthy parents who died while Nicholas was young.

He dedicated his life to serving God. During the 73 years Saint Nicholas lived he became known for his generosity to those in need, his love for children and his concern for sailors and ships.



One example of his generosity is how he had saved three young women from being sold as slaves. He anonymously put gold into their stockings that they had hung on there fireplace mantel to dry while they slept. The gold allowed them to buy their

freedom back.

One thousand seven hundred years later he is still putting gifts in stockings and under trees.

Finally, I understand how Terry got his present on Christmas Eve and mine came Christmas morning. So yes, Santa Claus is real.

Help Harry Halt Hunger

WORKING TO DEFEAT CHILDHOOD HUNGER IN SOUTHERN DELAWARE

Harry Keswani, was born in England, his parents were born in India. He has had a very successful business in Rehoboth for 27 years.

Harry made a personal vow that as soon as he could afford to, he would do what he could for people in need. He has been doing just that for 23 years.

Most of Harry's charity has been done in India. Years ago, he found himself traveling either for business, for pleasure, or to visit family and he became very aware of the poverty in India... In India people are either very

rich or very poor. He would see children who were starving and in need of medication. Seeing the need, he teamed up with a very good friend of his in India to whom he would send money to buy homeopathic medicine for the poverty stricken children.

"Every penny went right to medicine and right to the kids"

The homeopathic medicine was very inexpensive and so his doctor friend could "fill up carloads of medicine" with the

money Harry sent. His friend would then set up tents in villages and administer the very affordable homeopathic medicine to the starving children and adults. Harry and his friend were able to save hundreds and hundreds, if not thousands of kids and adults in India. Unfortunately Harry's friend has passed away and so have those efforts in India.

The passing of his friend has left Harry with a personal void.

He looked at other overseas organizations to support and he didn't feel comfortable because prior to his friends passing, every



Harry Keswani, President & Founder, *The Harry K Foundation*

penny of their charity went to the needy. He also looked at some of the organizations that he could donate to in the U.S. and here too, with all of the administration charges the different charities had, he just didn't feel comfort-

able that his money would be put to good use. He just wants the money to go straight to the kids, not to administration.

So Harry has begun his own charitable organization called the **continued page 2, Help Harry**

Help Harry Halt Hunger

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Scan the code with your smart phone to visit the Harry K Foundation website.



<http://www.harrykfoundation.org>

Harry K Foundation. Being in the business community he has been able to reach out to some of the largest companies and businesses for donations and is getting a great response.

Donations to the **Harry K Foundation** are snowballing. People love the idea that there are no administrative costs, all of the money goes to the people in need. No one gets paid, it is all voluntary. 100% to the people in need.

The **Harry K Foundation** Christmas Ball will debut on December 14, 2013, at the Rehoboth Beach Country Club. Harry is hosting an elaborate Christmas Ball this year and he hopes to draw a lot of donations. Two pieces of his own jewelry will be auctioned off and the proceeds will go to the charity. It is going to be a red carpet affair, the first of its kind in the Rehoboth area. Sixty per-

sonnel from the military honor guard of the Air Force will be there to escort the ladies into the ball and then they will do a flag detail and drill and begin the ball with the our National Anthem. It will be a Washington D.C. type ball. Miss Delaware will be there modeling the jewelry pieces, along with the Funsters for entertainment. Silent Auction donations are welcomed. Learn more about the Ball at www.harrykfoundation.org. Tickets are still on sale and will be until they sell out!

People will remember this wonderful affair and it will help with the the next phases of the **Harry K Foundation**. Harry is

hoping to raise \$200,000 to support the Delaware Food Bank, their back-pack program at the schools and the pantry service they have at the schools. Harry hopes to do pantries for all of the schools in southern Delaware. He has already contacted heads of the schools and he hopes to run these pantries.



Funds will also be used for programs in area churches, who have been welcoming the help.

Harry's goal is to kill hunger in southern Delaware and then let it expand to all of Delaware and eventually across the country. The difference with Harry's organization is that 100% of your donations go straight

to the needy. Harry wants to eliminate the pain of hunger.

"I have a vision... it is that we have no more starving children. Everyone has it in his heart to do it, but I am in the position to do it."

High Tide News would like to thank Harry Keswani, and the **Harry K Foundation** for allowing us the opportunity to publish this article and help support this wonderful effort.

If you want to know more, purchase tickets to the grandest ball of the year, or make a donation, simply go online www.harrykfoundation.org, email harry@harrykjewelry.com, or phone 302-226-0675.

MORE INFO FROM THE HARRY K FOUNDATION WEBSITE:

The Harry K foundation, established by Harry Keswani, has vowed to raise money and donate 100% of these proceeds to help alleviate the problem of food insecurity in its local community.

H4 Initiative has pledged to support the Delaware Food Bank in supporting children's nutritional programming within Sussex County.

Research shows that children who eat more nutritious meals are less likely to miss school, have fewer behavioral problems and perform better in school. Working with the Food Bank of Delaware the H4 Initiative will be addressing childhood hunger on all fronts – hunger after school, during the summer and on the weekends.

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If you're interested in getting involved and would like to learn more about our organization please contact us at www.harrykfoundation.org.

WARRIOR WEEKEND PROGRAM

Providing Weekends of Rest and Relaxation for America's Wounded Heroes

The Warrior Weekend Program is administered and managed by the Oak Orchard Riverdale American Legion Post 28 located in Millsboro, DE

The Warrior Weekend Program provides weekends of rest and relaxation for America's Heroes who have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan and who are undergoing recovery at our Military Medical Centers. We focus on small groups of between 8 to 12 personnel. We provide optional events to participate in at various destination cities. The idea behind the program is to take these heroes and their family members out of the hospital environment for a weekend.

The program was started in December 2006 by retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Steve Udovich. In September 2011, after leading 34 weekend trips, Steve resigned as the Program Leader of the Warrior Weekend Program. At that time, the administration and management of the program was transferred to the Oak Orchard Riverdale American Legion Post 28 under the leadership of Past Commander, Jim Lafferty.

Since the beginning of the program in

2007, a total of 43 trips have taken place and in excess of 450 troops have been entertained and have enjoyed a weekend of fun and relaxation away from the hospital environment.

We were also able to provide a beach house for a week at a time and have troops at the beach for a week.

We were able to do this three times so far and we will be doing it again this summer of 2013.

The Warrior Weekend Program depends entirely on contributions from both individuals and corporations. American Legion Post 28 does not subsidize the program. It is a separate program within the Post 28 structure and its survival depends on contributions. All donations are tax deductible and a "Thank You" letter confirming every donation is issued for all contributions regardless of the amount.

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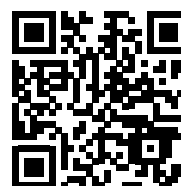
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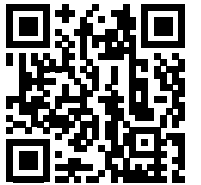
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It is critical that every attempt is made to restore our State government to the people run by the people and representing the people interests instead of few individual's interests. Raise morale; evaluate faith and integrity, honor and discipline in our government, making sound decisions concerning currency, principles and policy.

The following article is reprinted from Lacey Lafferty's website information with her permission. **High Tide News** thanks Lacey for the opportunity to include her story in our newspaper.

Lacey's history

Lacey was born and raised in the agricultural area of Lewes, Delaware and graduated from Cape Henlopen High School in 1979 as well as Sussex Technical School where she was the first woman president of Agricultural Mechanics Shop and Vice-President of Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter. She began her career in Agricultural as a corn, soybean and vegetable farmer and a poultry grower in 1980. The enterprise expanded into a trucking business throughout the 1980's transporting several different kinds of Agricultural and manufactured commodities.

During the 1980's, Lacey also pursued modeling graduating from Barbizon Modeling School in Wilmington, Delaware and was the first woman to drive Modified Stock Cars at the lower Delaware dirt tracks. In the early 1990's, Lacey engaged in politics and was a committee woman for the 40th District. In 1994, she was involved with Jane Brady's political campaign for Attorney General which resulted in a win for the first woman Attorney General of Delaware. Lacey worked briefly in the Attorney General's Office pursuing a career in law enforcement.

In 1994, Lacey graduated from Delaware Technical College with an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice pursuing a career in 1995 into the Delaware State Police where she was trained by the best law enforcement organization in the country, as a skilled investigator that has the capability to root out corruption at every level in state government. She made life and death decisions in the flick of a



moment from living on the edge, utilizing her profound problem solving techniques during high intensity events. Through her rewarding career, Lacey received the Excellent Performance Award from Delaware's Governor Minner in 2007, reduced criminal felony and misdemeanor warrants to record levels and assisted with community projects such as DSP Family Needy Fund Drives. Lacey is a dedicated single mother of a lovely daughter Lacey Lynn Lafferty.

Lacey retired in 2008 from the Delaware State Police and began writing books. On Oct 29, 2012 launching her first sports book – Delaware Horse Racing/Arcadia Publishing, following with inspirational book Messages from a Mother/Authorhouse Publishing and children's book The Life of Lacey Lynn, My Beating Heart, all within one year. Lacey owns and trains Standardbred race horses on her farm in Laurel, campaigning at Delaware race tracks for over the last decade.

Proud of her American Heritage

Lacey is proud of her American heritage where she is the 9th generation great granddaughter of John Morton, signer of the Declaration of Independence, member of the Daughter of the American Revolution (DAR) and Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence (DSDI) advocating in preserving, protecting and defending our Constitutional rights given to us by God and our fore fathers.

Time to Grab the Reins

It's high time We The People took control and grabbed the reins of the runaway stage coach, slowing it back down to a controllable sensible speed. We need to return to a course of political, economic and moral common sense in regards to governing Delaware to be the leader The First State once was. It is all too apparent that the current policies nationally and statewide are on a sure-fire road to wanton destruction of America as we know it.

We the People live in Delaware, cherishing the qualities that have existed for generations, raising our children to be new leaders of our communities and capitalizing on prosperity throughout Delaware and what it has to offer. Let's not lose them, let's take steps to return to the standards of common sense solutions we all used to hold dear.

The power is in the hands of the conscience voting public to make that change we so desperately need to overcome our current dilemma. The power to preserve, protect and defend what our fore fathers and military fought and died to give us today, Freedom and Liberty! It's time to change direction for the sake of your children and grandchildren's future! Get involved and join us on the road to restore The First State of Delaware to be the leader in our great nation because **We Own It!**

Lacey's thoughts on Patriotism, Principles and Prosperity

Patriotism – I stand on firm ground in supporting, defending and protecting the Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights. It is because of these rights, my passion runs red, white and blue deep within my family's heritage, where it is ingrained in my DNA. I was hardwired from birth to defend what my great grandfather (9th generation) John Morton sacrificed by signing the Declaration of Independence two hundred and thirty-seven year ago. His decisive decision to sign the document in the mist of hostile forces, in the hopes everyone could live a better life for generations to come.

Principles – Restore the core foundation of discipline, honesty, integrity, and respect within our government and educational system. Investigate state government corruption, irresponsibility and excessive mismanagement.

Discipline – Children need to be led and look for guidance

Honor – Ethics and respect oneself and others

Integrity – Build character, morality and decency

Prosperity – Implement common sense and sound financial decisions regarding distributing our tax paying currency on state projects for maximum returns. Utilize modern technology, engineering and scientific research when investing large amounts of resources. Getting and keeping spending in line with our revenues is critical to the State's salvation.



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WGMD-FM went on the air July 25, 1980

An architect, a sales executive, and a news broadcaster, were the three original partners. The two surviving partners

are still actively involved in over-seeing WGMD operations 33 years after its founding. Another generation is in place and gradually assuming control to insure that this "legacy operation" will continue for years to come.

It was clear that Sussex County offered a wonderful investment opportunity in a beautiful environment. The owners had long summered in the area and most owned year-around homes. One of the three original partners had been in broadcasting for 25 years and they built on that background and their interest in serving the area with entertainment and information.

Great Moments in the History of WGMD

1982 – Art Curley moves his Big Band Show to WGMD

1985 – WGMD becomes the first news/talk station on Delmarva

1988 - WGMD becomes the first FM sta-

tion in country to carry a new talk sensation: Rush Limbaugh

2000 – Addition of new wing adding 3 studios and doubling size of station

2007 - Construction of new 400-foot tower to better serve area

2012 - Construction of three new broadcast studios

When asked if they have received any recognition or awards, the answer was that there are "too many to list, both local and national."

When asked what makes WGMD successful and different from other stations, this is how it was explained:

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both locally and across the nation, a leader in talk radio."

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We are dedicated to serving local businesses with creative advertising and marketing plans. Our listener base is adult men and women who power this dynamic retail market.

We have two consumers: listeners who depend on us for the latest news, information and interesting conversation; and business people who join us in serving those listeners.

The future for WGMD and for the area is bright. We are blessed with the people and the opportunity to continue to grow together.

High Tide News would like to thank WGMD for being the "Talk of Delmarva" and keeping people informed and in touch with news and local events, throughout the entire Delmarva area and even reaching across the Delaware to Cape May, NJ!

REAL ESTATE REPORT

Homes selling at a Brisker Pace this Fall

Contributed by: **Brian Patrick**



Homes are selling "significantly" faster compared to last year at this time, according to realtors.com's National Housing Trend Report for October 2013.

"Instead of the usual seasonal slowdown, October data shows the 2013 fall market moving at a fast pace," says Errol Samuelson, president of realtor.com.

The median age of the inventory – viewed as a leading indicator of demand – dropped 11.32 percent in October compared to year ago levels, "demonstrating resilience to seasonal changes and stabilized inventory," realtor.com notes.

Nationwide, the median age of inventory was 94 days. In some markets, homes are selling in a fraction of that time. For example, in Oakland, Calif., homes are

selling, on average, in 30 days. San Francisco; San Jose, Calif.; Denver, Colo.; and Stockton-Lodi, Calif., all posted 48 days on the market.

[Realtor.com](http://realtor.com) is anticipating the winter months will offer up plenty of opportunity for home buyers too, particularly those who were shut out this summer due to tighter inventories and competition from buyers with all-cash offers, according to realtor.com's Winter Home Buyer Report.

Source: "Home Buying Season Isn't Over," realtor.com (Nov. 19, 2013)

Last week was not a good week for mortgage rates. Mortgage backed securities sold off sharply following last

Wednesday's release of the minutes of the October Federal Reserve meeting, putting upward pressure on rates. Mortgage bonds rallied a bit at the end of the week, but did not recover the lost ground. With the holiday and relative lack of economic data scheduled for release this week, I think it's unlikely that we will see much rate movement this week.

I don't have much else to say at this point. The markets are still focused on the Fed and the onset of stimulus-tapering, and that's not going to change until we get some clarity on tapering. The November employment report comes out on 12/6, and that's probably the next big risk to rates as it is the last employment

report prior to the Mid-December Fed meeting. If the report beats expectations and shows continued growth, the chances of a December tapering announcement will increase, and rates will probably rise.

It's probably a mistake to read too much into one data point, and the reality is that barring a disaster, tapering is coming sometime between December and March. Tapering is dependent upon bond prices to a degree, but last week's movement seems to indicate it isn't entirely the case. When tapering is announced, rates are probably going to rise.

If you're looking for a new home or trying to refinance your mortgage, I would probably recommend that you lock your rate sooner rather than later.

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GLOBAL CONFUSION

If you have ever wondered if global warming or ocean rising is really happening good luck on finding correct information.

There are global warming documentaries that are 15 years old or older, that had 10 year predictions

which have never happened. The Smithsonian's monthly magazine December addition has a story and satellite photo of the Antarctic showing that sea ice has grown by 19 million square miles in the last 35 years. This means every year

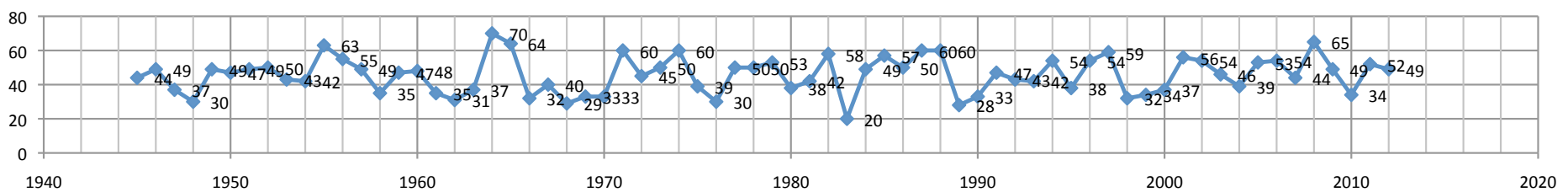
there is more water being trapped in ice which means our oceans are actually lowering every year not rising.

The one thing about the weather and sea level is that it's all around us so we can actu-

ally do our own research. *Farmers Old Almanac* has a great daily weather history search going back to 1946. The chart you see here is my daily search for December 25th max temperatures in my zip code 19975 Selbyville DE for the

last 68 years. I have left the chart for you to finish on this year's December 25th and if you want more information make your own 68 year chart for every day of the year then you can make your own global confusion conclusion.

Actual Christmas Day Temperatures 1945-2012



Massages and Puppets in Vietnam

By *High Tide News'* contributing writer Vincent Paez

About two years ago, I had the pleasure of doing business in Vietnam with a British colleague of mine named John. We arrived in Ho Chi Minh City around mid-day and took a cab from the airport to the hotel. The road was rough, and the traffic was heavy. Never before had I seen so many scooters. They were obviously the standard mode of transportation, and they all looked alike. The only difference between them was the fashion of helmets worn by their riders. The masses of scooters moved like fish in a school, all in unison following the same traffic movements. All the while, the riders' faces were expressionless. The riders looked forward and became part of a being which was larger than themselves. It made me think of communism itself, expressed in traffic.

The hotel was nice and equipped with a spa. The first order of business was to work out the knot in my neck from the flight with a massage in the spa. The hot oil massage was unbelievably cheap at twenty dollars per hour. The masseuse's hands were like magical instruments, which could sense exactly which muscles needed pressure. After an hour, the masseuse needed to wake me up. My body felt like jello, but all the kinks in my neck were worked out.

I was then ready to continue the lovely

day in this interesting city. We met our company's Vietnamese representative for dinner, who took us all out to dinner at a local Vietnamese restaurant. Dinner consisted of sea snails, seaweed and vegetables. After this local meal and a beer, I began to feel woozy. I immediately thought, "Either someone drugged me, or I'm getting food poisoning!" In a panic, I grabbed the shoulder of John the Brit and spoke into his ear.

"John, I feel faint. If I pass out, please promise you won't leave my side." You never know what can happen in Vietnam, and I wanted to stay safe.

"Vincent, you look absolutely pale." Would you like to go to the toilet?"

"Yes, John, but stay with me."

Just as John helped me up, my body rejected whatever toxin was inside it. I vomited all over myself and on the floor. I went blank for about five seconds and then quickly came to my senses. The waiter came to help pick me up and bring me outside. I regained consciousness extremely quickly and even started to feel fine in a few short minutes. What in the world could have caused such a violent reaction from my body? It couldn't have been the food, as food poisoning takes much longer to occur than a few minutes. I stood up straight, assured everyone that I was alright, and marched back in the res-



Vincent Paez

taurant. The entire restaurant was staring at me, so I gave them a quick reassurance that I was ok, and stated in English, "I am sorry," with a short bow. The customers acknowledged and bowed their heads.

"Vincent, what did you do today?" our representative asked.

"Well, let's see," I thought as I exited the restaurant and cleaned myself. "I went to the hotel spa..."

"Did you have a massage with oil?" he inquired.

"Why, yes, I did. Why?"

"Well, many Westerners come to Vietnam, and first thing they do is have hot oil massage. There seems to be something about our winds in Vietnam that make Westerners sick when they get massage. This must be reason you get sick."

I wanted to believe him. I had not had such an incident since my college days. I requested to return to the hotel for a shower and change of clothes, so that we may continue with our plans for the evening. After a brief stop at the hotel, our representative took us to the famous

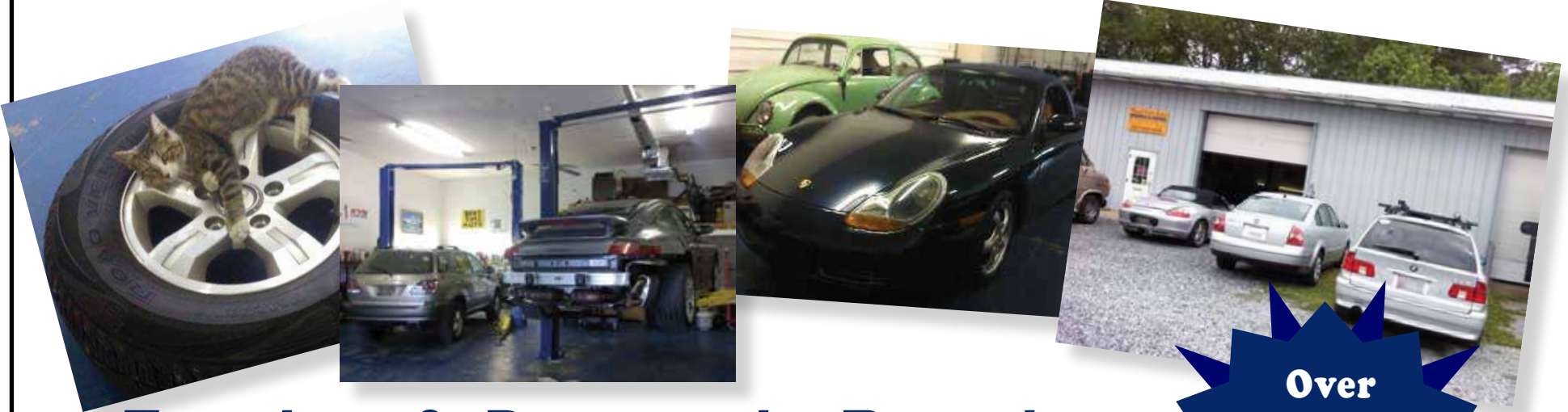
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The evening show made up for the restaurant embarrassment and left me with great memories of a country, with which we are still getting reacquainted after many years of war. If you ever are fortunate enough to visit Vietnam, I recommend you see the Water Puppet Show and, by all means, decline the cheap massages, so that you may fully enjoy your stay.

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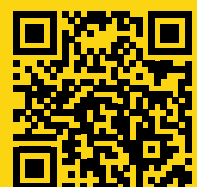
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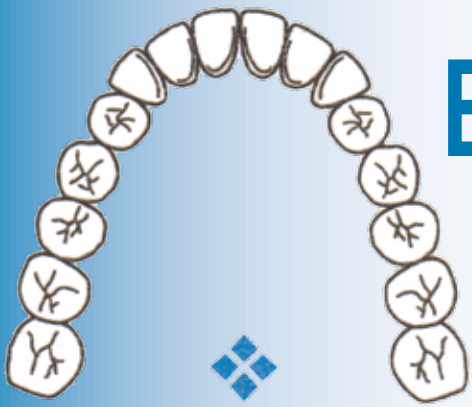


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