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Lofton Security Service

Mobile Phone Safety

From: Fred Mingo, Director of Safety

Did you know that Mobile Phones can ignite fuel or fumes? The Shell Oil Company recently issued a warning after three incidents in which mobile phones (cell phones) ignited fumes during fueling operations.

In the first case, the phone was placed on the car's trunk lid during fueling; it rang and the ensuing fire destroyed the car and the gasoline pump.

In the second, an individual suffered severe burns to their face when fumes ignited as they answered a call while refueling their car!

And in the third, an individual suffered burns to the thigh and groin as fumes ignited when the phone, which was in their pocket, rang while they were fueling their car.

Mobile phones that light up when switched on or when they ring, release enough energy to provide a spark to ignite fumes.

Mobile phones should not be used in filling stations, or when fueling lawn mowers, boat, etc.

Mobile phones should not be used, or should be turned off, around other materials that generate flammable or explosive fumes or dust (i.e., solvents, chemicals, gases, grain dust, etc.).

To sum it up, here are the Four Rules for Safe Refueling:

- 1) Turn off engine.
- 2) Don't smoke.
- 3) Don't use your cell phone - leave it inside the vehicle or turn it off.
- 4) Don't reenter your vehicle during fueling.

Ascension Chamber Breakfast Lofton Gonzales

Ascension Chamber members gathered for early networking on Thursday, August 27th at the Ascension Chamber Smart Start Breakfast event at Lofton Staffing & Security Services. Guests were able to meet and greet with over 40 business representatives. Lofton Staffing & Security Services hosted the event offering coffee provided by River Road Coffees, breakfast including pastries from Cal's Bakery, and door prizes to all the attendees.



Front-LtoR: Sherrie Despino, Ascension Chamber Pres/CEO; Rae Milano, Branch Manager Lofton Gonzales. Top row-LtoR: Lofton staff members, Julie East, Stephanie Smith, Darlene Mire, Charmaine Brown, and Jan Duplessis.

Halloween Trivia?

Orange and black are the colors of Halloween because orange is associated with the fall harvest, and black is the color of darkness.

Jack o'lanterns originated in Ireland where people placed candles in hollowed-out turnips to keep away spirits and ghosts on the Samhain holiday.

Black cats were once thought to protect witches.

What's Happening This Month

October 12

Columbus Day
National Salesperson Day

October 16

National Bosses Day

October 31

Halloween



Halloween was brought to North America by immigrants from Europe who would celebrate the harvest around a bonfire, share ghost stories, sing, dance and tell fortunes.



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Just a Coincidence

By: Glenda G. Lofton, Ph.D.

When my daughter-in-law Michelle found out last December that she and Bart were going to have another baby and Olivia, now three, was going to be a "Big Sister", she was happy but also a little apprehensive. Because she and Bart were older, the risks of having a baby were greater, and having been in foster care herself where she never got a birthday present or a Christmas present, she knew firsthand the important role that parents play in the life of a child. As she was sitting on the sofa, thinking about these things, Olivia who had not yet been told about the new baby, walked up and said, "Mommy (pronounced "mom-me" with the accent on the last syllable), is there a baby in your tummy?" Michelle was so taken back by the question, that she said absolutely nothing, and before she could respond Olivia reached up, touched her gently on the face, and said, "Don't be afraid, Mommy. Don't be afraid." Michelle immediately called me, and I could tell she was crying. "Does God speak to us through our children?" she asked. "I think so," I said. "God speaks to us in many ways."

On September 1, 2009, Zachary James Lofton was born, and although he spent his first week in ICU with a broken clavicle and a collapsed lung, Olivia's words remained fresh in our memory. On the day that Zachary went home, the rain was pouring down, but as I drove out the gates of the hospital, the sun broke through the clouds and a huge double rainbow filled the sky. As I looked at the rainbow, the words of a song that Tommy has sung with much conviction since he was in high school, kept echoing in my mind, "Everytime I hear a new

born baby cry, or touch a leaf, or see the sky, then I know why I believe..." Olivia's comments? A rainbow in the sky? "Just a coincidence," some might say, but I agree with my good friend, Shirley, who shared with me this quote from Albert Einstein, "**A coincidence is God's way of remaining anonymous.**"

As I thought about the birth of my newest grandson, and gave thanks for my other three, I was reminded of a prayer in my folder of keepsakes that was written by Gen-



Lofton is proud to announce the birth of our "Newest Tiger", Zachary James Lofton.

eral Douglas MacArthur for his son...

Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

Build me a son whose wishbone will not be where his backbone should be; a son who will know Thee and that to know himself is the foundation stone of knowledge.

Lead him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm; here let him learn compassion for those who fail.

Build me a son whose heart will be clean, whose goal will be high: a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men; one who will learn to laugh, yet never forget how to weep; one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

And after all these things are his, add, I pray, enough of a sense of humor, so that he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, the meekness of true strength.

Then, I, his father, will dare to whisper, "I have not lived in vain."

Although my prayer was not as eloquent as General MacArthur's, when Bret and Bart were born, I began to pray for them, the girls they would one day marry and for their future children. This week I showed Olivia the Bible that had been her dad's when he was a boy. On the page titled "Important Events", in the obvious print of a young boy, Bart had written, "I have just become a Christian, January 23, 1977. I have been baptized, April 17, 1977...Bart Lofton." And at the top of the page, he had written, "The greatest is love..." Just a coincidence? I guess that depends on how you define it.

New Website Launch Lofton Corporation

In mid September, Lofton Staffing & Security launched a new, more user friendly website. "We are very excited with the new functionality of the new site," says Julie East, Corporate Marketing. "On the new site, our current employees can now log into their accounts to keep their profiles up-to-date and are able to see past assignments and even print their W2's." The website's new layout allows for faster browsing for employers and employees and even features a new look for Lofton's Security company. "Our main goal was to make it user friendly for all of our customers, including our employees. I think we accomplished that."

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