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weeks to see if the family would like it," said Sommer. "He never saw snow before. It was a major excitement."

Sommer's father, an entrepreneur as well, had been in the handbag business for fifteen years. Though not an inspiration in the strictest sense – not the reason the son entered the business world - Dad applauds from the sidelines, allowing the son to forge his own path, constantly offer-

ing encouragement.

"He's happy I'm doing it on my own," said the young entrepreneur.

Cardmania, meanwhile, is growing in popularity, attracting attention from more and more customers, media and radio. The experience, so far, has been a rewarding one.

"Going into business on your own is a good way to learn responsibility. It's been a good teacher for me."

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rounds of golf played annually in the Myrtle Beach area. Check out Hawaiian Rumble, where they host the Masters Tournament of mini golf every October.

A SAFARI EXPERIENCE: T.I.G.E.R.S. (The Institute of Greatly Endangered and Rare Species) offers the incredible Myrtle Beach Safari Experience. Enjoy a guided safari-like experience through a 50 acre preserve where many of the animals crawl right on top of your lap. We are talking about

lions, tigers, lynx, wolves and monkeys while getting up closer to a Liger and elephant. Tours are generally more popular during the summer months and holidays. No matter the size of the tour, it is an intimate experience and they operate rain or shine. The tour itself lasted about three hours. For more information, log on to <http://www.myrtlebeachsafari.com>.

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like a helicopter ride to truly see all of what Myrtle Beach has to offer. Ocean Front Helicopters (<http://ocean-front-helicopters.com>) provides some of the best deals and we can personally vouch for an amazing experience. We took the 15 minute Inlet Tour. The views are simply breathtaking. Bring your camera. The location is right by the airport, with plenty of free parking. Prices start as low as \$20 per person. For more information call (843) 946-0022.

There is good reason why this is recognized as the number one entertainment venue in the area. Located at 4750 Highway 17 South next to popular Barefoot Landing, the theatre opened in 1993 and got its name directly from the country music super group Alabama whose members decided to build this state-of-the-art facility. We saw ONE The Show and it was nothing less than spectacular. What a quality evening of entertainment.

ALABAMA THEATRE: For my family, no holiday is complete without a live show and that is exactly what we got at the Alabama Theatre ([www.alabamatheatre.com](http://www.alabamatheatre.com)).  
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**NEXT TIME AROUND:** So what have I placed on my list for "next time?" Shopping at the Market Common and Coastal Mall. Evenings of entertainment at the Caroline Opry, Legends in Concert, the Palace Theatre, Medieval Times Dinner Theatre and the House of Blues. Stops at Brookgreen Gardens and Ripley's

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**ISRAEL SHOULD TAKE INITIATIVE**

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cooperation.

The new geo-strategic situation, in which Iran grows stronger as a result of the sanctions' removal, creates both a need and an opportunity for change. The Iranian ambitions from hegemony in the Middle East as a regional power, its expected military arma-

ment, the increase in the amount of weapons transferred to Hezbollah, Hamas and other terror groups, the constant threat to its neighbors in the Persian Gulf and the rhetoric of destroying Israel should all be countered with a political-security plan.

The actual acceptance of the Arab peace initiative – with the Israeli reservations – can open a new chapter in the regional dialogue. Israel, the pragmatic Arab states and the Western states have shared enemies and interests: Iran and the radical Islamic terror organizations. We even share the disappointment of the American policy in the Middle East. This infrastructure can be leveraged in favor of Israel's security.

Instead of getting dragged down by the events, Israel should initiate a diplomatic move that would allow the "coalition of those concerned by Iran" to concentrate their security efforts. Combining intelligence abilities and coordinating preventive activity is the only way to guarantee that Iran will be restrained, both in terms of agreement violations and in its further contribution to the instability in the region.

For this purpose, Israel must launch a security-diplomatic initiative, while adopting the Saudi-Arab peace initiative as a basis for negotiations. This isn't a "gospel truth." The Arab states' representatives have clarified more than once that accepting the initiative will allow a discussion on the Israeli reservations.

The moderate Arab states are also aware of the fact that the Middle East has changed in the 13 years that have passed since the Arab peace initiative was first introduced. It's clear to

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