



THE TRUITT NEWS

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LATE WINTER / EARLY SPRING 2011

CONGRATS:

To: **David Clark** for his new position with Bridgeworth Financial in Birmingham.

To: **Sam Heide, Tiffany Bonner** and their group who put together the ICSC Next Generation meeting at the B&A Warehouse February 1st. It was a great program.

To: **Julie & Corey Bush** on the arrival of Graham Wesley Bush.

To: **Len Shannon, Derek Waltchack** of Shannon Waltchack Real Estate on the upcoming redevelopment of their Railroad Square project by Railroad Park.

To: **Ben Drake**, who was recently named a partner at Dent-Baker & Co. LLP.

To: **Valerie McLean** of The Trak Shak for planning & executing another hugely successful Mercedes Marathon.

To: **Jim Dixon** on being named President of Arlington Properties.

To: The **Mountain Brook High School Debate Team** on winning the prestigious Barkley Forum at Emory University the weekend of January 29th.

To: **Jim Griffo** of Gresham, Smith & Partners on being named Senior VP in charge of the firm's Bham office.

John & Gail Celebrate 50th



JHT & GWT with Maggie, Jake, Zach & Vince Truitt.

January 30th has now been cemented as the day to get married in the Truitt family. John & Gail Truitt (50 years); Tony & Joanne (8 years); and Gail's parents (would have had their 74th) have all been hitched on the 30th. To celebrate the big 50, all named Truitt headed south on January 29th to the Renaissance Hotel in Montgomery. Retracting where John met Gail and where he put on the old Truitt charm, there was some debate of what she ever saw in him, but we had a great time checking out the downtown area where they both lived in the early 60s. On the 30th, it was further south to the Brownville Methodist Church outside of Owassa, AL. The church (membership is 21) has changed very little since their big day. JHT remembers the total cost of the wedding was near \$50, preacher included. We didn't know whether to be impressed or just think he was cheap. Either way, they have made a good match for a long time and we are extremely proud of this milestone.

VALENTINE'S DAY BOMB SCARE



Nothing says I LOVE YOU more than a large pipe-bomb. Things at Truitt were a little dicey on Valentine's Day this year after our great neighbors at FormWorks Architects alerted us to the strange item they noticed by our parking lots. Police, FBI and the bomb-squad filled the rest of the morning as nearby streets were barricaded and police kept us away from the action. Turns out there wasn't enough powder to do much damage but it was a memorable V-Day.



CAN'T GET TO LAUNIUS FAST ENOUGH!!!!

There is such a rush to get into Launius Furniture for the hot deals, it sometimes causes some issues (see photo). If you need anything new for the house or lake home, head to Warrior, AL and see John Launius. The trip is worth it to catch fantastic name-brand furniture such as Paula Dean at amazing discounts. Go today!

THE BIG EVENT



Tony, Don & John enjoying the night.

Elizabeth Adams, daughter of Truitt's Don Adams, was married to Jeff Hill the night of February 19th. We all had a blast at one of the more fun reception's we've attended. We can promise none of us were aware Don could dance like that. We wish the newlyweds the best as they start their life together and Don the best as the bills begin to arrive.



"Like" us on the new Truitt Insurance & Bonding Facebook page to keep up with all we have going. We also don't want to be lonely so we need all the friends we can get. Please help us out & not make us look sad.

Leadership

Vestavia Hills

For those living or working in the Vestavia area, the Leadership Vestavia Hills program is now accepting applications for the 2011/2012 class. Go to www.leadershipvestavia-hills.com for more info on being involved.

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CONGRATS:

To: Taylor & Miree Construction, DMI Tile & Marble and B.L. Harbert International LLC. for winning the Alabama Associated General Contractors Build Alabama Awards.

To: Danny Rodgers (Dunn Investment Company) and his relay team for running in the Mercedes Marathon as a fundraiser on behalf of the Firehouse Shelter.

To: David Belcher for the opening of the new Duncan Donuts located on 6th Ave South by The Fish Market Restaurant near UAB. It's just close enough to our office to be dangerous.

To: Reg and the folks at Birmingham Mountain Radio for getting some good tunes back on the air again. Check out all the coolness at bham-mountainradio.com.

To: Bob Vines of Southpace Properties on the new lease for Mountain High Outfitter's sales distribution center in Avondale. Bob represented them on their new lease for the 7,200 square foot space.

We are conducting a test on subliminal messaging. DO NOT read the following:

GET RID OF YOUR CURRENT AGENT.

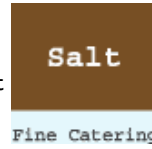
HE / SHE IS A MASSIVE LOSER WHO IS CHARGING YOU TOO MUCH.

YOU MUST USE TRUITT FOR ALL OF YOUR INSURANCE AND BOND NEEDS

Now, after NOT reading the above, if you need to call us about anything that may be on your mind, our phone number is (205)254-3005.



Kudos to Chef Robby Melvin at Salt Fine Catering in Birmingham's Forest Park. Robby has a genuine gift for the kitchen. If you are looking for someone to handle a special event for you, you should give him a call at (205)240-5374. He was nice enough to let a group of old friends have a private "chef's table" dinner at his place in early February that is still being raved about. Pictured above are Al Yosser, Mitch McKell (who was only able to stop in for a few minutes on his way back from Jasper) Mike Waller, Robby Melvin, Scott Register, Anthony Patterson, Keith Hamilton and Garrick Stone. Tony Truitt took the photo and wants it noted everyone was making fun of The Truitt News until they found it they were going to be in it.



FOOD ALERT: HUGGIN' MOLLY'S



OK.....so it's not the greatest photo of JHT in the world, BUT check out Huggin' Molly's in Abbeville anyway (editor's note: crummy photographer may or may not be named Tony Truitt). Located in the very neat downtown of Abbeville near the Henry County Courthouse, this place is like stepping back in time with the soda fountain, antiques and nostalgic atmosphere. We really enjoyed the food and the experience. Give it a run if you are in the area. We HIGHLY recommend it.

ALL HAIL THE CHAMPS: STATE PUCK-HEADS RULE CANADA TOURNEY



How cool is this? The Pelham (AL) Panthers 11 & 12 year old youth hockey team recently won the highly-regarded Silver Stick tournament in, of all places, Pelham, Ontario. The Panthers (including Truitt's Jeff Rodgers' goal-tending son Zachary) won the Tier 1 International Championship by defeating the Ancaster (Ontario) Avalanche on January 9th. This tournament, the equivalent of the Little League World Series, had 16 regional champions facing each other. Teams from New York: Chicago; Columbus, IN; New Jersey; Toronto; Casper, WY; Anaheim, CA; and Detroit as well as London, New Hamburg and Essex Ontario participated. The Panthers earned their right to play in the Silver Stick Tournament by defeating the Florida Eels team in Huntsville on December 6th. Team members include: Austin Gleason, Zachary Rodgers, Reid Connor, Caleb Norton, Peyton Harlow, Ethan Harradine, Philip Parker, Chandler Brown, Drew Stockton, Sydnee Goyer, Brandon Mitchell-Fostyk, Nolan Echols, Blake Harlow, Matthew Sedgwick & Timmy Kennedy. The Panthers are coached by Tony Harlow. The Silver Stick has been awarded since 1958. This is the first time a team from Alabama has ever won. The Panthers achievement will be recognized on a plaque posted next to the original Silver Stick trophy encased at the International Hall of Fame in Toronto.

HE SAID IT BEST

Life is tough, but it's even tougher when you're stupid.
-John Wayne



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