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THE TRUITT NEWS

The Official Skinny From Truitt insurance & Bonding Inc.



CONGRATS

TO: **Fancy Goods Variety Store** on Rocky Ridge Road for reaching their 5th anniversary. Great place., great folks. Go buy something from them. They have it all.

TO: **Jon Vogel** and lovely wife Lauren on the birth of their little man, Lincoln.

TO: Southpace Properties' **Bryan Holt** on being named to the executive committee of the Retail Brokers Network (RBN). RBN is one of the largest retail real estate networking groups in the U.S.

TO: the shareholders of Birmingham's **First Partners Bank** on the announced sale of their bank to Huntsville-based **Progress Bank**. This new combination creates Alabama's 8th largest bank having over \$1B in assets.

TO: **Martha Cook** on forming her new law practice Martha Reeves Cook, LLC. Check out www.mrcattorney.com for more information on her services.

TO: our old friend & Huntsville legal ace **Sam Givhan** on being elected Senior Vice Chair of the Alabama Republican Party.

TO: Alabama-native, Hong Kong living, car-marketing big-shot, **Trevor Hale** on the birth of his newest edition, T.J.



Beacon Insurance Group Joins Truitt Insurance & Bonding

We are happy to announce Rick Gibb & Beacon Insurance Group has become part of our team here at Truitt. Beacon has built a fantastic reputation over the past 40 years and we are thrilled for them to come on board. We are excited to have Rick and his colleague, Linda Lewis, be a part of our team and are really looking forward to what the future holds for us working together. Big things ahead for Truitt!

Industry Tidbit...

As seen in the March 2017 issue of iamagazine, the Insurance Information Institute reports the **average homeowner fire claim cost \$39,791** according to a study covering the time period 2010 – 2014.



It's In The Genes...

Not great camera work but check out the expressions on Disney's Splash Mountain. Front row (Tony/Vince) & back row (Joanne/Zach) have the exact same looks heading down the big drop. Thanks to United Fire Group for giving us a reason to be in Orlando for their Agent Luncheon.

The Radioactive Boars of Fukushima



This sounds like something out of a sci-fi movie or maybe the name of some European metal band, but this is absolutely a real thing. The 2011 earthquake that triggered a massive tsunami wrecking parts of Japan and devastated the Fukushima nuclear plant. Anyone living near the plant, even in areas the tsunami did not damage, had to be immediately relocated due to fallout from the damaged reactor. Ghost towns were left behind. Now, restrictions are being lifted and some humans are preparing to move back to the homes they were forced to evacuate. The issue is during those years away, with ample food sources available and little to no deterrents, large numbers of wild boars have moved into the villages. The animals now freely roam the streets and fill the houses. Years of eating/living/reproducing in what have been **WILDLY** radioactive areas have made for some ornery creatures, especially factoring in boars are not afraid of humans anyway. Japan has sent in government hit squads to reduce the problem but the boars are apparently pretty wily. Fun times ahead as people are determined to retake their homes from the hogs. I say this thing should be pay-per-viewed, **RADIOACTIVE BOARS** vs. **THE RISING SUN**. Tell me people would not watch this.

COMING SOON: THE TRUITT NEWS WILL HAVE A WEBSITE. THIS IS GOING TO BE FUN!

Fairhope Accolades...

Way to go, Fairhope, AL for being listed as one of 2017's coolest towns in the USA by Matador Network's travelstoke alongside Athens, GA; Bend, OR; Taos, NM & others.

HE SAID IT BEST

It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed.
- Theodore Roosevelt

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CONGRATS

TO: **Butch Zaragoza** on being awarded Leadership Vestavia Hill's Lifetime Achievement Award at the group's Award Banquet held March 2nd.

TO: **Allan Gustin** of Dunn Building Co. on his promotion to VP/Mobile Area Manager.

TO: **Jeff Gilliam** on his recent appointment as a judge in the Municipal Court of Birmingham.

TO: a great guy, **Danny Carr**, on being named interim district attorney for Jefferson County.

TO: **Sentry Heating & Air** on celebrating 30 years in business. These folks do a great job.

TO: **FormWorks Architects** on the great design work they did on the new Marathon Electrical Contractors headquarters building in Irondale.

TO: **Chris Cochran** on his new position as Senior Counsel with Travelers Insurance.

TO: our friend **Scott Register** on celebrating the 20th anniversary of his radio show, Reg's Coffee House. Can't believe it has been that long. Listen in on Birmingham 107.3 FM or check it out at bhammountainradio.com.

TO: **Liz McNair** on her new job with Miramar, FL based Spirit Airlines. Liz is based out of Dallas & will see a lot of the planet in the near future.

TO: Kinetic's **Jay Brandrup** on being named board chairman of TechBirmingham.

Go Fish...



Contact our good friend, Matt Boles, down in Orange Beach and let him line up a great trip for you on the Miss Jenny or the All In. You can reach him at 251-550-0672 or email him at bolesmatt47@gmail.com.



Part of the Truitt troops (Brandon, David, Wayne, JHT, Tony) out for Cincinnati Insurance Company's annual Alabama Sales Meeting. It isn't often you catch this group dressed up so soak it in!

Industry Tidbit...

According to a 2005 – 2009 study recently released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration there are **83,000 average crashes** per year related to drowsy driving. In addition, the Governors Highway Safety Association states that during 2015 alone, drowsy driving related crashes cost over 5,000 lives.

A Classic Turns 50!

Pirates of the Caribbean was introduced at Disneyland in California on March 18, 1967, two years after the park opened. It is said to be the last ride that Walt Disney personally oversaw development of before his death. Since debuting, over 400 million people have ridden it, new rides have opened in Orlando, Paris, Tokyo & Shanghai, and it created a GIANT movie franchise as well.

REMEMBER TO LIKE THE TRUITT INSURANCE & BONDING FACEBOOK PAGE...



We hated to hear of the passing of Joe Rodgers Sr., the co-founder of Waffle House, on March 3rd. While we didn't know Mr. Rodgers, we thank him for years of scattered & smothered memories we have all enjoyed at his establishments. All of us would be lucky to have made such an impact.



Way to go Zack's on being recognized by al.com as the top meat & three place in Alabama. We can totally agree this place is fantastic! It is a must stop every time we are near Dothan or the original in Slocomb. Check it out sometime. You will not be disappointed.



Spreading the Word...

We were really super-pumped to get our new billboard up on Hwy 59 in Baldwin County. Hey, we know it is just one but Alexander Shunnarah had to start somewhere didn't he? Now, call Connie in our Daphne office and help us pay for it.

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magic city art connection

We are proud to once again be able to help sponsor one of our favorite events, Bham's Magic City Art Connection. Scheduled for April 28-30 in downtown's Linn Park, the art show and related Corks & Chefs event, is a great time and just makes you feel happy to be there. Come on down, you will be glad you did and will probably take home something.

HAVE A GREAT SPRING!

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