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WHAT'S COMING IN 2012

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

MONTGOMERY'S NEW LOOK: The Alley Entertainment District was the catalyst of the revitalization of downtown Montgomery. We'll highlight the hot spots.

ALASKA DISNEY CRUISE: What are two grownups without kids doing on this Disney cruise? Plenty!

DOWN HOME WITH: We interview an oyster gardener in Orange Beach. The CVB is sponsoring workshops to teach volunteers to grow oysters to help restore local bays.

CHARLOTTE IS FOR MUSEUM LOVERS: Three recently opened sites rev up this North Carolina town.

MARCH/APRIL

ALABAMA GULF COAST ZOO: After being hit by hurricanes for years, this zoo decides to pack up its animals and move inland. It opens a new environmentally sustainable property this spring.

HIGH TIMES IN HAWAII: We take you to the highest points on each of Hawaii's major islands.

SPLINTER HILL BOG: This preserve opens to the public from March to mid-October.

DOWN HOME WITH: We interview Eddie Aldridge of Aldridge Gardens in Hoover. The noted nurseryman discovered and patented the Snowflake Hydrangea.

MAY/JUNE

ARTS RENAISSANCE IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN MOBILE. A look at the growing arts scene and tell readers about the numerous ways they can enjoy both visual and performing arts.

SWISS TIME: See the country by train, streetcar, funicular and mountain goat.

ALABAMA WINE FESTIVALS: We highlight the best taking place during this time.

LAKE CHARLES, LA: A tour of the interesting architecture in the Charpentier Historic District.

DOWN HOME WITH: We interview a monk about the Ave Maria Grotto in Cullman, also known as "Jerusalem in Miniature."

JULY/AUGUST

LITERARY ALABAMA: We'll explore the towns of famous homegrown authors such as F. Scott Fitzgerald (Montgomery), Truman Capote and Lee Harper (Monroeville), and Fanny Flagg (Eastern Shore).

MOUNT KILIMANJARO: Writer and actor Andrew McCarthy climbs to the top of Africa's highest peak. (Abercrombie & Kent tour)

LOUISIANA BAYOU COUNTRY: Discover this lowland area from Lafayette to New Orleans, chiefly along US 90, where graceful antebellum mansions beckon amid moss-draped live oaks.

NEW ARTS CENTER: Decatur opens a new North Alabama Center for the arts this fall.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

BIRMINGHAM—FAMILY REUNION CAPITAL OF ALABAMA: Its public library is considered by some to be the best place for genealogy research in the country, and the CVB holds a family reunion workshop in October, inviting everyone from genealogists to caterers.

CUBA: Learn about the people and culture of this up and coming tourist destination.

DOWN HOME WITH: We interview an artisan from the Alabama Black Belt region, a place where seeks to preserve the skills of local artists for future generations.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS AT BELLINGRATH GARDENS: Three million twinkling lights and 900 displays decorate the 65-acre estate. Guests can enjoy them to the tune of nightly choral performances.

NEW ZEALAND ADVENTURE: Green, gourmet, and geothermal wonders in and around Wellington.

ROMANTIC CORONADO ISLAND, SAN DIEGO: A couple rekindles their relationship at this enchanting locale with a gondola ride, beach walks, and seaside dinners.

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