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HOLIDAY SHOPPING MADE EASY IT'S ALL ABOUT DOWNTOWN

By Rhonda Davis

When I saw the *Today Show* unveil the highly-anticipated 2008 Neiman Marcus Christmas Catalog last week, it made me think of my very own gift "wish list." More importantly, it made me think about my lengthy and ever-growing Christmas "gift list," and the time it is going to take me to search for the perfect gifts for all those friends and family members on the list, including my husband.

Now, I know I wouldn't buy a 500 square-foot piece of Texas Stadium End Zone Turf as a gift for my husband, no matter how attractive Neiman Marcus presents it, but what will I give him? It is always a challenge, especially since he is a minimalist who loves to run and is not intrigued at all by electronics, fishing gear or shotguns.

Well, as I compiled my gift list, I headed downtown and spent a day shopping. Here is what I discovered.

A Pampering Oasis

With the opening of the **The Spa at the Battle House**, a new level of luxurious pampering can now be found in Mobile. For the man or woman who needs to be indulged, think about booking a service or giving a gift certificate to this incredible haven of relaxation and escape. Just blocks from every Downtown office, The Spa at the Battle House is convenient and impressive.

The Spa menu outlines a full range of services offered. It includes all the treatments you expect to receive at a spa, and then some. There are a wide variety of body scrubs and body wraps, facials, manicures and pedicures, waxing and a host of various massages listed. There is also a steam room, the Ladies' Quiet Room and the Men's Quiet Room, therapy baths, fitness counseling, a Jacuzzi and a boutique that sells spa products for you to purchase and take home.

While studying the services, I mentally selected my dream spa day experience. This is what it looks like: the Signature Aromatic Warm Stone Massage, \$150 for 80 minutes; the Signature Organic Facial, \$95 for 50 minutes; the Hungarian Detoxifying Mud Wrap, \$145 for 80 minutes and the Paraffin Treatment for Hands and Feet, \$25. After that I would love some time in the Jacuzzi, followed by a manicure and pedicure and a cat-nap in the Ladies' Quiet Room. I would have to have some of the luscious products from the Spa Boutique, too. I think that would round out The Spa at the Battle House experience for me. What do you think?



The Spa at the Battle House is a haven for pampering and relaxation. The Ladies Quiet Room is a refuge from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. Consider giving a gift certificate to The Spa this year.



Inside Up is fully stocked with gifts for everyone on your list and offers free gift wrapping.

New Gift Shop

Downtown has a new gift shop, **Inside Up**. When I visited Inside Up they were in their temporary digs at 80 St. Michael Street, the former home to Justine's and Dr. Bob's Steakhouse. The new shop has a wide variety of items for sale including home décor items, seasonal decorations, fun and funky women's clothing, handbags, and accessories.

One of the cleverest gift items I found was actually a trendy jewelry line made of light-weight recycled aluminum. There was a great looking gold cuff for \$40 and silver dangle earrings for \$42. The shop was full of stylish handbags in all the season's most popular colors and designs.

In the home décor department, I found a very attractive wine rack made of hammered metal adorned with fleur de lis that stood like a small A-frame house. It was really great looking, held six bottles of wine and is priced at \$66.75 – a bargain considering its size and design.

Looking for a fun gift for my BUNCO Christmas party, I spotted holiday cocktail plates in contemporary designs, \$19.80 for four. There is also an assortment of holiday hand towels, Christmas ornaments, and a fun tin stocking to hang on your door.

Inside Out will be moving to their permanent location at 7 N. Conception Street, on Bienville Square soon. Watch for their opening.

Tasty Treats

We all have those friends and family members who enjoy food. For those folks, consider creating a basket of tasty treats from Downtown or a simple reminder that you are thinking of them during the holiday season.

Pick up a bag of private label coffee beans from **Serda's Coffee Company**, one of Downtown's newest merchants. They run from \$9.99 to \$12.99 per pound and come in their most popular coffee flavors – Mocha Java, Kenya, Sumatra Mandheling, Ethiopian Harrar, Costa Rica and more.

Stock up on wine at **The Market at 219**. They have a good selection ranging from \$12.99 up. Be sure to have a few extra bottles on hand for drop-in holiday guests who stop by to enjoy a cup of cheer, for hostess gifts, and to uncork and celebrate after you've finished your holiday shopping. The Market also has a nice offering of imported beer, cheeses and 'to-go' food items prepared in their kitchen. Don't forget to pick up crackers.

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DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Guest Letter by Palmer Hamilton

As we look to the future of our city under the vision as set out by the "New Plan for Old Mobile," it is important to be mindful of our past as well. The planning team from ESDA recognized the value of our remarkable history and heritage, and carefully wove preservation and revitalization efforts into many of the recommendations. Local attorney and preservationist Palmer Hamilton was recently named Preservationist of the Year by the Historic Mobile Preservation Society. He has been at the forefront of preservation efforts for many years and has contributed to the revitalization of the Oakleigh Garden District, Old Dauphin Way and Downtown Mobile. Following are his remarks to the gathering at the Preservationist of the Year ceremony in September.

First, let me say how deeply appreciative I am to the Preservation Society. And to everyone here tonight. It means a lot to me. Second, I got back from Washington a couple of hours ago after working pretty solid on the financial rescue legislation. And I should tell you that you will be indebted by this legislation over and aboard the cost to all taxpayers.

On the positive side, you are indebted to the legislation for preventing me from writing much longer remarks. When Marilyn told me remarks were in order, I started reflecting on why preservation matters.

I grew up in historic houses. My grandfather's house was at 1407 Government. Oldest on Government. I lived on Batre Lane in Springhill on property that was in my family since the 1850s. So I was inbred with history. And I came to love it.

To state the obvious, it provides us with examples of timeless charm and beauty. Henry Jones once noted that it takes great age to create a feeling of tranquility. But preservation is more than aesthetics. I want to briefly explore 2 aspects of the importance of preservation.

One, in Mobile's case, the past is an attribute that can be used to attract both tourists and companies. It is what sets Mobile apart from most other cities. Professor Richard Florida has compiled impressive statistics showing that quality of life directly translates to a city's position to be competitive. The "creative class" as the professor has labeled them, is driven by quality of life in deciding where to live.

For a city to prosper, according to his studies, it must have a high quality of life. Otherwise, it won't attract and retain the creative class workforce that will motivate companies to locate in a city. Mobile's historic districts are a big aspect to its quality of life. It can help make up ground in other areas where we still need improvement. And it is something other cities cannot buy or otherwise acquire. It is our heritage, like Mardi Gras. Charleston is an example of what we should strive to be. We've lost too much, but we seem to have turned the corner.

But let me turn to the bigger reason we should all be preservationists. Physical roots matter. Symbols matter. They help make us who we are as humans. And at bottom, that is what is most important about preservation.

It reminds us of who we are and how we got to be the way we are. The celebration of the Eucharist is the best example of why memory matters and how to perpetuate memory. The physical gives us a tangible embodiment of spirit of those who have gone before. And this gets us to why we should try and remember the past.

One word – perspective.

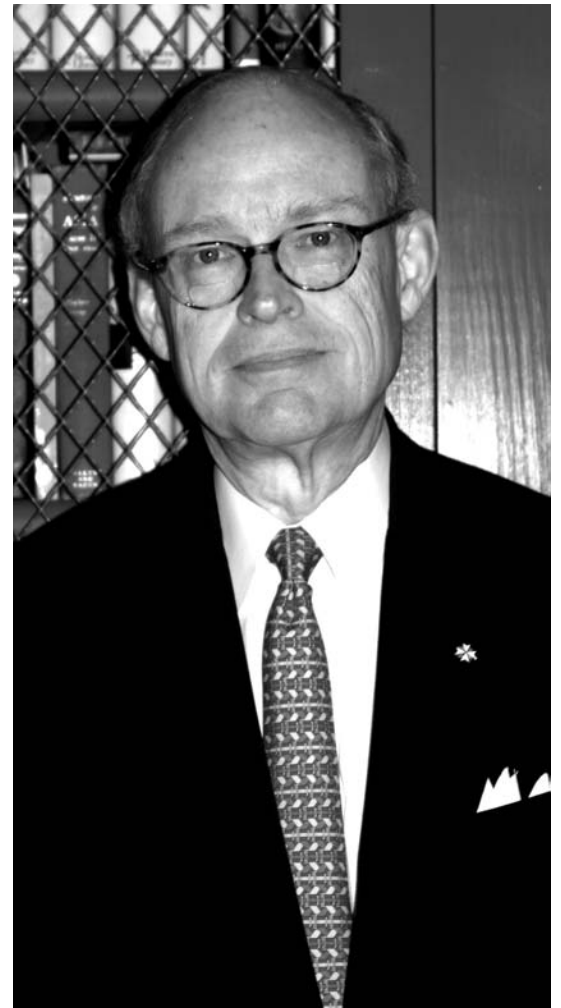
One of my hobbies is genealogical research. Through it, I've learned a lot of facts about a host of ancestors. But the main thing I've gained is a greater appreciation of the sweep of life and generations. It has made me very conscious of being a transitory element in a chain. And this has made me more focused on attempting to make that chain stronger. And in my opinion that is what preservation is about.

We are strengthening the chain, each in our own way. Peter Joseph Hamilton dedicated his book *Colonial Mobile* with words I copied for my Grandfather Pillans monument.

Lawyer, Scholar, Statesman, whether in public or private life.

He was all that a man should be. And that standard of being all that a man should be encompasses an appreciation of the continuum of which we're a part. So, in conclusion, the \$700 Billion rescue plan probably seems a small price to pay to keep these remarks from being any longer.

Thank you again.



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PUBLIC PARKING IN DOWNTOWN MOBILE

We are often asked, "Where can you park in downtown Mobile?" To help answer that commonly asked question, the Downtown Mobile Alliance would like to offer a map of all public parking lots within the central business district. We hope this tool will help you when planning your next visit to Downtown Mobile.

LOCATION	RATE
1. Riverview Parking Garage, 8 South Water Street.....	\$3 per hour to \$12 max
2. 155 Church Street	\$3 per hour to \$6 max
3. 203 Church Street	\$3 per hour to \$6 max
4. Mobile County Parking Garage	up to \$7.95 a day
5. Mobile Civic Center Parking Lot (Entrance on Claiborne St)	\$2 a day
6. 250 Government Street (across from the Radisson Admiral Semmes Hotel)	\$5 flat rate
7. 12 North Jackson Street	\$1 per hour \$5 max
8. 11 North Jackson Street.....	\$1 per hour \$5 max
9. 303 St. Francis Street.....	\$1 per hour \$5 max
10. 256 St. Francis Street.....	\$1 per hour \$5 max
11. 400 Dauphin Street.....	\$1 per hour \$5 max
12. 209 Conti Street	\$2 per hour \$5 max
13. Republic Parking – St. Francis Street	\$4 per hour \$8 max

There is free two hour on-street parking in the spaces along Dauphin Street; however, it is heavily enforced, so please be aware of that.

There is also parking available at all parking meter spaces throughout Downtown. The metered spaces come in two time frame choices. Some parking locations are for up to one hour of parking and other locations are for parking up to two hours. Please observe the posted parking signs. Parking meter charges are \$.25 per 15 minute increments.

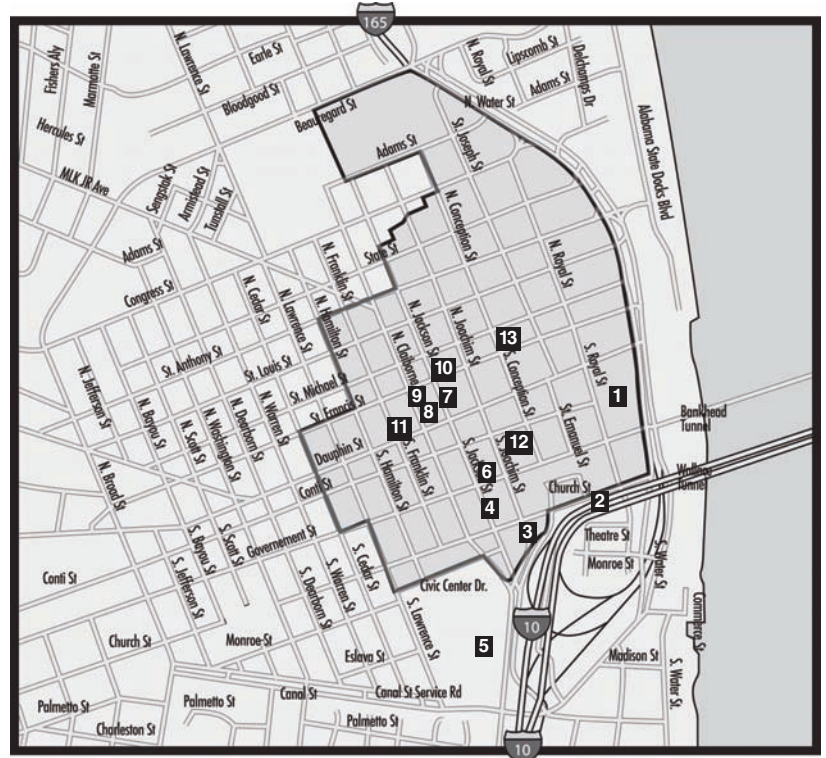
Metered parking is also free after 5:00 p.m. each day and throughout the weekends.

CASH KEY

If you are looking for an easy way to manage your on-street metered parking, think about investing in a Cash Key. Cash Keys are electronic keys that are inserted into the parking meters in place of coins. Each time you insert the Cash Key you purchase 15 minutes of parking time. The electronic key is programmed with the desired monetary amount you would like to purchase, plus a modest deposit for the key.

You can purchase Cash Keys at the Central Parking Office, 300 Dauphin Street.

The Cash Key would make a great parking gift certificate for those friends who come Downtown on a regular basis.



During the holiday season plan a visit to The Battle House Hotel. Have cocktails in the Royal Street Tavern or listen to live music in Joe Cain's. The Trellis Room will also be offering dining specials for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Eve.

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If someone on your list is a fan of organic wines, be sure to check out **The Pint**. The Dauphin Street store has a wide selection of imported beer and wine, including many specialty varieties. Bottles of wine start at about \$8.00, with some bottles of champagne priced at more than \$100.00. The store even has a humidor for the great selection of specialty cigars.

Consider bringing a box of muffins from **Mostly Muffins** as a hostess gift to holiday parties you will be attending this season. Your hostess will appreciate something simple to enjoy the next morning. Mini muffins are \$4.50 to \$5.00 per dozen and the regular size muffins run between \$12.48 and \$21.00 per dozen. Their most popular holiday flavors are blueberry and cranberry, but I love the poppy seed and the bacon cheddar. Please place your order 48 hours in advance – 433-9855.

Three Georges will have a full shop of candy, cakes and pies -- some that will come pre-wrapped for easy gift-giving. I like to stock up on the small cellophane bags of candy to give to my friends' children. I think their cheese straws are the best in town and make the perfect hostess gift! I love giving and receiving them, too. And, we all know that a perfect Southern table is not complete without cheese straws on it.



Three Georges makes holiday shipping easy by offering candy, cakes and nuts packaged and ready for shipping.

Pollman's Bakery is the place to purchase wonderful pocketbook rolls and butter biscuits, great served with left-over ham and turkey. Our holiday table always includes one of their famous Praline Dobash cakes. Order early and be prepared to stand in line as Christmas Eve draws near.

All the men in my family are crazy for nuts. I usually purchase several tins from

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A&M Peanut Shop every year. I also like to pick-up small bags of freshly roasted cashews to keep on hand for my personal munching while watching *It's a Wonderful Life*, *The Grinch that Stole Christmas* (the original version) and *Charlie Brown Christmas*, my favorite holiday movies.

And for the Cook

For the person who really enjoys cooking, consider one of the many regional cookbooks stocked at the **Museum of Mobile's Gift Shop**. They carry *Southern Belly* by John T. Edge, a member of the Southern Foodway Alliance and great Southern food aficionado, \$14.95. Also in stock are *Alabama Rich in Flavor* by Katherine Helms, \$19.95; *Alabama's Historic Restaurants and Their Recipes*, \$18.95; *Best of the Best from Alabama Cookbook*, \$16.95; *Mobile Azalea Trail 2008-09 Cookbook*, \$22.95; and the *Junior League of Mobile's Bay Tables*, \$24.95, the official cookbook of the City of Mobile. *Bay Tables* is the perfect gift for all out-of-town friends, and you can mail it book rate at the U. S. Post Office.

And the Children, Too

Olensky Brothers is having a huge sale on their children's educational toys. They are selling the popular Melissa & David brands at 40% off. All Beanie Babies are on sale at cost. I really have enjoyed giving toys from Olensky's to my nephews when they were small. Their flash cards also make great stocking stuffers.

Deliver Please

Nothing brightens a person's day more than receiving flowers. Downtown is lucky to have two very talented floral shops, **Demeranville Floral Company** and **Bay Flowers**.

Demeranville Floral Company has moved to their new home on the ground floor of the AmSouth Building. This downtown Mobile institution still turns out some of the loveliest floral arrangements in town. I love the variety of live plants and the selection of poinsettias that Billy and his staff stock during the holidays. The best thing, you can stop in, pick up an arrangement and hand deliver it. They do deliver for those who like that convenience so, order now - 432-4667.



Bay Flowers is dressed for the holiday season. Don't forget to order poinsettias and holiday arrangements from this fun flower shop.

Bay Flowers, located at 452A Government Street, is still undiscovered by many. This tiny shop turns out some impressive work. The shop is now filled with holiday wreaths, decorations and fully-dressed Christmas trees. Check out their selection of Christmas ornaments, from \$.99 up. This year they will have red, white and pink poinsettias for sale ranging in price from \$15 to \$45. For the best selection, order now - 432-1717.

A Night on the Town

Why not consider tickets to some of Mobile's most popular events as gifts this year? With the wide variety of holiday events being held in downtown, there are many

to choose from. There are also a few special January performances on the events calendar too. Tickets to any of these events are a great gift to give and easy to purchase.

Here are a few suggestions:

Mobile Ballet's *The Nutcracker*, December 13 and 14, tickets are \$10 to \$30 for children and \$15 to \$35 for adults.

Mobile Symphony's *Solar Energy*, January 18, tickets \$15 to \$55 for adults and \$8 for students.

DrumLine Live at the Saenger Theatre, January 27, tickets are \$47.50, \$37.50, and \$25.

Gift Certificates Make Dining Easy

Most of the downtown restaurants offer gift certificates, so why not give your friends dinner out? Think **Wintzell's**, **Spot of Tea**, and **Heroes**. Don't forget that **McDonald's**, **Subway** and most all of the fast food chain restaurants also offer gift certificates. These make great stocking stuffers and gifts for college students. Gift certificates are also great gifts for all those people who provide services for you, such as the postman, newspaper carrier, the ladies at the dry cleaners and the hair stylist who keeps you looking good.

For Sports Fans and Boys

What better gift to give to that hard-to-please son, grandson or nephew than tickets to **The Senior Bowl**, January 26, or the **GMAC Bowl**, January 6. Spend some time enjoying the excitement of college football, and participate in all of the side events offered, including The Senior Bowl's Meet the Players at the Mobile Convention Center and the GMAC Food Tiger Mardi Gras Parade. For boys, building memories is really what this experience is all about. For your friends, it's all about having fun.

Tickets to The Senior Bowl are \$12, \$18 and \$24, and can be purchased at The Senior Bowl's new office, 151 Dauphin Street; or by visiting the website, www.senior-bowl.com. Tickets to the GMAC Bowl are \$45 for sideline seats and \$15 for end zone seats. To purchase GMAC Bowl tickets visit the website at www.gmacbowl.com.

A Holiday Get Away

Book a January cruise out of Mobile on the **Carnival Cruise Line**, *The Holiday*. January cruises are very affordable right now with rates as low as \$199 for a four day cruise and \$299 for a five day cruise. Visit Carnival's website at www.carnival.com. (Pssst, there will be a box under our tree filled with a Carnival brochure, a cruise receipt and slot machine money for my parents this year.)

New Year's Eve Celebration

To complete the holiday season, ring in the New Year with a memorable evening. **The Battle House Hotel** is offering a spectacular New Year's Eve Dinner in their four-star, award winning restaurant, **The Trellis Room**. Chef Charles Mereday has developed an impressive menu for the occasion that includes champagne at midnight. Dinner is \$125 per person. For reservations call 338-2000.

To tempt your most sophisticated palette, I have selected a few items from the New Year's Eve menu for you to consider: foie gras turchon marche served with grapefruit and Granny Smith gelee; she crab bisque served with dry sherry and crab roe; poached lobster tails served with potato gnocchi, fried sage and brown butter; dry aged beef strip loin served with mashed fingerlings, asparagus and a roasted shallot demi glaze; and for dessert, cinnamon crepes with roasted pear, mascarpone cheese and maple, honey reduction. Heavenly!

Speaking of New Year's Eve, don't forget to make dinner reservations now at your favorite downtown restaurant:

NoJa - 433-0377

The Harbor Room in the Renaissance Riverview Plaza - 438-4000

Café 615 - 432-8434

Lafayette's in the Holiday Inn - 694-0100

Café Royal - 405-5251

For those who haven't heard, **Lafayette's** has a new chef, Craig Barbarin. Chef Barbarin spent 17 years working in the kitchen of Brennan's and also spent time working in the Copeland's organization. He is bringing his New Orleans-honed skills and talent to the **Holiday Inn** restaurant.

This is just a simple sampling of the gift ideas offered in Downtown Mobile. Here is a complete listing of our merchants for you to consider when shopping for your perfect holiday gift.

Ann's Downtown Store - ladies hats and accessories

Areas - gifts, Christmas ornaments, holiday bows, collectables

Attractions Children's Apparel - traditional and urban clothing for children

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ALLIANCE WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Downtown Mobile Alliance is pleased to welcome four new members to the Board of Directors. Mickie Russell with Dauphin Realty, Stephen Carter with S&A Investment Strategies, Ralph Hargrove with Hargrove and Associates and Margo Gilbert with the Battle House Hotel.

Mickie Russell is the owner of Dauphin Realty and has long had a residence in Downtown. She recently opened up a new Dauphin Realty office in the Mattress Factory on Dauphin Street.

Stephen Carter is a landscape architect with the Corps of Engineers and the owner of two properties on Conti Street, one of which has been beautifully restored. The other is in the process of restoration.

Ralph Hargrove is the president of Hargrove and Associates, a fast-growing engineering firm based in Mobile. Hargrove is renovating the Neisner Building at 26 South

Royal Street along with a portion of the adjoining Kress Building. When the offices are finished, near the end of the year, he'll move a total of about 200 employees to the central business district.

Margo Gilbert is the general manager of the Battle House Hotel and has overseen the opening of the hotel, restaurants, gift shop and spa. Her demand for top quality customer service is setting a new standard for the hospitality industry in Mobile.

We would also like to express our appreciation to the outgoing board members, all of whom have worked tirelessly toward Downtown's redevelopment and have contributed greatly to its progress. Many thanks to **Scott Gonzalez**, Three Georges Southern Chocolates; **Carlos Parkman**, Centre for the Living Arts; and **Steve Walker**, the Walker Company.

LEADING THE WAY WITH LEADERSHIP GIVING



Red Square, Downtown's newest advertising and public relations agency, opened their doors this year at 202 Government Street after a \$1 million plus renovation.

Red Square

Downtown's newest public relations and advertising firm opened the doors to its newly renovated offices earlier this year at 202 Government Street. The move to Downtown included not only a geographical shift, but a shift in the agency's image as well. Founded in 1977 as Reynolds-Sullivan Advertising, the organization changed its name in 1991 to Sullivan St. Clair Marketing and Public Relations. Today, the award-winning agency is known as Red Square, and can be identified by the red square sign suspended over its threshold.

"We are an intensely passionate, creatively-driven agency obsessed with producing great work for great clients," is the mantra of the agency. Red Square, with a staff of 37, provides clients with design services; television, radio and website production; outdoor advertising; print design; public relations services and event production. Their client list reads like a regional 'who's who' from the business and academic communities. They include USA Mitchell College of Business, University of Alabama Culverhouse School of Business, Bishop State Community College, Brookwood Medical Center in Birmingham, Mobile Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau, Zea's Rotisserie Grill, Hargrove and Associates, and McGill Toolen High School.

"We looked at potential future-value of the real estate, and we also really wanted to be in the heart of the city," explained Jennifer Jenkins, Vice President of Public Relations, when asked about the move to Downtown. "Red Square was looking for a building we could retro-fit into something completely unique. And we're on the parade route twice – the renovation of 202 Government Street was a no-brainer."

Red Square has more than stepped up to the plate as one of the newest businesses to relocate to Downtown. Their support of the Downtown Mobile Alliance, along with their \$1 million plus renovation to their building, testifies to that. "We wanted to invest in the safety, cleanliness and general well-being of downtown," stated Jenkins. "After all, it's where we now live. The DMA does a great job keeping downtown a great place to live and work."

Regions Bank

Regions Bank has always had a presence in downtown Mobile, even before the familiar logo appeared on their door. As long-time Mobilians remember, the bank was originally known as Merchants National Bank. In 1971, First Alabama Bancshares, Inc. was formed through the consolidation of First National Bank of Huntsville, established in 1856; First National Bank of Montgomery, established in 1871 and the Exchange Security Bank of Birmingham, established in 1928. The bank continued to expand over the years and went through a final name change in 1994, becoming Regions Financial Corporation. In May 2006, Regions again merged; this time with Birmingham based AmSouth Bancorporation to create the top banking company in the southeast, with approximately \$144 billion in assets.

Today, Regions occupies offices in the newly constructed RSA Tower, maintains office space in the old Regions Building on St. Joseph Street and also in the Wachovia Building. Their downtown branch still operates in the lobby of the Regions Building as a reminder of their banking heritage in Mobile. With a Downtown workforce of 280 associates, Regions serves as one of Downtown's top employers. Their commitment to the community is seen everywhere, from leadership roles in non-profit organizations, to sponsorship of local events, to the financial.

"Regions 'believes' in Downtown completely and we will certainly support all efforts to continue improvements in the area," stated William R. Seifert, II, Executive Vice President, South Alabama Area Executive. "The Alliance, indeed, is a driving force to keep the achieved momentum going. Obviously, we have made a tremendous investment in the area and we, at Regions, realize that downtown is the center of economic activity."

"A vibrant downtown is the clear sign of a healthy, aggressive, thriving city," Seifert stressed. "Downtown Mobile has much to offer for commerce, business, tourism and entertainment. It is great to see the improvements here, knowing that there is much more potential. Exciting!"



Regions Bank, led by William R. Seifert, II, Executive Vice President, South Alabama Area Executive, is one of Downtown's stalwarts in the business community. Regions' support of Mobile is evident in all areas of our community, especially regarding the revitalization efforts of downtown Mobile.

EVENTS

DECEMBER

December 5 through 7 – *Second Annual Gulf Coast Antiques, Food & Wine Festival*, Mobile Convention Center, for complete schedule and detail of events visit www.gcafw.com

December 6 – *Carlos Mencia: At Close Range*, concert, 7:00 p.m., Saenger Theater

December 12 – *LoDa ArtWalk* with a performance by the Port City Men's Chorus, 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., Cathedral Square Arts District

DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY EVENTS

December 1 – *Santa Chase 5K*, 8:00 a.m., Museum of Mobile

December 2 – *Historic Holiday Open House*, 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., Museum of Mobile

December 3 and 4 – *The Life & Adventures of Santa Claus* presented by Playhouse in the Park, school performances, 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. each day, Saenger Theatre

December 6 – *Jingle Bell 5K Run/Walk and Elf Chase*, 8:00 a.m., Fort Conde

December 6 and 7 – *Riverboat Christmas at the Richards DAR House*, 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. respectively, Richards DAR House

December 8 – *Messiah Sing-In* presented by Mobile Opera, 7:00 p.m., First Baptist Church Mobile

December 12 – *A Dickens of a Christmas: A Victorian Celebration with the Fezzivigs* presented by the Mobile Opera, Mobile's Singing Children, and the Mobile Public Library, 6:30 p.m., Ben May Public Library

December 13 and 14 – *The Nutcracker* presented by Mobile Ballet, 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. respectively, Mobile Civic Center Theater

December 13 and 14 – *Christmas Pops* presented by Mobile Symphony Orchestra, 8:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. respectively, Saenger Theatre

December 18 – *Saenger Christmas Film Series: A White Christmas*, 7:00 p.m., Saenger Theatre

December 19 – *Saenger Christmas Film Series: A Christmas Story*, 7:00 p.m., Saenger Theatre

December 19 – *Gala Christmas Concert* presented by Musica Sacra Choir and Chamber Orchestra featuring soprano Cara Lynne Early and Mobile's Singing Children, 8:15 p.m., Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

December 20 – *Mobile Holiday and Christmas Parade*, 1:00 p.m.

December 20 – *Maddie's Pet Rescue Project Pet Adoption*, Bienville Square, 11:00 a.m.

December 20 – *Christmas with the Aaron Neville Quintet*, 8:00 p.m., Saenger Theatre

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Bienville Books – new, used and collector's books

Cathedral Square Art Gallery – artwork by local artists including jewelry, ornaments and turned wood

Chesser Gallery – artwork by local artists, check hours of operation

Conde Charlotte House Gift Shop – Colonial gift store

Edward's Glass Studio – original glasswork of collector quality

Exploration Station in the Exploreum – educational toys for children

Fort Conde Gift Shop – Mobile inspired gifts

Gulf States Engraving/ M&A Stamp & Sign – engraved gift items

Hallmark Shop in Spot of Tea – cards, gifts and jewelry

Jubilee Gift Shop in the Radisson Admiral Semmes Hotel – great ornaments and Mardi Gras inspired gifts

Koch Galleries – art gallery

Leon Jewelry – jewelry and repair

Mardi Gras-N-More – Mardi Gras inspired gifts

Naman's Department – men's apparel

Richards DAR Gift Shop – gifts

The Galleria in the Riverview Plaza – gifts, women's clothing, books

Tom James Company – men's custom made clothing

Toomey's Carnival Museum Gift Shop – Mardi Gras gifts

Victorian Lace Timeless Bridal Wear – vintage bridal shop, by appointment

Victorian Teal Art Gallery – local and regional art

Weber's Department Store – family apparel

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Downtown Details is a quick look at what's happening in the development and retail world in our city center. It also offers short articles on projects and announcements, and features a comprehensive list of upcoming events.

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One of the primary roles of the Downtown Mobile Alliance is to promote events, businesses and activities in Downtown. The Downtown Alliance News is one of several vehicles we use to disseminate this information, and though we have reduced the number of newsletters we mail, there are dozens of places throughout Downtown to pick up a free copy. If you have a business Downtown and would like to be a distribution site, please contact Carol Hunter at 434-8498 or chunter@downtownmobile.org

Mobile Arts Council – 318 Dauphin St.

Spot of Tea – 310 Dauphin St.

Dauphin St. Police Precinct – 320 Dauphin St.

A&M Peanut – 209 Dauphin St.

Hurricane Brewing – 225 Dauphin St.

Downtowner's – 107 Dauphin St.

Bienville Books – 109 Dauphin St.

Mostly Muffins – 105 Dauphin St.

Three Georges – 226 Dauphin St.

Vision's Twist – 266 Dauphin St.

Subway – 121 Dauphin St.

Mama's – 220 Dauphin St.

Area's – 111 Dauphin St.

Buck's Pizza – Dauphin St.

Saenger Theatre Box Office – 6 S. Joachim St.

Paradise Popcorn – AmSouth building lobby

Pollman's – 31 N. Royal St.

Royal St. Barber – N. Royal St.

Bienville Club – 34th Floor of AmSouth Bldg.

Veets – 70 S. Royal St.

Royal Scam – 72 S. Royal St.

Museum of Mobile – 111 S. Royal St.

Ft. Conde – 150 S. Royal St.

Serda's Coffee – 3 S. Royal St.

Olensky Brother's – 28 S. Royal St.

Government Plaza – 205 Government St.

Exploreum – 65 Government St.

Noell B's – 19 S. Conception St.

Bacchus – 54 S. Conception St.

219 – 219 Conti St.