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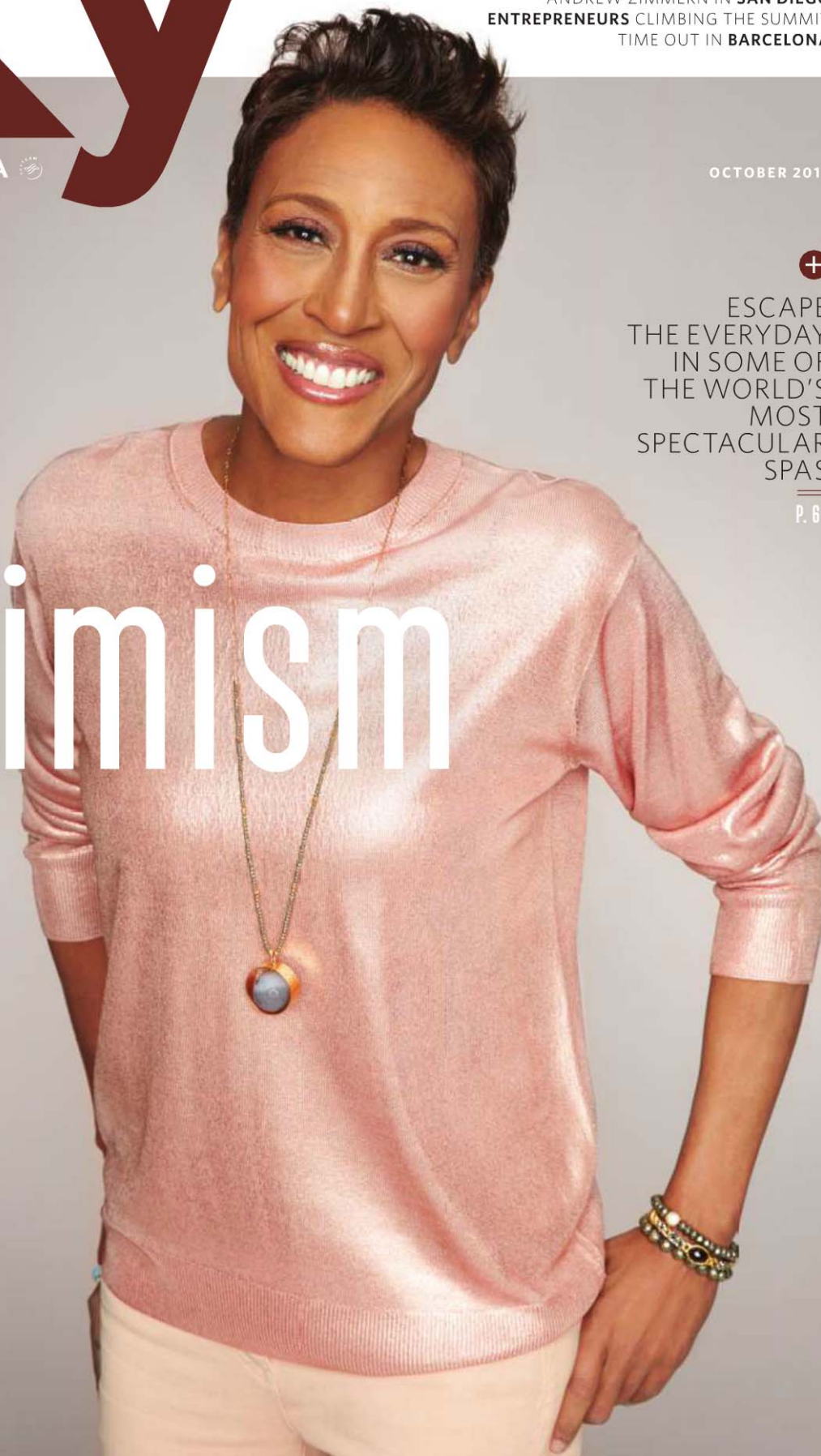
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My Columbia

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LOCAL ROOTS: I was raised on our South Carolina family farm. After getting two degrees from Clemson University and a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland, I worked around the county. I resigned and started my business when the company I worked for asked me to move from Columbia to the Midwest.

FAVORITE EATS: Lizard's Thicket is my favorite restaurant for their country-style soul food meals. My favorite meal is the country-fried pork chop with butter beans, rice and gravy, and hot peach cobbler.

MUST-SEE: Riverbanks Zoo and EdVenture Children's Museum.

ONLY HERE: Chitlin Strut and the Lower Richland Sweet Potato Festival.

TRAVEL ADVICE: Visitors are welcomed to any church, many of which have great choirs and great preaching.

PERFECT NIGHT: Dinner at one of the downtown membership clubs—Capital City Club or Palmetto Club.



ABOVE: The copper-domed South Carolina State House.

of historical landmarks in Columbia's up-and-coming Bull Street area. The urban gigabit community, directed by Hughes Development, is considered one of the most significant developments in the city, with thousands of new homes, retailers and offices. Six historic buildings will be revitalized and readapted to maintain the area's authenticity.

Five Points, Columbia's original village neighborhood, is celebrating its centennial anniversary in 2015. Home to more than 150 businesses, Five Points is funky and eclectic with a strong concentration of retail, dining, entertainment and personal services. Long considered the go-to district for area university students, its laid-back social atmosphere is a draw for young professionals, families and seniors as well.

In the heart of downtown, the City Center Business Improvement District is taking on a new life of its own. Three new office towers and two hotels have been constructed, parking has improved and retailers are flocking in. Matt Kennell, president and CEO of City Center Partnership, says Main Street growth is reliant on one key element: people. "The brick and mortar was in place, but it was the large masses of people that were missing. Now, there are people

downtown seven days a week." They are coming downtown to shop at the Soda City Farmers Market, enjoy art displays on First Thursdays on Main events or relax with outdoor dining.

The sophisticated vibe of downtown has more people considering urban life. "There used to be a couple hundred residents living downtown; now, it's in the thousands," says Kennell. "To meet high demand, downtown is seeing new construction and the revitalization of vacant buildings into high-end apartments."

The Arnold Companies is currently redeveloping two blocks in downtown. The Palms on Main, a five-story hotel conversion, is the only apartment community with a courtyard pool on Main Street, and another refurbishment of three 1930s-era buildings will offer retail, restaurants and loft apartments.

"The Arnold Companies has participated in Columbia's growth for three generations, and we strive to preserve historical structures while simultaneously adding a new edge," says Ben Arnold, president. "We've won awards for historic preservation as well as new construction in a historical context."

Other real estate and development firms, such as Coldwell Banker and EDENS, Inc., a Columbia-based developer of community-oriented