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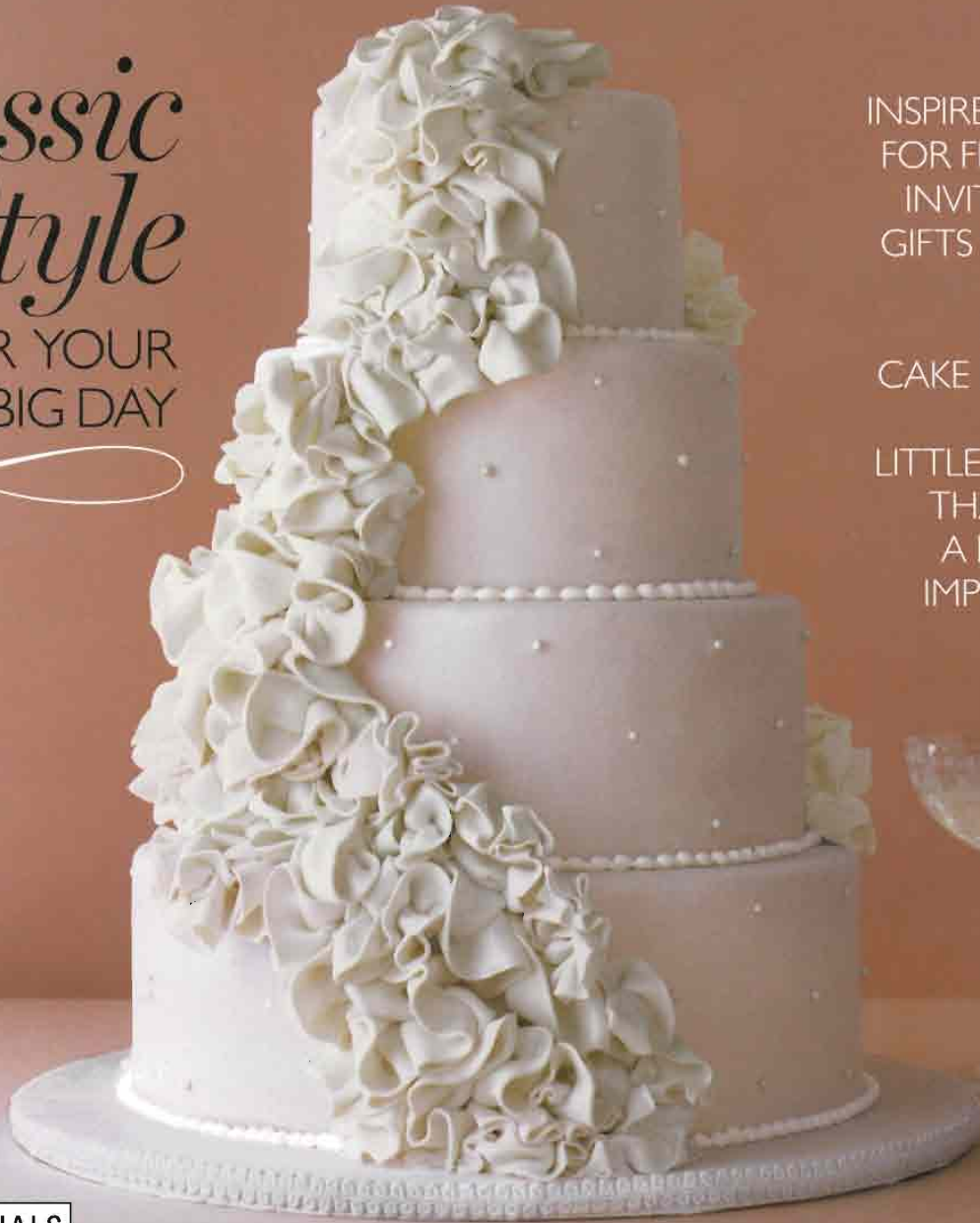
*Classic
Style*

FOR YOUR
BIG DAY

INSPIRED IDEAS
FOR FLOWERS,
INVITATIONS,
GIFTS & MORE!

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LITTLE DETAILS
THAT MAKE
A LASTING
IMPRESSION



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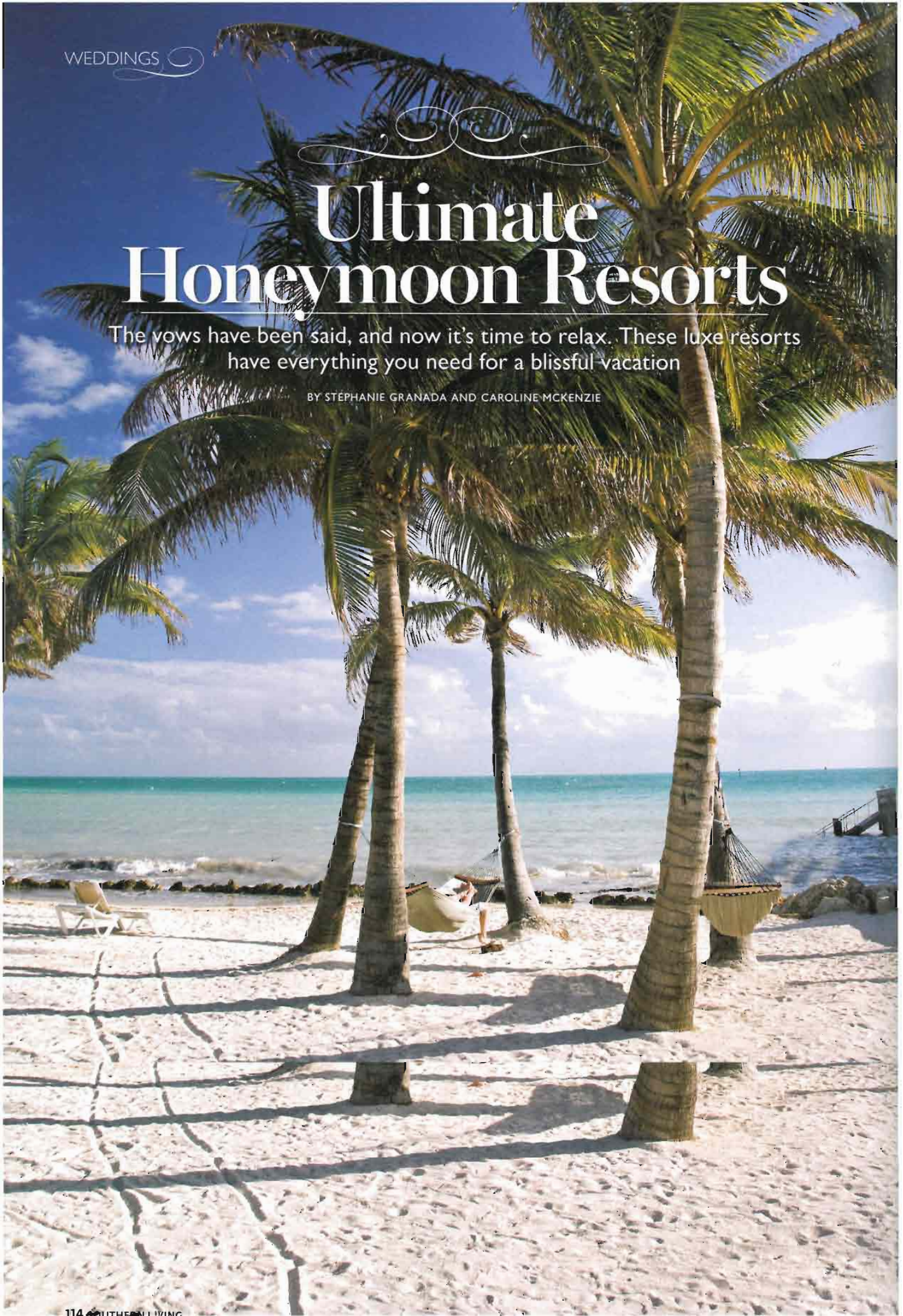
25 REAL
SOUTHERN

WEDDINGS

Ultimate Honeymoon Resorts

The vows have been said, and now it's time to relax. These luxe resorts have everything you need for a blissful vacation

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Have cocktails on the pool terrace overlooking the Gulf of Mexico.

1 NAPLES, FLORIDA La Playa Beach Resort

◆ **WHY WE LOVE IT:** The comfort. Unfussy attendants and a warm, Old Florida look make you feel right at home. That is, if your beach house has 189 rooms complete with private balconies; four-poster, canopied beds; and floor-to-ceiling Gulf views. None of the rooms are smaller than 400 square feet, and most practically have their toes in the sand.

◆ **WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT:** Long strolls on the beach are a little more romantic at La Playa, the only resort in Naples with access to a secluded beach. Sea turtle season runs May through October, so you might even see a hatchling finding his way toward the (moon) light.

◆ **WHY HE'LL LOVE IT:** He can customize his own strip steak with toppings like Brandy peppercorn sauce and jumbo shrimp at the hotel's waterfront restaurant. He'll look like a hero if he books the private table for two on the sand. One lucky couple gets to snag the candle-lit experience each night. By day, you might have to peel him away from the 18-hole Bob Cupp-designed golf course.

◆ **RATES:** May through September, from \$179 per night; October through April, from \$429 per night, lplayaresort.com or 239/597-3123