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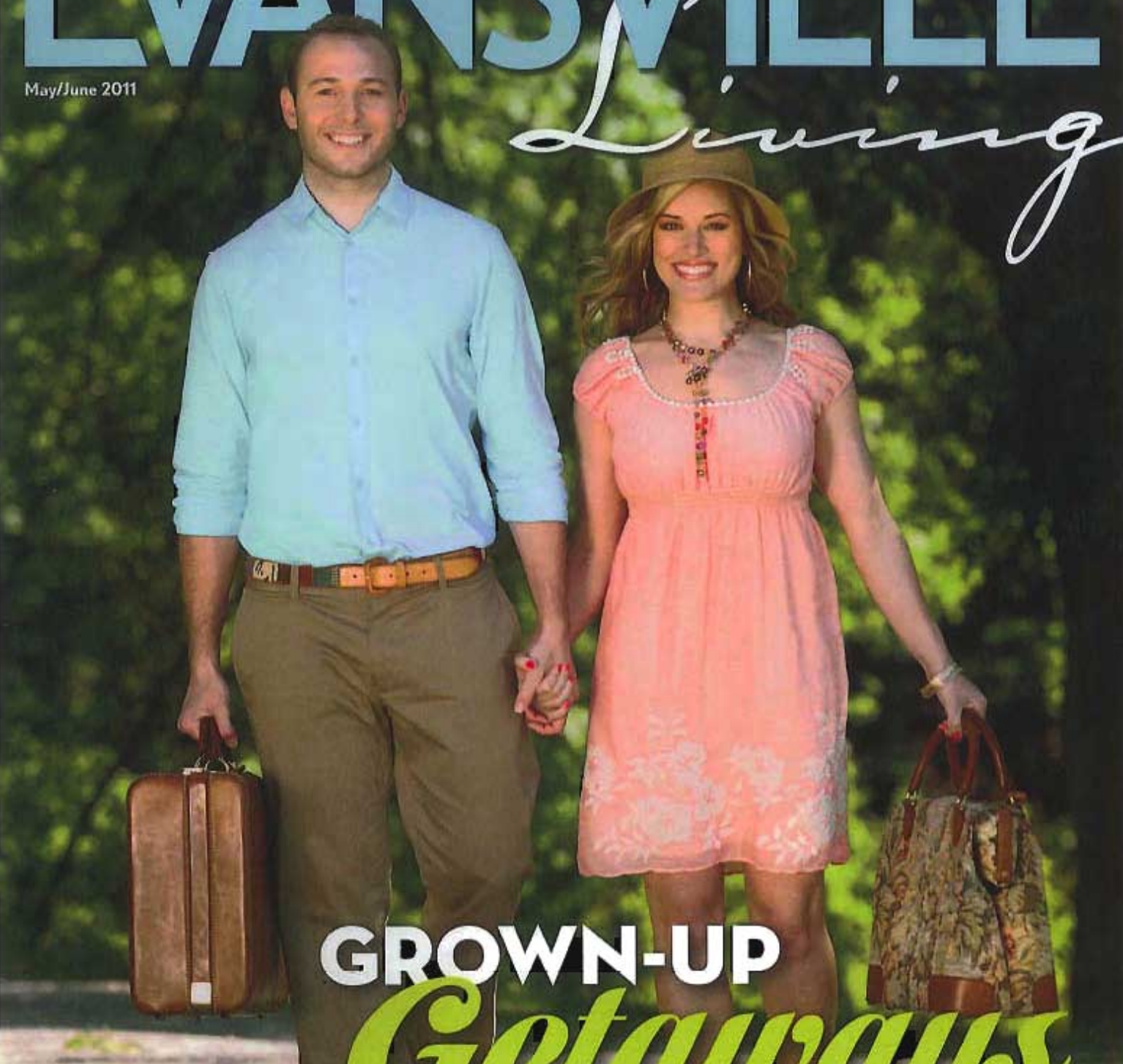
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Given all the distractions in life, you might not realize vacation season has arrived. You deserve one. Leave your worries and schedules behind. We'll take care of the rest. We present to you our guide to

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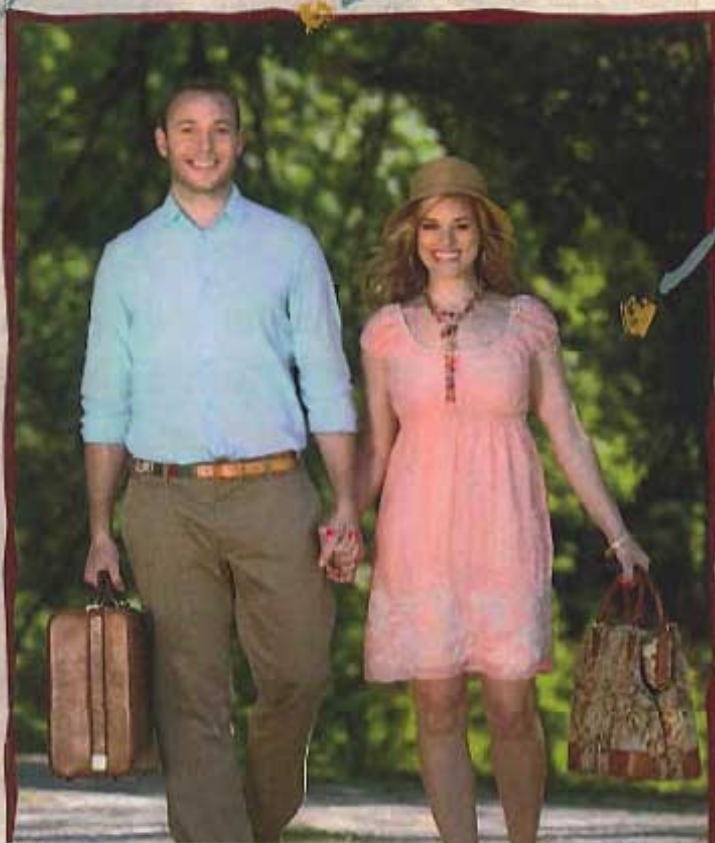
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FREDERICKSBURG, TX

## FIVE RULES FOR GROWN-UP VACATIONS

1. Bring one nice outfit because at least one night deserves romance.
2. Another night deserves libations because this vacation means the temporary liberation from any responsibilities.
3. Don't confuse "grown-up" vacation with "adult" vacation. The latter is more scandalous.
4. Never check your email.
5. Buy a souvenir for your children — and house sitters.



ROSEMARY  
BEACH, FL

KNIGHT STUDIO'S PHOTOGRAPHY

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## SOPHISTICATED SUN

# Relying on Rosemary

FLORIDA WITHOUT CHILDREN? YES, IT IS POSSIBLE

By Kristen K. Tucker

**THE FAMILY APPEAL** of a Florida panhandle vacation is undeniable: Ten hours of car time, and you're checked into your teal- and coral-toned condo ready to hit the crowded beach or take the kids to the go-cart track.

Even more appealing is a grown-up vacation to one of the super attractive, new urbanist communities along the famed Highway 30A. Without the kids, you may choose to fly. Last year's opening of Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport with Southwest Airlines' new nonstop air service from Nashville provides an easy option.

Over the past 20 years, I've stayed in the ubiquitous gulf-view condos in Panama City and Destin and also sampled, with and without my family, the friendly, community-spirited yet sophisticated towns inspired by Seaside, Fla. Last fall, I enjoyed a quick and relaxing getaway to Rosemary Beach, a neo-traditional town between Panama City and Destin at the eastern end of Highway 30A.

Established in 1995, the 107-acre gulf-front Rosemary Beach is an architectural trove boasting influences from the West Indies, New Orleans, Charleston, S.C., and St. Augustine, Fla. The grand homes (many with adjoining carriage houses that are just as extraordinary) are interconnected by a discreet network of pedestrian paths and boardwalks, which become even more charming at night basked in the soft flicker of gas-lit lanterns. Parking is restricted to alleyways located behind homes, and the town's pedestrian scale ensures that everything is within a five-minute walk.

The "Long Green," a pleasant

involve choosing among the town's impressive eateries to dine and which of the five gorgeous pools — or the brilliant white sand beach — best suits your mood for lounging.

Opened last fall is La Crema Tapas & Chocolate where you'll enjoy small plates of Spanish fare and chocolate offered in dozens of indulgent forms. Restaurant Paradis serves a lush supper club-like atmosphere with an impressive wine list. Onano Neighborhood Café features sidewalk dining with bright Italian entrees.

For vacationers easily bored with the sameness of resort-style dining, be assured this won't be your experience at Rosemary Beach. In total, nine dining options serve the community. If you must leave for food (and I do recommend a drive to check out the other nice communities in the area), try Fish Out of Water on the Gulf of Mexico at WaterColor Inn & Resort (closer to Destin along 30A) and Pizza by the Sea, a great local pizza joint in Seagrove Beach. Fish Out of Water is popular with folks from Evansville; when we dined there during spring break last year, Evansvillians occupied all four glamorous gulf-view tables.

Rosemary Beach's merchant district is a shopper's delight with friendly, accessible shopkeepers offering home décor, breezy apparel, personal fragrance and beauty products, spa services, and children's clothing and toys.

If you're concerned about too much rest and relaxation, try the new sport of Yolo boarding available at Rosemary Beach. Also known as stand up padding, Yolo boarding is the combination of surfing and traditional kayaking. Using a paddle and standing atop a larger version of a traditional longboard surfboard, paddlers push themselves through the beautiful, biologically diverse Western Lake with side-to-side paddle strokes. Yolo boarding takes no special athletic skills and

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Destination wedding



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Barbados pool

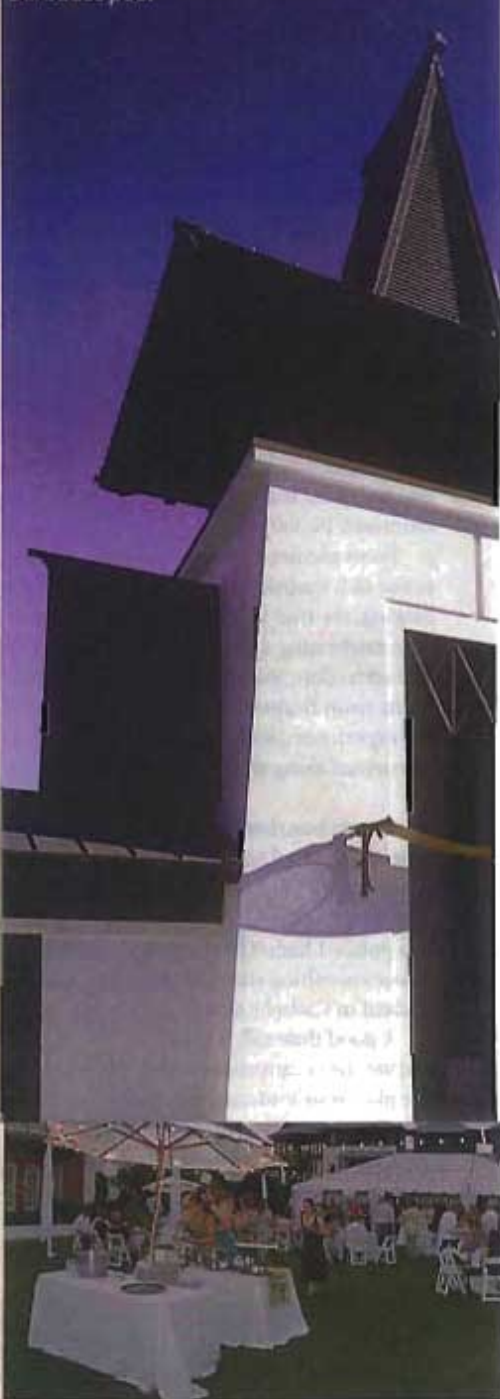


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Barbados pool

*Emerald waters at the beach.*



*Rosemary Green*



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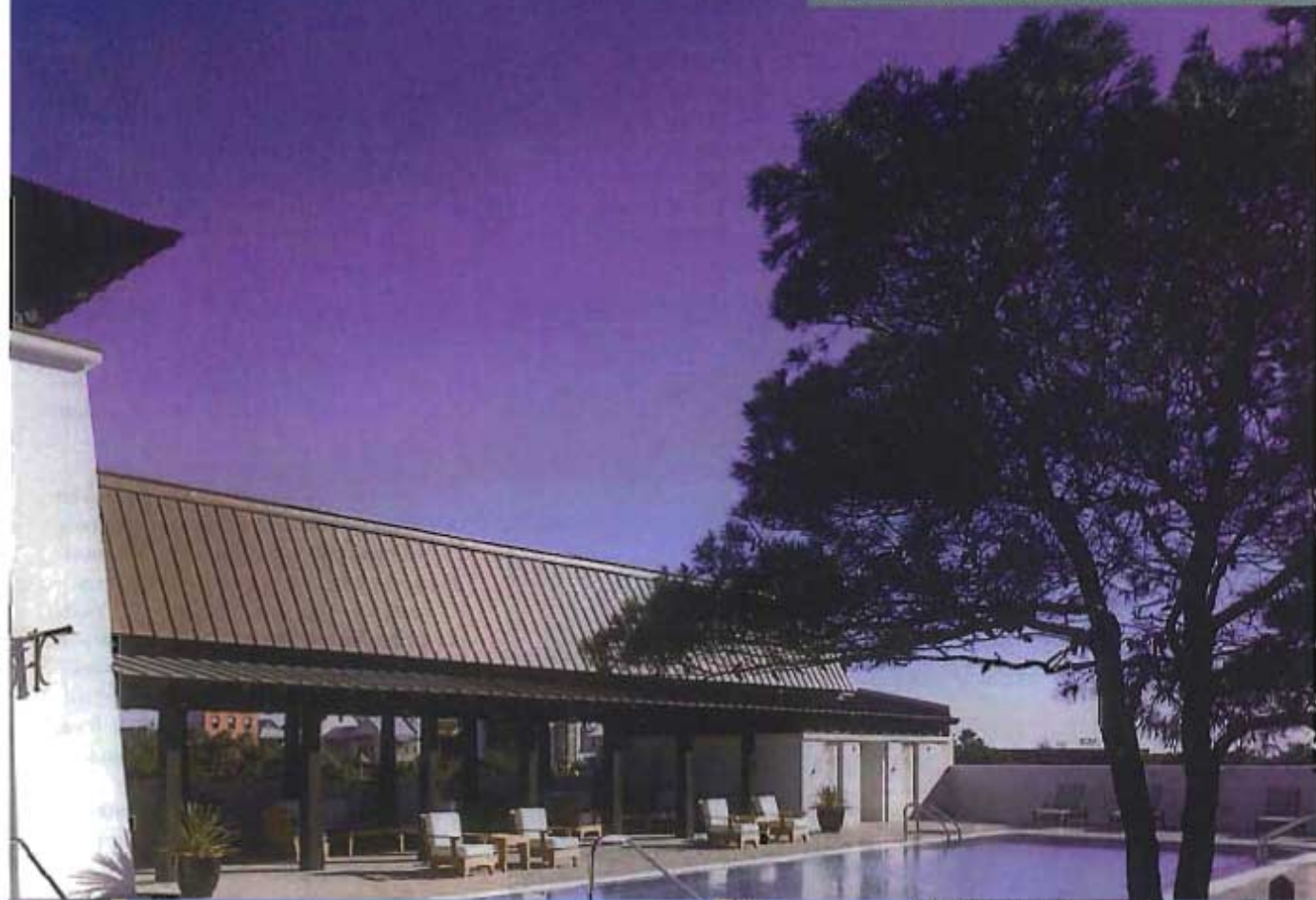


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