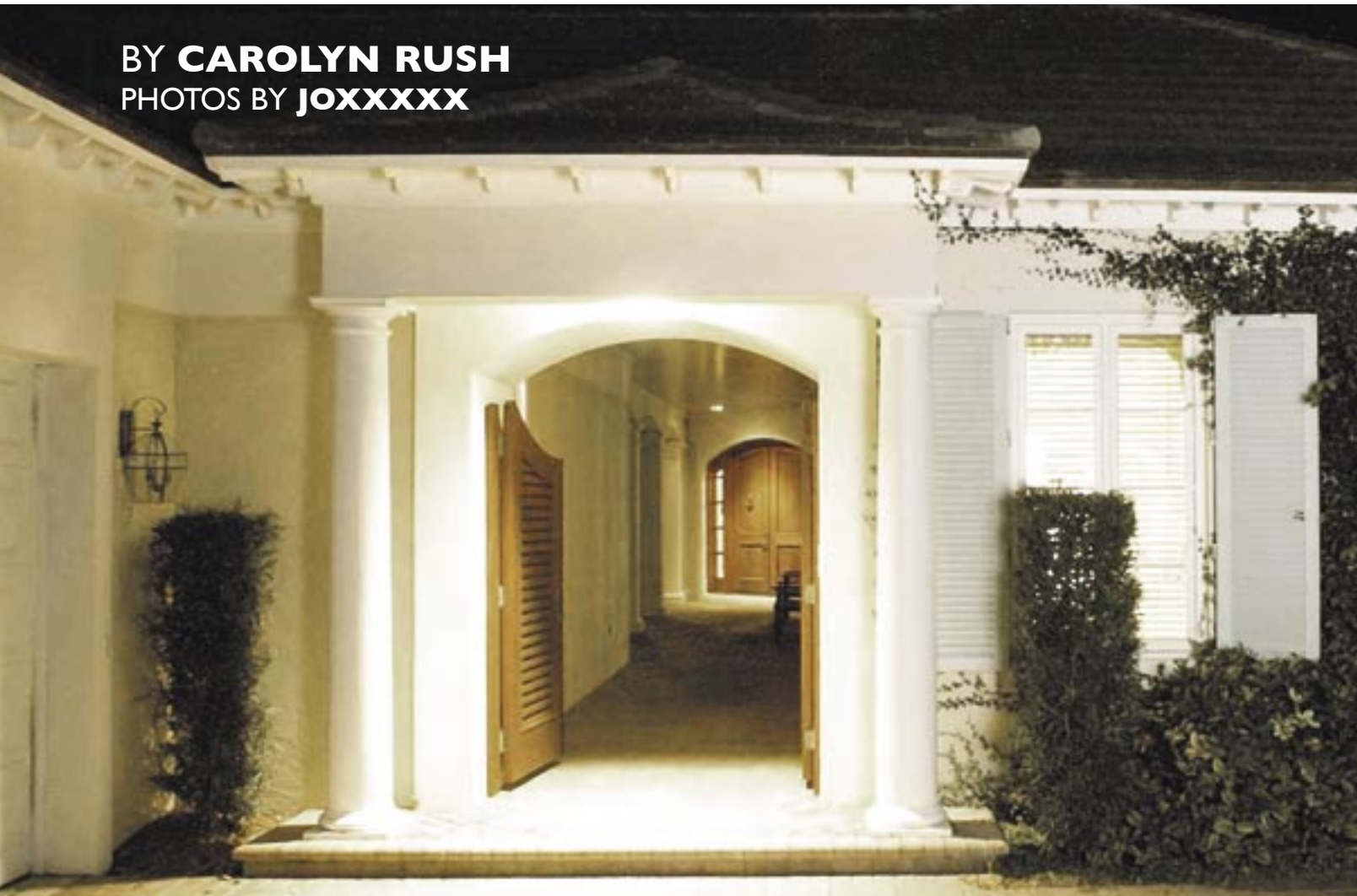




A Dream Home

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s far as construction goes, he's got his fingers in every pot. He has touched the face of both commercial and residential building throughout the Vero Beach area, and now, his commercial projects span the country. Even more surprising, this man's company achieved this level of ubiquity in seven short years.

John Carton, Jr. started in the construction business in New Jersey and built custom homes in Monmouth County. Although he was doing well in New Jersey, an opportunity to rebuild a 60-unit condominium in Hawaii looked pretty appetizing to this man in the midst of a northern winter.

After spending two years in Hawaii working on that project, Carton was used to the tropical weather and decided to take a job in sunny Vero Beach. So, in 1996 he moved to Vero as the senior project manager responsible for the complete site work and infrastructure of the Indian River Club's golf course. Carton completed that job and then found himself building the Tanger Outlet Mall.

The building of this mall opened his eyes to the need for a national tenant improvement team, a group who exclusively transforms retail spaces into elite boutiques, salons and restaurants. This venture grew to create proprietary relationships with Versace, Mikasa, Old Navy, GAP, Tommy Hilfiger, Eddie Bauer, Linen Barn, Casual Corner and Banana Republic.

Carton had conquered the commercial genre, and wanted to become involved in the residential construction business in the Vero Beach area. This prompted the creation of a residential division including design, building and remodeling teams. Carton Construction's determination to deliver the utmost quality led to

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(Inset) John Carton, Jr. has quickly seen his business grow.



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the ultimate success of this venture.

"We have the ability to take people's visions, or sketches, or even just ideas, and bring them to life," Carton said.

This is what he loves most about his job, making someone's dream a reality that they could not quite verbalize.

"I did a house for the Liebermans, and when we had finished, Mrs. Lieberman turned to me and said 'This is exactly how I had envisioned it in my

mind.' That is my favorite part of my job— giving people exactly what they want."

This vision manifests itself in the Bell House. Carton said that the finest materials were used, and the most skilled of craftsmen created for the Bells "exactly what they wanted."

This three-bedroom, three-bathroom courtyard spans 4,100 square feet to create the footprint of this custom

home. Nestled within the Orchid Island golf community, this spectacular home boasts solid mahogany doors that are operational, with a pair of companion sidelights that complement each other. Old world artisan influence is symbolized in the details of both the door hardware and the carriage lighting. Traditional tongue-and-groove cypress ceilings, the gentle sound of trickling water on the pool's surface and sand-set pavers welcome

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one and all.

From your first viewing of this private home, elegance resounds. The softly shaped, arched opening theme is carried from the entryway to the colonial columns of the breezeway to the grand entrance. As you enter, Saturnia marble embellishes the common floor, while sisal carpeting invites you into the warm and sophisticated formal dining and living areas. Each room's ceiling is bordered by crown molding, serving the dual purpose of both style and disguise, lineal slot air conditioning diffusers are contained within, allowing the house to be free of any visible return vents or grills. The box-beam detailing found in the dining area adds a crowning touch to this setting, which is balanced with the warmth of cherry wood details found atop the fireplace and in the handcrafted, built-in armoire.

Overlooking the 14th green, the master suite incorporates the homeowners' individual preferences. The peaceful garden tub is the perfect woman's escape. These amenities are lavishly displayed with premium molding, raised wood paneling and arched transom windows. On the grand scheme, the raised coffer ceiling and expansive walk-in shower complete the elegance of the bathroom.

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The architect's vision of this home includes the use of cedar rafter tails to finish the concrete tiled roof and to make use of a popular pitch-break roof truss design. To further



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optimize this homeowner's vision of comfortable elegance, the pool is a Grecian form and features a lagoon finish. For whimsy, a turtle fountain is added, incidentally matching the Orchid Island clubhouse pool.

Carton said he tries to create something that the owner may have envisioned and didn't know how to create. This home is one of the instances where the owners were pleasantly surprised at their dream becoming a reality.