

Sapienzas' Golf Course Home Features Southwestern Look

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People feel comfortable when they walk through the front door at Carl and Rita Sapienza's home at Lockwood Golf Links.

Maybe it's the warm teal blue and strawberry paint on the walls. Maybe it's the two playful poodles that offer greetings. Or maybe it's just the friendly smiles of the twosome welcoming them inside.

Whatever the reason, the retired couple has a beautiful, spacious home to show off beyond the front door.

Their 2,910-square-foot house overlooking the championship golf course near Holden Beach isn't like many others in the South Brunswick Islands.

The Sapienzas may live in the Southeast, but their home resembles one built in the Southwest.

The look begins with the stuccoed exterior. Inside, high ceilings, ledges, large windows and open space dominate the one-story house, which features four bedrooms, three full baths and a three-car garage. Painted walls are textured in an "orange peel" finish.

Out back, there's an open-air porch and large deck around a modest swimming pool which Rita uses about every day from April through October.

The home was built in June 1989 as a "spec" house and the Sapienzas moved in the following spring.

"To me it's a great laid-out house," says Carl, who retired after (See (WASHINGTON, Page33)

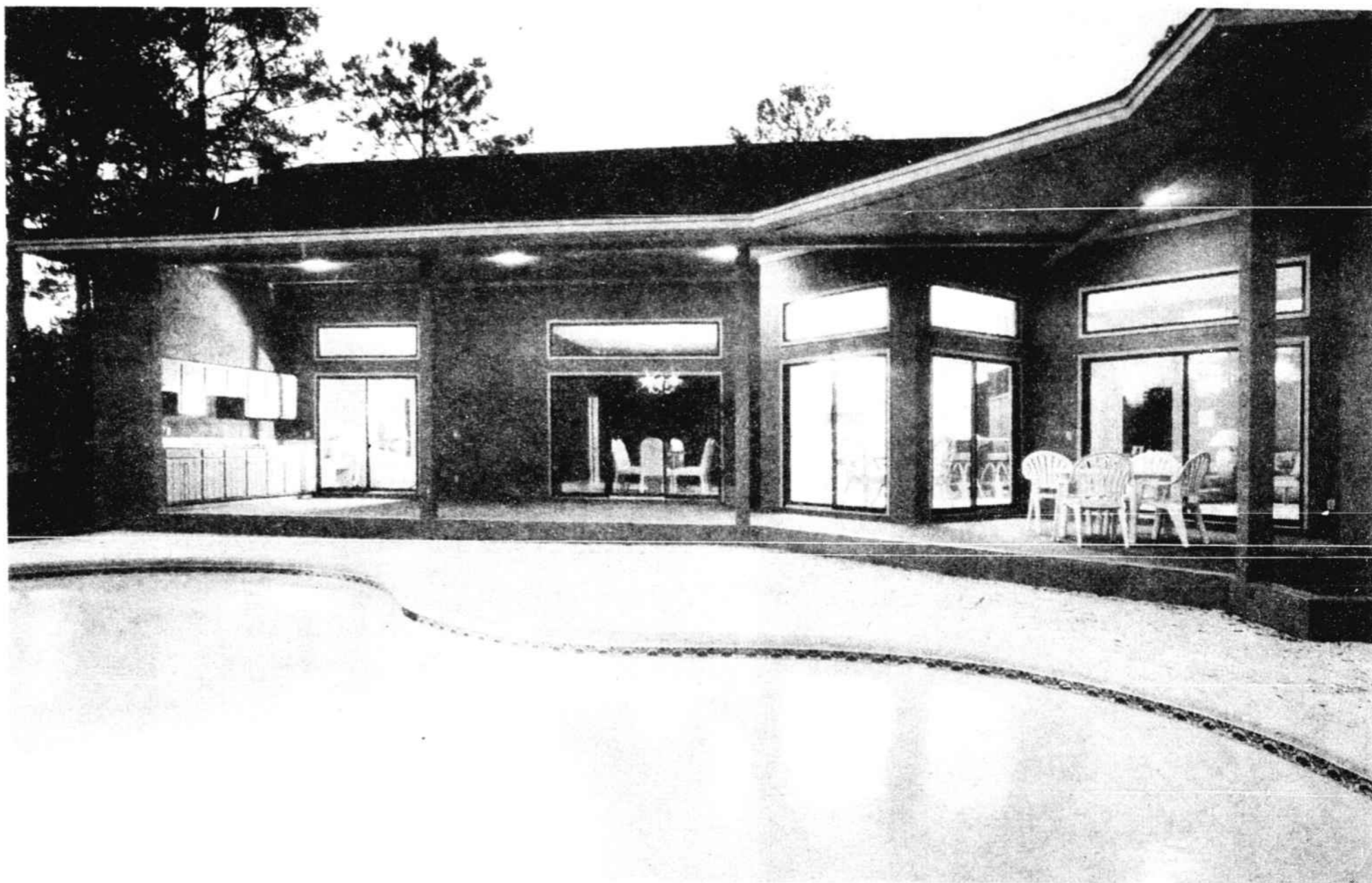


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THE BACK PORCH AND SWIMMING POOL get a real work-out at the Sapienza home, which often serves as a bed and breakfast for family and friends.

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