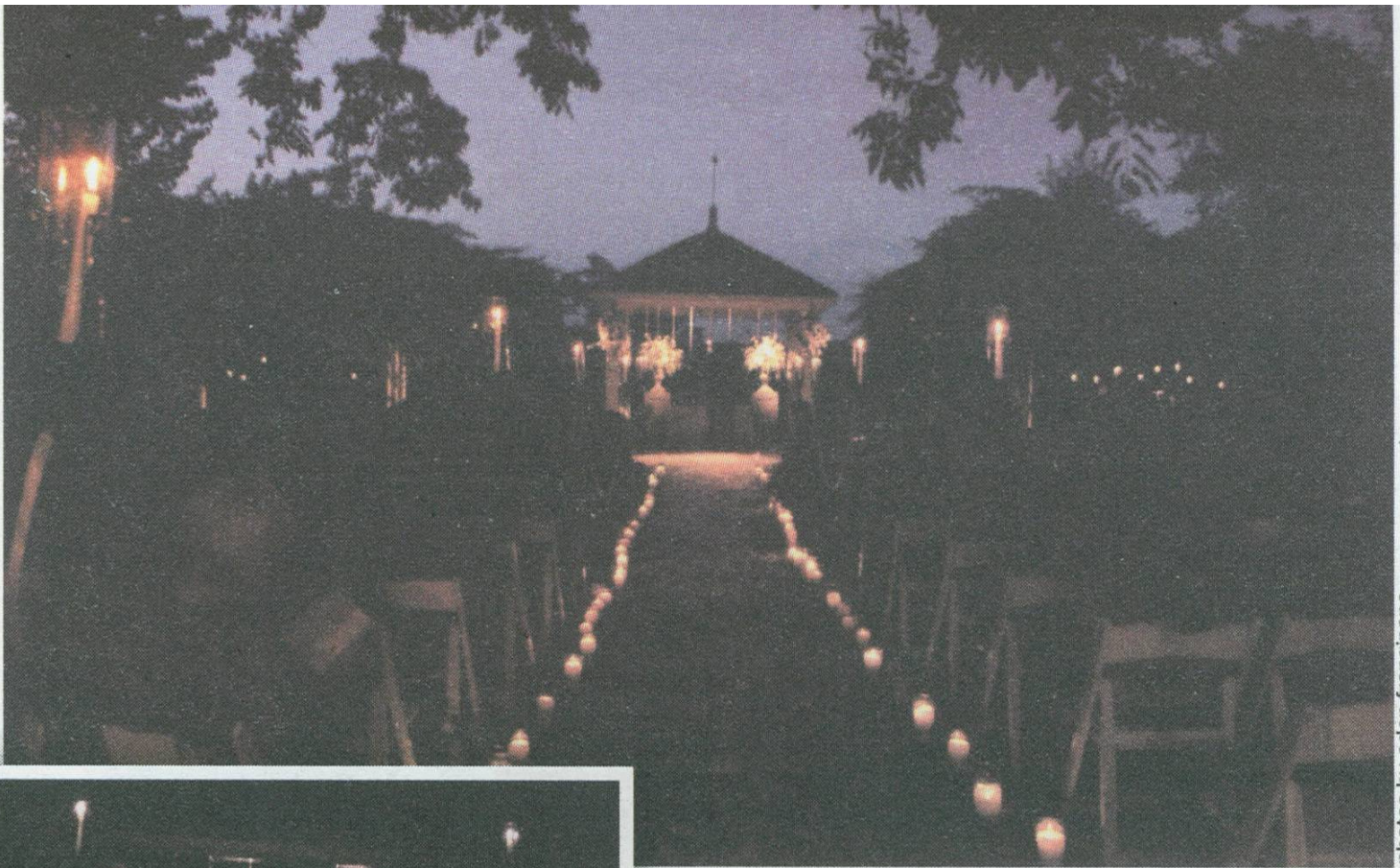


## Candlepower

Martha Greenwood and Denise Sikes of Big Events helped Carrie Headden Layson plan the ultimate candlelight ceremony. In fact, Carrie's 7:30 p.m. ceremony was lit *only* by candlelight. The gazebo at the Governor's Club, where the ceremony was performed, was lit all over with dozens of white hanging votives. The aisle was hung with more votives and was completely covered in white rose petals. In lieu of conventional bouquets, the bridesmaids carried softly glowing lanterns decorated with flowers and flowing ribbons. In other areas, white candles in iron votives dangled from arrangements of tall willow branches. The effect was pure magic.

The peaceful aura was enhanced by a wise use of olive branches. Olive branches were used in deco-



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rations throughout the wedding, and sugared olive branches gave some natural sparkle to the cake table. Eucalyptus-colored linens coordinated with the soft green of the olive leaves and enhanced the natural theme. The carpet of white roses on the aisle was echoed by cream roses in the centerpieces.

Carrie and her groom, Brian Layson, did use some electric lighting at the tented reception. Martha and Denise kept the midsummer, garden-at-night aura alive by stringing Italian lighting across the yard and inside the dinner tent. "Even in the tent," says Denise, "we used loads of candles."

... of his, Matthew is now teaching English...  
 ... at USN. The ceremony took place at the...  
 ... William Chapel at Scarsdale, N.Y. It was very...  
 ... important to have the ceremony right across the...  
 ... street from where we first held hands," says Carrie.  
 ... Naturally, Ellen's groom, John Collett, of...  
 ... Belmont, United Methodist, had performed several...  
 ... interfaith ceremonies before. An interview was...  
 ... arranged with Rabbi Sam Shapiro at The Temple...  
 ... who quickly tri it off with the couple.

"I let him know that I was in real trouble and...  
 ... he let me know what he was looking for a house,"...  
 ... Ellen says with a laugh. By helping the Shapros...  
 ... look for houses, Ellen got to know the girls per...  
 ... sonally. Their stay gets even better when after...  
 ... leaving the "perfect home," Kane went on a retreat...  
 ... where he met the niece of the woman who...  
 ... house he was about to buy. The niece turned out...  
 ... to be Rita Collett, the wife of minister John Collett.  
 ... These happy coincidences made the interfaith...  
 ... planning "really fun and easy," Ellen says.

The couple wrote the ceremony themselves...  
 ... using their favorite traditions from each religion...  
 ... Hindu and organ music, such as "Dun in Joy," was...  
 ... performed by an organist Ellen has known since