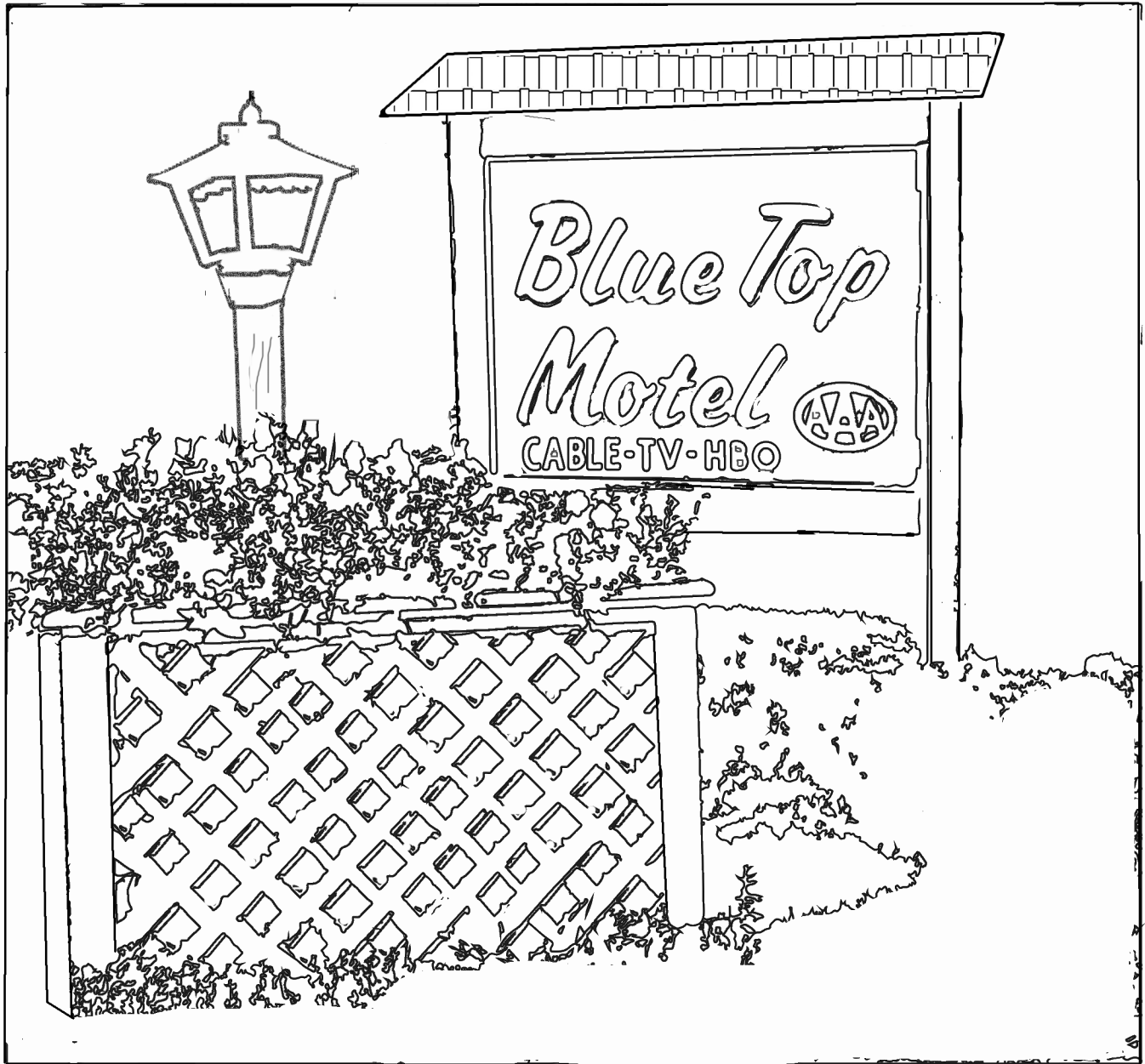


THE BLUE TOP



The Blue Top Motel was originally built and owned by Gustave R. (Rudy) and Iva B. Falk in the 1940s. It was a row of small cottages with kitchenettes, on the corner of 5th Street and 10th Avenue. The Falk family listed the property for sale in 1952 and Laurence Smith purchased the motor court. He and his wife Helen ran the motel together until his death in 1984. Helen Smith continued to manage the motel with her son, Larry, and his wife, Judy (Howe) until her death in 1994. The Motel officially closed Dec. 31, 1996.