

Fall Home Care

Bed linen ... just like the Ritz

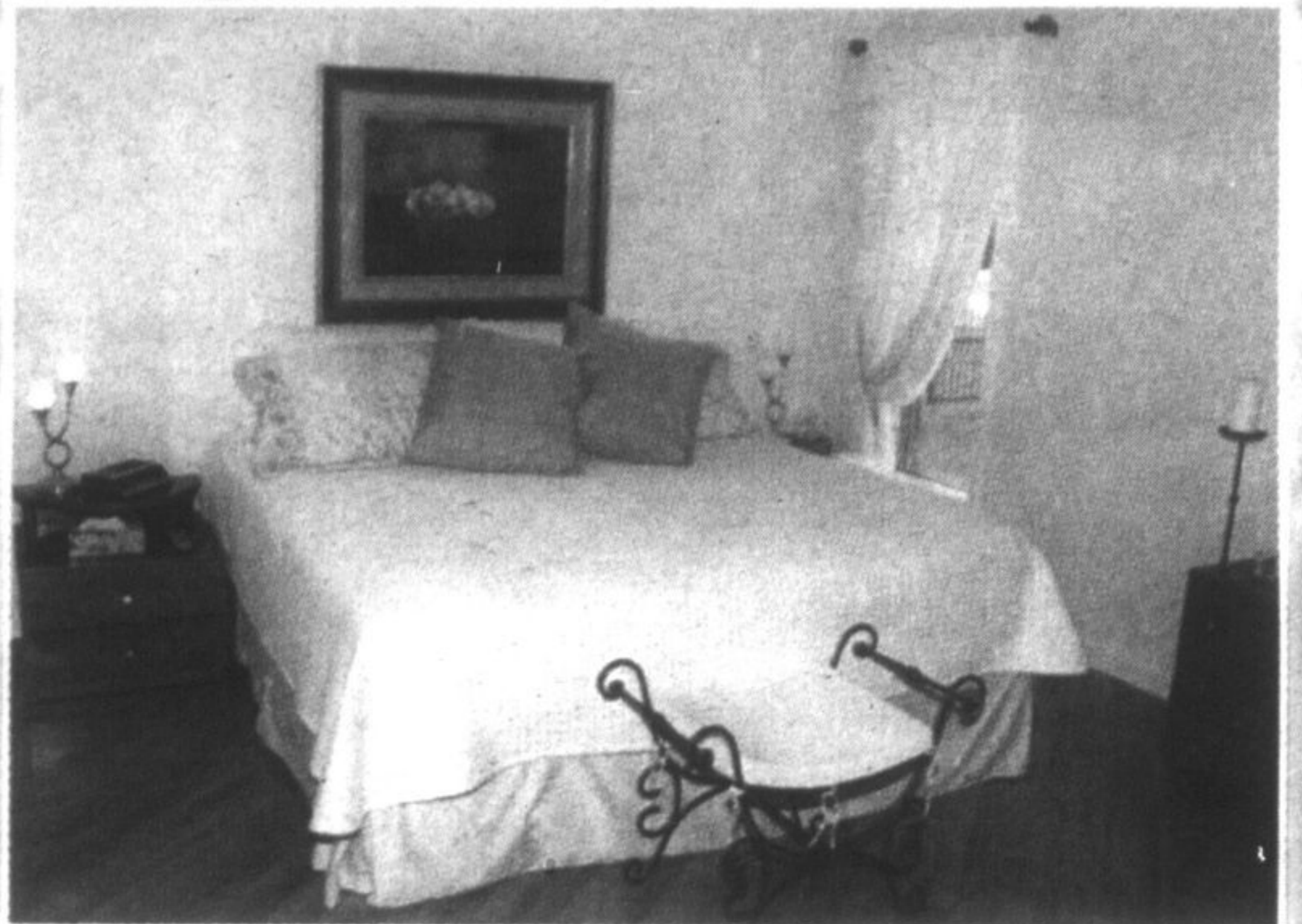
More and more appreciated for its luxury, household linen is no longer relegated to being just a detail, but takes a major role in brightening up a room, especially the bedroom. The trend is towards sheet sets with "luxury hotel" style.

It's with comfort and elegance in mind that bed linen is becoming more and more important in the choice of a decorating concept. The atmosphere of a "grand" hotel is sought after so much that some on-line boutiques have made it their speciality. Luxury bed linen doesn't pretend to be eccentric; plain and natural shades are preferred. It's appreciated rather for the quality of its percale, its anti-bacterial properties and for its

satin feel.

Those aspiring to the "luxury hotel" trend while appreciating graphics and colours can choose a flowered sheet. In fact, floral prints are fresh and new and will be the trend for 2009. It is now possible to slide into a bed of flowers without feeling as if you're at grandma's house. Themes are softened and high-light spectacular flowers such as the poppy and the geranium. A riot of colour, irregular patterns, alternating positive/negative photographic images and Japanese-inspired styles are all really popular.

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Wood floors: a class apart

Wood is a classic material which, without doubt, gives an unparalleled cachet to a room as well as traversing the years with honour. Many types of wood are available on the market as well as a huge choice of stains and varnishes. What's more, wood can be painted or stained in order to harmonize with different items, such as a kitchen set.

There are multiple advantages to wood. Apart from the fact that it can be painted, varnished, sanded, glazed and repainted, it never goes out of style and

can come in a huge range of finishes. It can be purchased in different widths, lengths and thicknesses, adapting to any construction project, renovation or decoration.

What's certain is that solid wood floor coverings give warmth and beauty to a home. They also add value and need minimal maintenance. Wood encompasses both style and longevity. What's more, it's a natural product, consistent with our growing concern for the environment.

Except for rare cases, solid wood

flooring is more expensive than a floating floor, made of strips of imitation wood. However, the latter is also very popular and has been very successful because of its price and certain advantages, such as the ease of both its installation and maintenance.



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