

# Travel book carries local architectural images

The Cover to Cover Bookstore in Table Mesa has mounted a display of an unusual Italian travel book to the United States. The text of "The Other Shore of Byzantium: or The Imagination of America" (published in Ravenna, Italy by Longo) is bilingual in Italian and English and results from research conducted in Italy and the United States by Giovanna Franci, Rosella Mangaroni and Ester Zago, with photography by Federico Zignani.

Author Ester Zago has taught French and Italian, as well as medieval literature, at the University of Colorado for many years. She and Charlotte Smokler, librarian at the Daily Camera, translated the book from the Italian.

Authors Franci and Mangaroni teach at the University of Bologna in the Department of Foreign Languages and at D.A.M.S. (an institute for the performing arts and semiotics founded by Umberto Eco). Franci has visited Boulder regularly every summer since the mid-1970s, as has photographer Zignani.

The book traces neo-Byzantine and neo-Romanesque influences on American architecture in various parts of the United States. The tour begins in Boston, makes a brief stop in New York City, then moves west to Boulder and Denver, and ends in Los Angeles.

Coloradans will find descriptions and photo-

graphs of familiar buildings such as the Daniels and Fisher Tower in Denver and the campus of the University of Colorado at Boulder. The Daniels and Fisher Tower is actually a copy of the famous church tower of San Marco in Venice. When the church tower of Venice collapsed in 1902 and was rebuilt soon after, the Denver Times wrote: "Venetians are erecting a column (in) almost exact replica of D. and F. Tower in Denver."

Following the tour outlined in the book, readers and travelers can discover a new world of American architecture — vestiges of Byzantine art in America from neo-Romanesque facades and cloisters to Venetian mosaics and spires, often in the most unexpected locations.

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## Colorado authors honored

Colorado authors who have published a book or signed a book contract during 1992 will be honored at the fifth annual statewide reception for authors. Sponsored by the Colorado Authors League, the reception will be held in Denver on Oct. 22, 1992. All authors eligible to attend may request an invitation by sending their names, addresses, book titles, publishers and publication dates to: The Colorado Authors League, 3155 Lafayette Drive, Boulder, CO 80303 before Sept. 1.