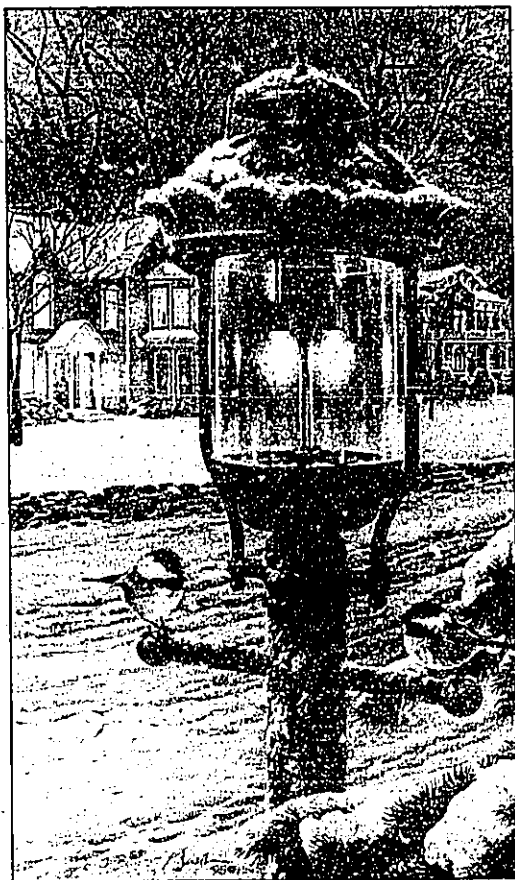


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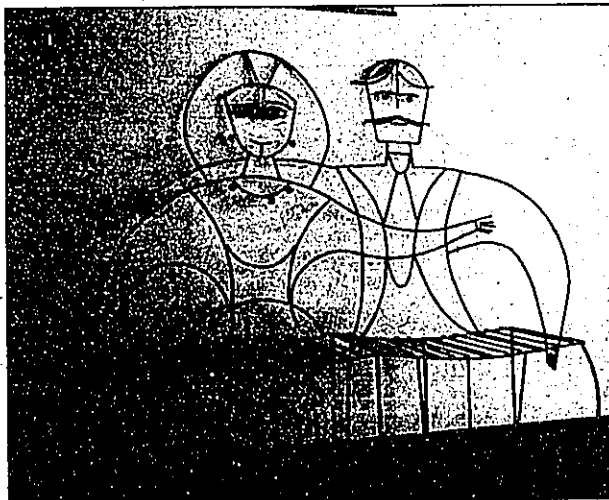


All is calm

Artistic gifts: A trend this year is toward gifts of peace and tranquility that feature peaceful scenes and provoke memories of simpler times. The Wooden Bird gallery carries art-inspired collectibles featuring wildlife, Americana and nostalgic scenes. Among them are rustic cabin sculptures modeled after the art of Terry Redlin from The Homestead Collection, and "Warmth of Winter III" by Darrell Bush, a new print featuring chickadees perched on a Victorian lamppost in a quiet, snow-covered street. The handpainted, cold cast porcelain cabin sculpture shown here, inspired by Redlin's popular "Comforts of Home" painting, includes such details as a basket of red apples, duck decoys, deer rack and old wooden boat. Wooden Bird galleries are at Oakland Mall in Troy, Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi and Summit Place Mall in Waterford, as well as at malls in Sterling Heights and Ann Arbor.

Embracing bench

Stylish sofa: The "outside-inside" bench by artist Scott Brazeau can be seen and sat upon at Objects of Art, in the Sugar Tree shopping center at 6243 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Functional and fun, this wrought-iron "sofa" will endure Michigan winters. It looks great with bright color pillows. Cost is \$650. Objects of Art carries a variety of Brazeau furniture. Call (810) 539-3332.



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