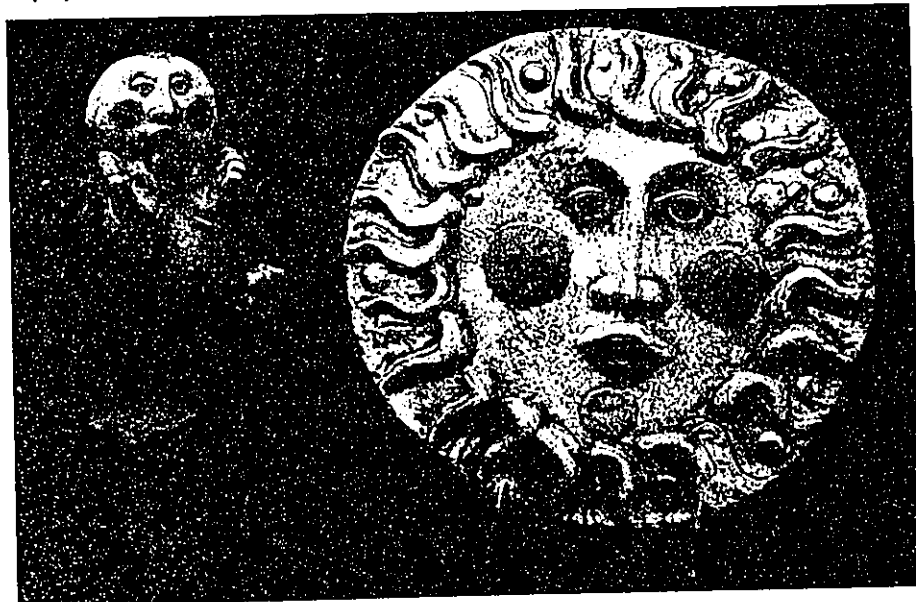


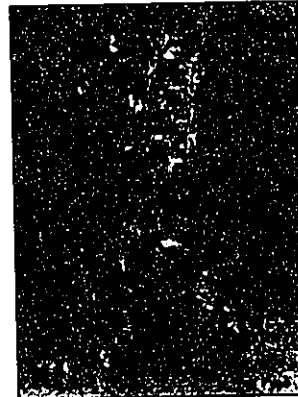
Made with the shade

Blind ambition: Plymouth's new American Blind and Wallpaper Factory Showroom Outlet offers more than 1,000 displays of name-brand blinds and 3,000 special order wallpaper books at savings of up to 82 percent off suggested retail prices. Here is a sampling of its window treatments. These fabric vertical blinds (left) from America's Best are furniture for windows, and are available in 92 colors (cost is \$92.80 for an 85-by-84-inch window). This pleated shade (center), which can also be used as blinds, is available in 31 colors (cost is \$40 for a 36-by-48-inch window). This cellular-pleated shade (right), also from America's Best, can add style to any decor, with 12 colors available in 3/4-inch or 3/8-inch (cost is \$64 for a 36-by-48-inch window using 3/8-inch blinds). The American Blind and Wallpaper Factory Showroom Outlet is at 909 N. Sheldon. Call (800) 735-5300 or (313) 207-5800.



Uplifting

Art with heart: Artist Marietta Burr of North Carolina offers an eclectic collection of items, with each piece conveying its own personality. This free-standing angel sculpture, mounted on a wood base, says that even angels come in all shapes and sizes. Made of stoneware, its lighthearted and unusual features will enhance the ambience of any home decor. Cost is \$75. This sun wall relief, made of stoneware, will brighten any room. It features a captivating, human-like facial expression and a touch of metallic gold in its rays. Cost is \$80. Available at Penniman Showcase, 827 Penniman, Plymouth; (313) 455-5531.



Topiary of conversation

Ivy league: The art of shaping trees and shrubs has been practiced since the Middle Ages. This Ivy Starter Topiary makes a great gift to grow on. Ideal for anyone with a green thumb and artistic flair, it is available in a three-inch pot and retails for \$9.98 at English Gardens (call the West Bloomfield store at (810) 851-7506). More mature topiaries are also available, beginning at \$19.98.

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