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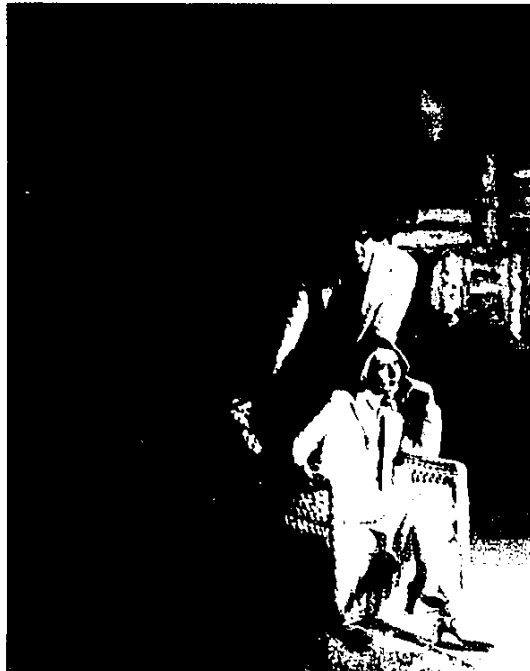
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Finding fair weather in mid-February seemed an impossible task until Al Mondello, of Mondello Interiors of Birmingham, and his friends in The Courtyard heard the word. They then provided the setting for Farmington photographers Gregory Wilson and Dan Valdez to capture fashion people Susan French and Gary McKenna sharing a friendly moment. Warmth, wall and foliage all are part of the natural background offered by Artisans Unlimited Gallery and Southwestern Cacti.

Cover girl Julie French is wearing a light blue and white cotton seersucker blazer and trouser skirt and a coordinating blue cable knit sweater styled with a V-neckline, both by Arthur Richards Designer Sportswear and found in the Collection Sportswear at Saks Fifth Avenue of Troy.

Her peach cotton oxford cloth shirt is by Ralph Lauren, also in the Collection Sportswear, and she picked a white embossed calf sandal from Saks Shoe Collections.

Gary McKenna selected a patchwork sport jacket in yellow, peach, blue and green cotton oxford cloth, and light blue cotton chambray trousers by Ralph Lauren for Polo, both in Saks Men's Collections.

Completing his outfit are a yellow tweed crew-neck sweater in a wool, cotton and linen blend and a yellow cotton oxford cloth button-down shirt, both from the Saks Contemporary Shop. His cordovan tassel loafer by Bass is from Men's Shoe Collections.

Information on prices and where to find styles pictured elsewhere in Fashion in a Word is available by calling Julie Dundas at the Birmingham Eccentric, 644-1100, ext. 230.



Shown here in friendly collaboration John Bahas, Keith LaRochelle, and Dan Valdez prepare to finalize cover shooting.



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