



Greetings, History Fans....long-time Cougars, and anyone who watched TV news in the Valley back in the late 1970's and 1980's, knows the name **Mary Jo West**....she was the Phoenix area's first female TV news anchor. (Just as depicted in the movie "Anchorman," female news anchors were still pretty much unheard of back then.)

But maybe not everyone knows her connection to SMCC.....check out the head shot and blurb from this *New Times* gossip column, circa 1986.

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... typos, your magic misspell is everywhere. Or so it seems after reading the ad for **GOLDWATER'S** that appeared in last Sunday's **ARIZONA REPUBLIC**, the one that announced the grand prize at the store's upcoming bridal fair: namely "a romatic" (sic) honeymoon cruise to sunny Mexico. Eureka! Smells like a winner to us ...

... and speaking of "aromatic" Mexico, you can still smell the stench of deep-fried ill will floating on Adams Street between **FINA COCINA** and **THE MATADOR**, two of downtown's hottest Mexican restaurants. As reported here last week, Fina Cocina became the toast of the **CENTRAL PHOENIX MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION** after the beanery landed a prestigious gig catering next week's "Arizona Day" feed at the **U.S. SENATE** in Washington. Well, refried rivalry between the two eateries being what it is, it didn't take long for the frijoles to hit the fan. Eager to celebrate the cafe's good fortune, the merchants' association asked a member business — The Matador, to be exact — whether they'd throw something together for a little send-off party. The reply? "No way, Jose!" ...

... "No, no, no, no, no." And that, folks, is **MARY JO WEST** responding to the latest rumor floating out of **CHANNEL 3**: namely, that she plans to leave the station before her contract runs out in order to accept a full-time teaching position with the **MARICOPA COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT**. Mary Jo a schoolmarm? It ain't as ridic as it seems —

she's already teaching public speaking at **SOUTH MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE** two nights a week. "South Phoenix is a wonderful community," said West, explaining that she wished more people would support the area. And how might citizens do that? *Scoops* wondered aloud. Said West, "I'm trying to encourage people to eat there" ...

... ever wonder why **JUNE CLEAVER** was forever puttering around Chez Beaver in pearl necklaces? Now, it can be told. According to **CULT TV**, a just-published compendium of TV trivia, actress **BARBARA BILLINGSLEY** was just trying to disguise the fact that she had a pencil-neck! Gulp ...

MARY JO WEST:
Southern exposure.

