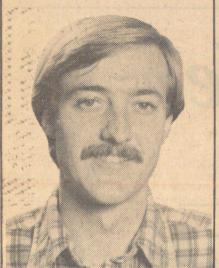
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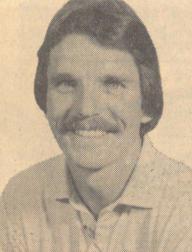
Today and Friday, The Phoenix Gazette photo staff takes a look back at the pictures that told the stories and touched our lives in 1981.



Russell Gates



Nancy Engebretson



Gary Ulik



Dan Milburn



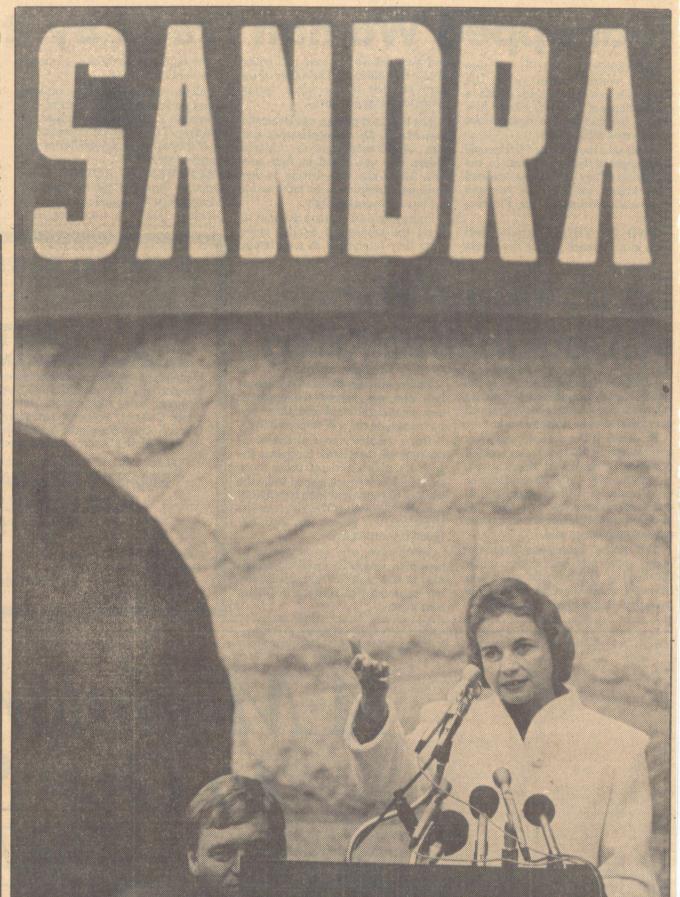
Tim Koors

Gates:

No mistaking who is being honored in this photo by Russell Gates (right). It was Sandra O'Connor Day in Phoenix, and the first woman Supreme Court justice addressed a crowd of state workers and friends outside the Capitol.

Everyone stood up and cheered when the hostages came back to America. But Nancy Engebretson found one man, a patient at Veterans Memorial Hospital, who was a bit more reflective about the celebrated return.

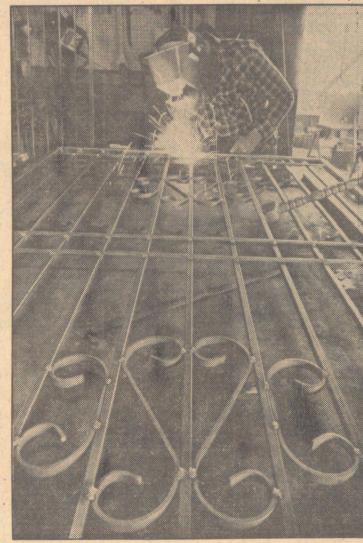






Ulik:

Yipes, stripes is what Gary Ulik saw when he composed this fashion shot of two models decked out in the latest zebra design.



Sparks from a welder's torch sparked the interest of Dan Milburn while shooting an ornamental iron works factory.



Koors:

More than 75,000 people saw The Rolling Stones perform in Sun Devil Stadium last month. And Tim Koors captured the essence of the rock and roll band in his electrifying photo of Mick Jagger and Keith Richards.