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The Mailman in the Bathtub
Lisa Roullard

A place to steam letters,
he thinks, one toe about in,
the door locked, the faucet hard over, the water
broth hot.

To hold the seal there, just at the streaming tap
could be side work. Off the route.
Like this bath, at last.

Opening each envelope could yield
a tidy sigh. Self-directed
and privileged. The little song
of an address.

The Gods of Phoenix
John Engler

There is no love
that doesn't begin sometime,
somewhere,
somehow.

It was winter in downtown Phoenix. On the second floor
walkway of a plain apartment building, he stood above
the courtyard pool. It was morning. The sun cut
a shadow across the rusted-and-repainted rail.
One of her cassette tapes slowly unwound
in the handheld player, filling his ears with her voice.
But there was no love.
Affection, sure. Endearment even.
But not love. Not yet.

Helicon West invites you to open mic nights, 7:00 PM at the Logan City Library Bridger Room, 255 N Main, every second and fourth Thursday during USU semesters. For more information contact star.coulbrooke@usu.edu or go to writing.usu.edu.

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