

Stella Davis

An awarding-winning writer, Stella Davis covers city and county government; state and federal agencies involved in environmental, land and water issues and regulations; the area's two national parks; agriculture, potash and the oil and gas industries.

Born to displaced Polish parents in post-war Europe, at age one, Stella immigrated with her parents to Australia. She was raised and educated in Geelong in the state of Victoria. She worked in the telecommunications department for the former Post Master's General Office from 1966 to 1968. After leaving the PMG, Stella spent two years in New Zealand working her way around the country.

In 1971, a history buff with an interest in languages, Stella fulfilled a childhood goal to travel around the world and work in various countries to learn the culture, language and history of her host countries.

After briefly living and working in England and Germany, Stella made her home for 12 months in Naples, Italy, where she worked as a tutor for U.S. Military children. She met and married her American husband, Tony, in Naples, where he was serving with in the U.S. Navy's Sixth Fleet.

In 1973 Stella immigrated to the United States and made her home in Carlsbad, N.M., her husband's hometown. That same year she was employed by the Carlsbad Municipal School District where she worked for four years as a teacher's aide and substitute teacher.

In late 1977 she became the news director for a local radio station and morning talk show host that aired on cable TV.

In 1980, she left the radio station to take a position as a staff writer for the *Carlsbad Current-Argus*. She left the paper in 1991 and worked for a small weekly as the managing editor. Stella returned to the *Current-Argus* in 1994 where she continues to work today.