

K

SUNDAY, DEC. 22, 2002

# travel



2 0 0 2

WINNER: PLACES

# Travel Photography

C O N T E S T

By PAULA CROUCH THRASHER / pthrasher@ajc.com

Who let the dogs out? And the donkeys, horses, giraffes, elephants and cheetahs?

This was the year of the animal, if the entries in our annual Travel Photography Contest are any indication. Braying burros, slinking leopards, even slithering snakes and a walking stick (of the insect ilk). We saw 'em.

Of course, there were also all the usual subjects: cute kids, sunsets, storms, beaches and a passel of rainbows. Landmarks remained popular — the Eiffel Tower, the U.S. Capitol, the Golden Gate Bridge — as did rugged landscapes of the U.S. West.

And while there weren't as many unabashedly patriotic images as last year, a U.S. flag reflected in a window earned a Readers' Choice award.

Digital cameras continued to grow in popularity, but just as many SLRs and print-and-shoots snapped a lot of the 1,100-plus photographs submitted.

Judges Corinne Adams and Susan Todd-Raque, co-founders of Atlanta Celebrates Photography, a citywide festival of photographic arts, selected the top entries in the People and Places categories.

Judges' winners will receive gift certificates: \$300 for first place; \$200 for second place; \$100 for third place. Readers' Choice winners also receive \$100 certificates.



First place: **SUSAN KAZLOW FRIEDLAND** of Alpharetta / in San Francisco

Friedland, an artist accompanied her husband on a business trip last spring. Out for her morning walk and carrying her Canon Rebel 200 EOS, she spied this enormous billboard for Five Brothers pasta sauces. She titled it "You Say Tomato." Judge Corinne Adams called it "bold and energetic like the city. It's almost 3-D." Judge Susan Todd-Raque liked the "contrast between the old and new. This sign is so contemporary and powerful, very sleek, against a building obviously from the turn of the century."

