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### **Accomplishments & Achievements**

#### **Heady Experience for Mesa Milliner**

When Stu Segal Productions needed a hat suitable to adorn the head of actress Morgan Fairchild in the telenovela series, *Fashion House*, the producers turned to none other than milliner and Mesa College Professor Diana Cavagnaro.

Her creation — a stunning red chapeau — was worn by Fairchild in an episode of the fashion industry TV series. In the show, Fairchild plays Sophia Blakey, the arch-nemesis of Bo Derek's character, cutthroat fashion mogul Maria Gianni. A publicity still of Fairchild wearing the hat made the front page



*Professor Diana Cavagnaro*

of the *National Enquirer*, and footage of the actress in the hat was featured on television's *Extra* and *Access Hollywood*.

It was all a heady experience for Cavagnaro. In addition to teaching in the fashion program at Mesa for the past 14 years, Cavagnaro owns and operates Designer Millinery in the Gaslamp Quarter. She has been in the hat business for more than 25 years. Diana has degrees in history, music and fashion, plus is a fine artist who works in oils, air brush and pastels. She is a volunteer for the American Cancer Society's *Look Good Feel Better Program* and is the founder of the Annual Easter Bonnet Parade and Hat Contest, held the first weekend in April at Petco Park.