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Diana Saenger is entertainment editor of the *East County Gazette*, film and theater critic for 10 other San Diego newspapers, and operates her own entertainment syndicate, Saenger Syndicate and online sites [www.reviewexpress.com](http://www.reviewexpress.com) and [www.classicmovieguide.com](http://www.classicmovieguide.com) .

Diana was a senior writer for *Script Magazine* for seven years and the “classic film” webmaster for About.com for three years. She regularly furnishes entertainment pieces to [www.reeltalk.com](http://www.reeltalk.com) [www.rottentomatoes.com](http://www.rottentomatoes.com). She has sold more than 1,000 short stories, articles or features to newspapers and magazines. Diana is the summertime host of "Movies in the Park" at Viejas Casino in Alpine, CA. Diana did a weekly radio show, “Movies & More,” on my1079FM [www.my1079.com](http://www.my1079.com), talking about movies, DVDs and concerts, and is a guest on other radio shows talking about movies.

Diana is treasurer, a founding member and past president of the San Diego Film Critics Society. She has been a judge for several screenwriting competitions. Two of her own screenplays placed in national competitions. She attended the American Film Institute, was a script reader for King Productions, and served as press coordinator for the San Diego International Film Festival in 1997. Named by Fox Studio Classics as a roving film historian, Diana will make her fourth appearance this year as a guest panelist at the Robert Osborne Classic Film Festival in Athens, GA. She has attended studio press junkets for more than 15 years and interviewed more than 400 A-list celebrities and filmmakers.

A frequent guest lecturer and conference speaker, Diana has taught writing, publishing and entertainment writing at the La Jolla Writer's Conference, College Journalism Conference of America, The California Media Professional's seminar, National Federation of Press Women and The Romance Writers of America Conferences.

An award winning journalist, Diana has won numerous awards for more than 20 years with California Media Professionals, San Diego Press Club and the National Federation of Press Women. She is the author of *Everyone Wants My Job: the ABC's of Entertainment Writing*, *The Vietnam War: Life As A POW, From Guadalcanal to Hemet* and co-editor of *Glory, A Nation's Spirit Defeats the Attack on America*.

Diana's adventures include being a former San Diego Police Officer and national titleholder in NHRA Stock Car Racing. In addition, she owns DS Public Relations, receiving state and national media awards for her marketing material. She is the Communications Director for the International Institute of Human Factor Development. Diana was nominated in 2008 by California State Assemblyman Joel Anderson for "Woman of the Year" for CA's 77<sup>th</sup> District and was an NFPW California nominee for Communicator of the Year.

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