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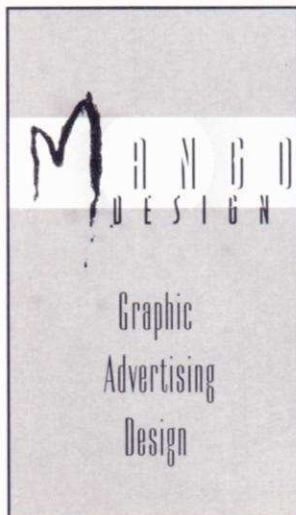
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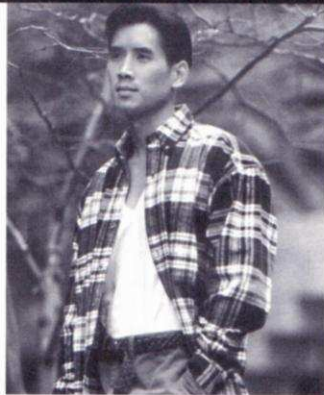
# MODEL PROFILES



**Eliane Cat-tuong Chappuis**

**Age:** 18  
**Weight:** 110 lbs  
**Height:** 5'9"  
**Status:** Single  
**Residence:** West Hollywood, CA  
**Occupation:** Model/Actress  
**Agency:** Next

Chappuis, who is Vietnamese-Swiss, recently met Jodie Foster and was impressed with Foster's personality: "In the movie industry, I like women who are strong and independent. I feel more comfortable when working with women who are in charge because I can feed off of their power. It is very important for a woman to know her self-worth."



**Jeff Tran**

**Age:** 29  
**Weight:** 180 lbs  
**Height:** 6'  
**Status:** Girlfriend  
**Residence:** Huntington Beach, CA  
**Occupation:** Quality Controller for a pharmaceutical company

On having grown up as an adopted child: "I was adopted when I was two years old, so I don't remember anything about Viet Nam. I grew up in a small town in Wichita [Kansas] and had a very all-American upbringing. It wasn't until college that I became aware of Asian culture. My parents wanted to expose this culture to me, but they didn't have any access. I think I would prefer to have a Vietnamese wife because when I have kids, I would like for them to have Vietnamese influences and culture, since I didn't."



**Guenevere**

**Age:** 21  
**Height:** 5'4"  
**Weight:** 105 lbs  
**Status:** Boyfriend  
**Residence:** Manhattan  
**Occupation:** Model/Jewelry Designer  
**Agency:** Ford

Says photographer, Mitchell Nguyen-McCormack: "I met Guen 10 years ago when we were both starting out in the business. She came to me with a dream of being a model and a week later I got her an assignment for eight pages. I've loved her since day one."



## VIETNEWS

Kristine Pham & Tom Pham

### *More Choices in Airlines to Come Soon in Viet Nam*

Currently, the only major airlines doing business in Viet Nam are Air France, Japan Airlines, Korean Air, Southern China Airlines, Cathay Pacific and Eva Airlines. However, that will soon change, because according to Vietnam Civil Aviation Administration, several major airlines have applied for open services in Viet Nam. Those airlines include: Luara Air, Northwest, Continental, Delta, and United.

### *We're in the Money...*

Six billion dollars (that's \$6,000,000,000) plus is expected to pour into Viet Nam from foreign investment this year, and there's more to come. With rapid growth and expansion, and an abundance of natural resources, Viet Nam is likely to attract major foreign capital investment through the end of the century. Already this year the first U.S. oil refinery (estimated at \$1.1 Billion) is under construction as well as a \$600 million port in Sao Am-Ben Dinh. Other big projects include numerous thermo/gas power plants.

### *With Openness Comes the Press?*

In the past decade we've seen Viet Nam transform itself from an isolated country with deep rooted beliefs in communism to a more open country. With democracy comes a willingness to allow people to read, share, and discuss issues without fear of retribution. This is evident in the number of press agents, which represent both local and national newspapers. The press corp has grown from a handful to hundreds covering a variety of topics and issues that were once considered taboo. The average salary for jour-