

A model STUDENT

Agencies enthralled by Bella's allure

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Bella Chen, a Browns Valley sixth-grade student, recently became a model. The 4-foot-11-inch tall, brown eyed, brown haired, Chinese-American is modeling for the five following agencies: Coast to Coast, Rage, Da Nange, AEF, and Totally Kids Management.

In about a week, Bella is going to do runway modeling in Burbank. She will get paid \$95 an hour!

Bella entered a competition called IPAC, (International Performing Arts Contest) in Vacaville's Fiesta Days 2006. In the contest, Bella had to do runway modeling, acting, hula dancing, and print modeling, which is modeling for photographs.

At the end of the competition, some of the contestants got envelopes with the name or names of agencies which wanted them. Bella received 11 agency names! Bella and her mom were very excited!

Coast to Coast is one of the largest modeling agencies in the nation. Coast to Coast focuses on commercial print work (magazines and billboards) and fashion design modeling.

Rage is similar to Coast to Coast except it does live runway modeling for commercial clothes.

Da Nange is a fashion line. It is like Gucci for kids! (Gucci is a very expensive fashion line).

AEF stands for Amsel, Eisenstadt & Fazier, Talent Agencies Inc. AEF does commercials and television sitcoms.

In about six months, Bella is going to start with the Ford modeling agency. Bella hasn't



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Alexia Jentgen (left) earned honors for her story in the Campus Star feature writing competition about fellow classmate Bella Chen, who is a children's fashion model.

started yet because she is already working for five modeling agencies, and her manager thinks it would be too much for her.

So far, Bella has done three photo shoots. In the photo shoots, she models clothes for designers to make sure the clothes fit right.

Every day, Bella lives a regular life, until one of her agencies calls her to model something.

At school, she's a regular member of

Mrs. Karyn Barna's class. She only goes on independent study if she is away from school for five or more days.

Both Bella's mom and teacher said they think that Bella is a hard worker and they are very happy for her.

The author is a sixth-grader at Browns Valley in Vacaville. This article was submitted in February.

Fabulous days at the lake

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All right, first think of a vacation spot, anywhere you like. What popped into your head? Disneyland, Hawaii, maybe Paris?

Now think of what it is about wherever you picked that you like. My choice is slightly more subtle and I have as much fun as I do anywhere else my family vacations. It also happens to be closer. A 2 1/2-hour drive isn't so bad for all the fun, beauty, variety, and amazement of Lake Shasta, conveniently located in Northern California.

If you like amazing scenery, beautiful wildlife, great food, and different water sports, then you absolutely have to give this a try. Everyone from the toddlers to the grandparents will love it.

There are so many ways to spend your time in or on Lake Shasta. You could go house boating, waterskiing, knee boarding, wake boarding, jet skiing, rafting, fishing or even camping. There are great restaurants all around the lake. My personal favorites are Silverthorn Resort Pizza & Pub, Tail O' The Whale Restaurant, and Holiday Harbor Restaurant.

If you would like to look into house boating, I have gone at least once every summer since before I can remember, so when I say it is the best way to spend a week or two during summer, I know what I'm talking about. It is so relaxing to just sit atop a deck on one of those house boats and soak in the sun's warm rays and the fresh air around you. The water is so calm and peaceful it is like glass, and so cool and refreshing on our increasingly hot summer days.

House boating may not be for you. You may prefer camping or staying in a hotel. If so, there are a great variety of places you could stay at on the amazing shores with a magnificent view. This is great if you'd rather not spend the night literally on the lake, because most places to stay are located only a short distance from the lake.

This is a very family oriented place for anyone who likes water or water sports. I have tried waterskiing, wake boarding and knee boarding, through which I have learned that none of them are nearly as easy as they look, but are fun and entertaining once you get the hang of them. My favorite part is after you are done, coasting back in on the speedboat and seeing one gorgeous sunset after another, night after night.

The sunset is far from the only beauty on the lake. The scenery and wildlife is absolutely breathtaking from the various trees to the adorable little animals. So if your summer isn't already booked, you may want to look into spending a short while in the astonishing Lake Shasta, which you can see at www.shastalake.com.

The author was a sixth-grader at Notre Dame School in Vacaville at the time this article was submitted.

Cornerstone Fellowship's long outreach

By Jonathon Tolentino
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Cornerstone Fellowship, a church in Livermore, has chosen to do a special project this year. They want to do something to help our troops in Iraq.

Our troops feel disconnected with their families so Cornerstone Fellowship thought of sending iPods to our troops there. About a hundred members of Cornerstone Fellowship recommend this idea. They have sent out their request to everyone in the community who might be interested in helping them to carry out this project.

Many churches are helping Cornerstone

Fellowship with their mission. They were hoping to get at least 40 iPods to be sent to the troops in Iraq. But due to the help of everybody in the church and the community, they were able to get 400 iPods. These iPods are already sent to Iraq.

Each iPod was preloaded with Pastor Steven Madsen's message of hope and inspiration. Photos and videos were also preloaded from the families of our soldiers serving in the Middle East.

This project will shorten the distance between the soldiers and their families. The soldiers are going to be deeply touched when they receive the iPods. They will see and hear the voices of their loved ones. This will

make them feel very happy even if they are far from their families.

Cornerstone Fellowship are still trying to get more donations. This could mean more iPods for our military men and women serving in Iraq on our behalf.

Hope that there will be a continued flow of iPod donations to Cornerstone Fellowship. This is the least we can do to help in our own simple way of saying that we care for these soldiers.

We will not forget them in our prayers and hope for their homecoming very soon.

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Design-an-Ad winner



This ad for Sheldon Gas Co. earned Stephanie Coffman an honorable mention in The Reporter's Design-an-Ad contest, part of the newspaper's student journalism competition. Stephanie was a fifth-grader in Ed Finkas class at Browns Valley Elementary School in Vacaville when she submitted this entry in February.

Editorial cartoon winner



This editorial cartoon on global warming earned an honorable mention in the opinion category for Ryan Kearney, who was a sixth-grader in Laurie Brunke's classroom at Notre Dame School in Vacaville at the time this entry was submitted.