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CELEBRITY VAUGIER MAKES A SPLASH AT CANNES

Vancouver-born actor Emmanuelle Vaugier recently made a glamorous trip to France with Pamela Anderson for the Cannes Film Fest. The pair promoted their feature film *Blonde and Blonder*, which was shot in Vancouver and in which Vaugier plays an assassin. The girls flew to the festival in fashion mogul Peter Nygård's private jet, and upon arrival were swarmed by press for photos and interviews. They enjoyed a Mediterranean cruise and exclusive party for the film aboard a private luxury yacht. "It was like a dream, it was fantastic," said Vaugier. She recently wrapped filming in Miami, and is back in Vancouver for the next few months shooting *Far Cry*.
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Emmanuelle Vaugier in Cannes with Dean Hamilton (left) and Byron Mann. Photo: John Shearer/Wireimage.com



FASHION DUSSAULT AND SIMMONS' LINE NOW AVAILABLE

Local high-end streetwear creator Jason Dussault is living his high school fantasy. After idolizing KISS legend Gene Simmons as a teenager, the two were introduced by a mutual friend and immediately hit it off. Five hundred one-of-a-kind, locally hand-crafted MoneyBag tees, signed by Simmons himself, were born of the union. Simmons has owned the trademark MoneyBag logo for decades, but guarded it from the fashion industry until he found the right designer. Jason Dussault has created gritty, glamorous products for celebrities like Pamela Anderson, Nelly Furtado and Robin Williams. His ornate, tattoo-inspired designs are of red-carpet quality. Their collective vision and passion aligned perfectly to create this line, which will soon extend beyond T-shirts into the realm of hoodies, belts, wallets and hats. We can't shake the image of a young, hot high-roller sitting before stacks of poker chips wearing a handmade MoneyBag T-shirt. With a new Dussault Custom Ink store opening on Melrose in L.A., that picture will likely become a reality very soon. To view the tees in person, visit the Deuce store at 56 Powell in Gastown. \$250 USD will buy you your own; now available online.

www.GeneSimmonsMoneyBag.com



BUSINESS URBAN BARN KEEPS IT CANADIAN

Urban Barn recently announced it's joined forces with Stern Partners to ensure they remain a top player in the Canadian home furnishings market. Since its inception in 1990 in B.C., contemporary retailer Urban Barn has spanned across Canada with 28 stores and annual revenues nearing \$50 million, making it one of Canada's fastest-growing companies according to *Profit Magazine*. The senior management team, headed by president Rick Bohonis, was quick to identify how important it was to select an investor who would uphold company and employee values. After receiving indications of interest from our southern neighbours, Urban Barn approached Canadian investment specialists Capital West Partners, who have worked with Vancouver-based success stories like Lululemon and Aritzia. Capital West paired them with local investment firm Stern Partners, who will work with Urban Barn's existing management team to leverage their industry foothold. Stern has a proven 25-year track record in the retail market, with the bonus of being located right in Vancouver. Together, UB and Stern aim to double the number of stores over the next five years and excel in the Canadian marketplace. It's good to see a successful Canadian company manage to stay fully Canadian owned and operated.



BRAVERY RACHEL DAVIS HONOURED

Rachel Davis lost her life when she intervened in a fight outside the Purple Onion nightclub in Gastown on Jan. 3, 2004. Selflessly jumping in to stop the beating of a stranger, Rachel and another man were killed when a flurry of gunshots was fired into the crowd. Rachel's memory and spirit was honoured once again with the posthumous Medal for Bravery, awarded in June by Governor General Michaëlle Jean, which her parents accepted at Rideau Hall. Rachel has also been paid tribute by North Vancouver in their creation of the Rachel Davis Random Acts of Kindness Pathway at the Lonsdale skate park, which recognizes acts of compassion by youth each year. Actress Diane Ladd planted a memorial tree in the JFK Memorial Forest in Israel for Rachel and her own daughter, who also died too early in life. The Vancouver Police awarded Rachel the Certificate of Merit, and she has been recognized as a Good Samaritan by the City of Vancouver. Rachel is survived by her parents, Gemini-award-winning actress Janet Wright and musician Bruce Davis, who created the Rachel Davis Foundation to award brave Canadian youth and celebrate Rachel's memory and kind spirit. Rachel was involved in sports and skateboarding and always felt a responsibility to help others when she could — a compassionate trait for a young woman of only 23.
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