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Recycle
Reinvent
Repurpose

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W hat is sustainable fashion? What about pre-organic cotton, vegan and other textiles?

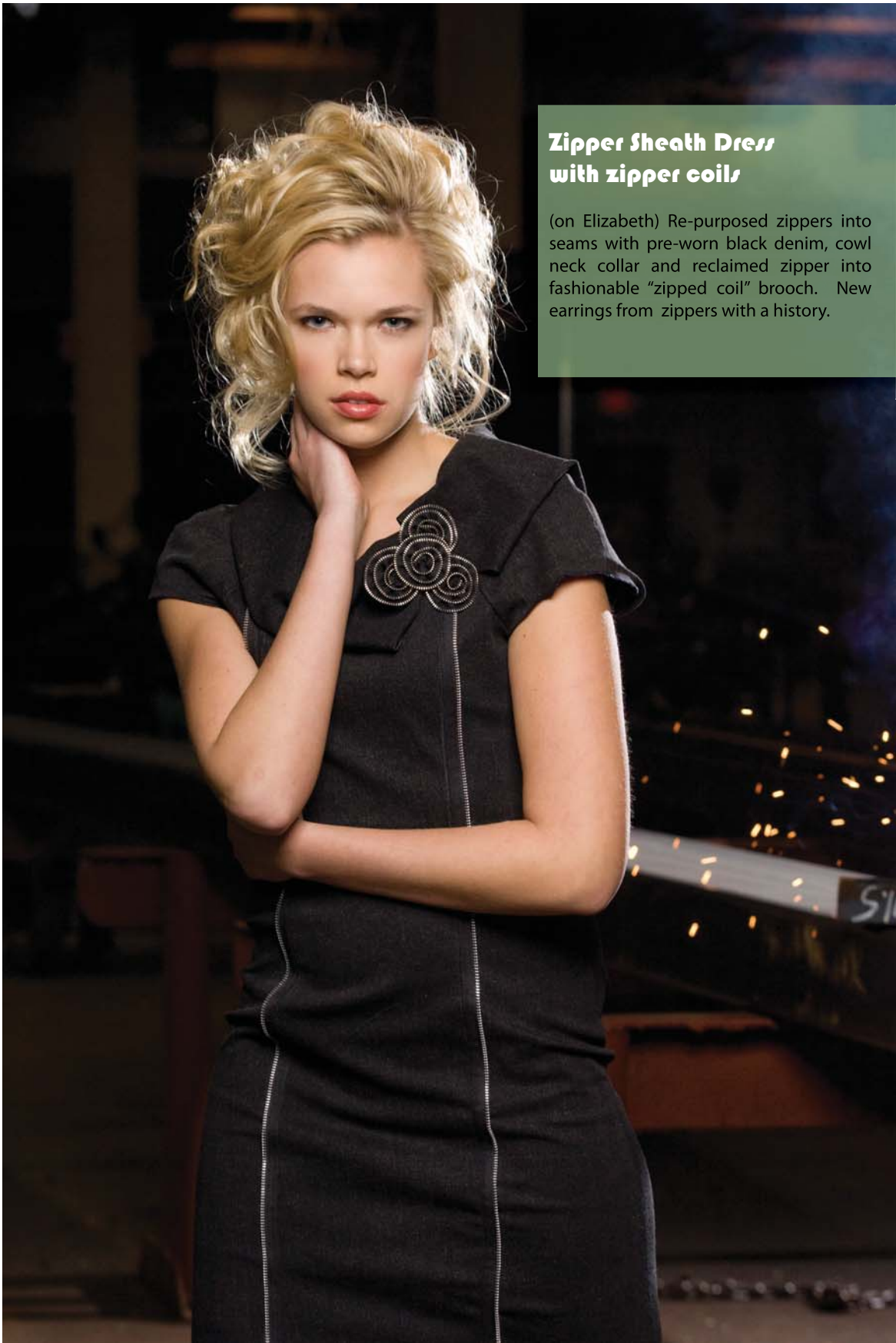
Sustainable fashion can be described as the use and re-use of environmentally friendly materials, repurposed or pre-owned apparel, each to the degree of one's convictions.

At the Institute of Design & Technology-SD, students are creating apparel and accessories fashioned from recycled products such as jute, burlap bags, pre-worn cotton shirts/jeans, recycled hand-knit sweaters, used tires, pop tabs, plastic jugs and deer antlers. Even discarded media tape from recycled cassette tapes is woven into fabric.

"Along with the environmental issues, we still have to make a conscious effort to address the ethical and labor issues; where is the apparel manufactured and under what conditions? The employment and ethical issues that arise when our garment industry workforce is unemployed while garments are being outsourced for child labor, I have a problem with that," explained Anita Kealey, creative director for the Institute of Design & Technology, Dakota by Design line.

Kealey, along with the help and dedication from her students at IDTSD, created a "green" line of clothing that is being revealed exclusively to *605 Magazine*. Check out www.idtsd.org for more info.





Zipper Sheath Dress with zipper coils

(on Elizabeth) Re-purposed zippers into seams with pre-worn black denim, cowl neck collar and reclaimed zipper into fashionable “zipped coil” brooch. New earrings from zippers with a history.

Sweater Skirt Ensemble

(on Elizabeth) Re-purposed hand-knit oversized sweater into timeless skirt, misc. pre-worn black undergarments and knit pieces gathered into a ruffled camisole with shrug combo. Old zippers revisited into vintage cluster rosette broche.

Special attention to details and accessory creations by students Missy McCollar and Ashley Vanden Bosch.



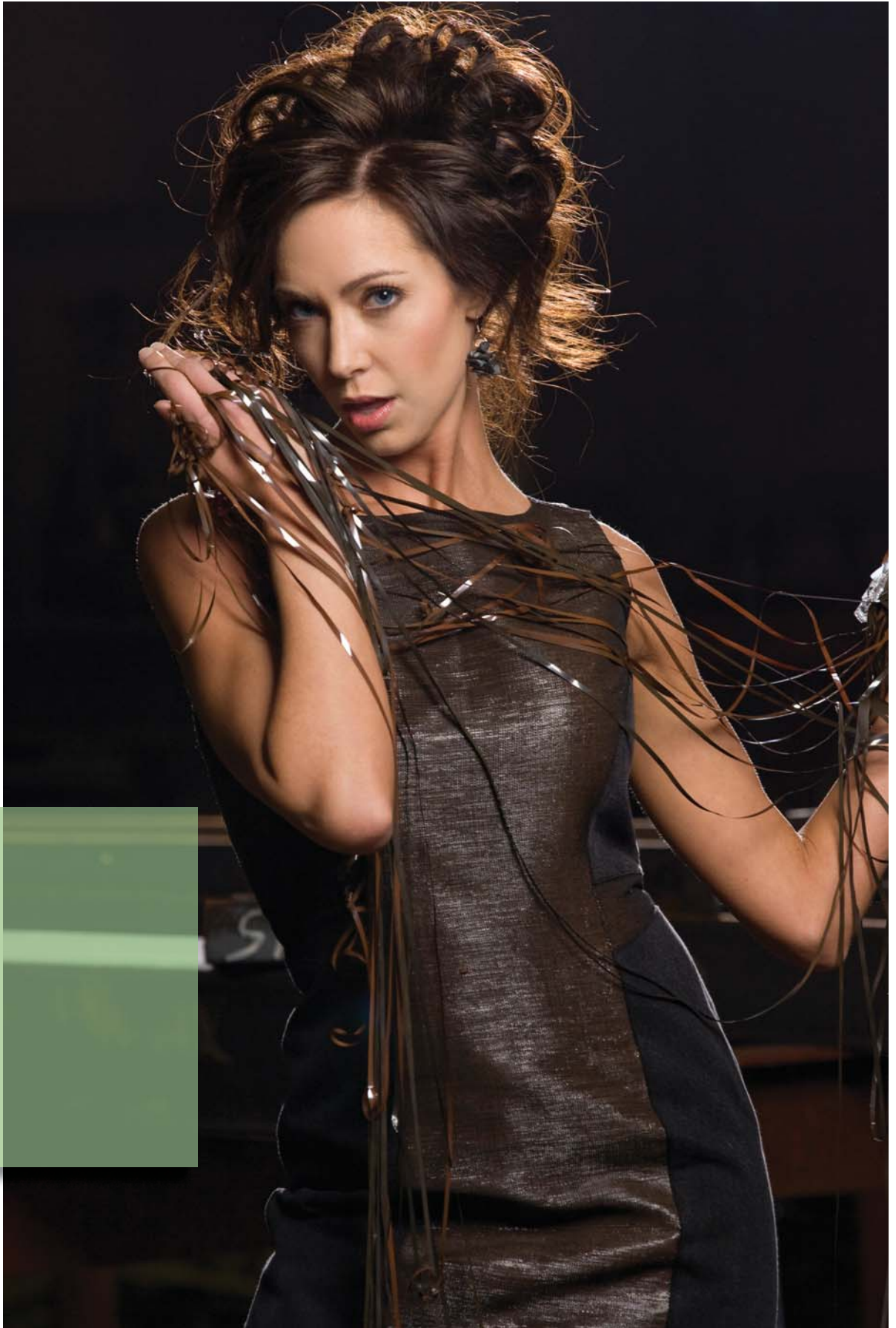
A new tab - Jeweled yoked denim dress

(on Madeleine) Re-purposed worn blue jeans fitted in "jeweled" yoke dress with gilded pop tabs, woven tire rubber at neck and waist. Earrings created from rubber tires.



fitted Media Tape Dress

(on Madeleine) Fitted dress with combination of bronze woven media tape and panels of pre-worn black denim. The Sonic fabric dress is made from recycled audio cassette tapes. The tape is woven into a fabric, but retains its magnetic quality. So, in theory, you could still play the music if you had a device to read the fabric.



Stonewashed bustier & flounced zipper skirt

(on Madeleine) Pre-worn denim boned into structured bustier with oversized hardware enclosures, flounced circular zippered seam panels constructed from multiple pairs of well-worn denim jeans. Neck accent from colorful spun newsprint and re-used zipper. A new spin on old news!

