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## Bargain shopping made fun at this rapidly growing outlet

"Honey, do you want to go to Bobmar's?" The rhetorical question is asked in households across Milton ever since Bob Holly and wife Marylou Taylor-Holly started up their business, Bobmar's Bargain Basement, two and a half years ago. Previously located on Main Street, the store moved to 311 Steeles Avenue last July.

"We needed a bigger store," says Taylor-Holly. "We now have 6,000 sq.ft. and the unit is nice and bright."

Bobmar's has everything from soup to nuts and all else in between -- food, household items, furniture, toys, books, clothing, tools, electronics, you name it, they probably have it somewhere.

Groceries are the most popular item, drawing line-ups on Thursdays and Fridays.

"We're only open from Thursday to Sunday and people want dibs on the new stock as fast as possible. They know their prices and what

they want. We get dregs and drabs of just about everything but you do have to pick through. Our motto is 'you never know what might be here but you know you'll always save.'

We get stock clear outs, ends of lines, stock from bankruptcies. When the truck comes on Thursdays and Fridays I always say, 'oh, look what we have today.'

The retired teachers admit they've been overwhelmed by the response from the people of Milton and they know part of their customers' dedication is their appreciation of good bargains and the fun atmosphere.

"I love it. I've been a bargain shopper my whole life so this is perfect for me," she laughs. "We have a great deal of fun here. Plus we offer good deals. Everything should be less here than anywhere else."

Even men -- the notorious shopping haters of the world, like wandering around Bobmar's, Taylor-Holly jokes, but they'd never admit it.

## Brancier got his grounding working Beverly Hills store

From Beverly Hills to the town of Milton. Such is the unusual trail of success for Mark Brancier of Brancier Jeweller Gemologist Inc.

Located at 55 Ontario Street since 1967, Brancier is the third generation to carry on the family tradition, taking over day-to-day operations with his wife, Nadira, in 1988.

Since then he has continued to build on his grandfather's early success in Toronto -- beginning in 1934 -- and wants to eventually pass on the business to his two children.

As a designer and craftsman of fine jewellery and a diamond expert, Brancier is one of a few certified gemological appraisers in Canada. He learned his trade at the Gemological Institute of America in California. There he met his wife, who is a goldsmith by trade.

"I started working for people in Beverly Hills and then decided I might as well do it for

myself -- the vehicle (the family business) was here. The work is much more personable in a small town where you help the customer make decisions on a one-to-one basis."

"People value our trustworthiness and dependability," he says. "In a small town, that's more or less the only way to stay in business. Your customer comes first. Retail is challenging, there's no doubt about it. But, I can't think of anything else I'd want to do. It's a lot of fun and all and all, you'd better like what you do or else it's going to be a very long day."

A resident of Milton for over 30 years, Brancier is committed to many local charitable organizations and events including the United Way and Golfing 4 Cancer. He also avidly supports local sports teams (hockey, tennis, lacrosse, gymnastics, soccer and baseball and more).

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