

Boutique offers a wide range of unique items

The recently opened Patricia's Gallery and Boutique in Unionville offers a unique combination of designer clothes, hand-made jewelry, original art and pottery.

Operated by Patricia Hoy, with moral support from her cream-white, English Setter, Brandy, the store features clothing from Canadian designers like Alfred Sung and Simon Chang.

For the art connoisseur, a collector can choose from six original lithographs by A.J. Casson, the last surviving member of the Group of Seven for \$9,000.

This is the second such store the 45-year-old mother of three has opened. Two years ago, she opened her first boutique in Fenlon Falls, Ont.

According to Mrs. Hoy, these are the only stores in Canada offering such a wide range of products. She has temporarily closed her Fenlon Falls store to establish her Unionville shop.

Once that happens, Mrs. Hoy says she will hire a part-time employee for each store and shuttle between the two. After considering Markham and Oakville as the new location for her boutique, Mrs. Hoy said she chose Unionville because it "gave me the same atmosphere as Fenlon."

As for Brandy, "she's just part of the decor," said Mrs. Hoy. "She even does the banking with me."

Semi-Tech expands operation



Markham Mayor Carole Bell (right) and Frank Holmes, vice president of administration and finance for Semi-Tech Microelectronics Corporation, break ground for the new research and development plant at Steeles and Warden avenues last week.

The Semi-Tech Microelectronics Corporation held the groundbreaking ceremony last week for its new 65,000 square foot research and development plant. Eventually, Semi-Tech hopes to employ 200 research engineers and support staff in its new facility currently under construction on the northeast corner of Warden and Steeles avenues.

Semi-Tech was formed in 1981 and is currently headquartered on Steelcase Rd. It hopes to move into the new building in the fall.

Although Semi-Tech designs, develops and manufactures microcomputers for personal and corporate use, the thrust of its sales have been directed toward American markets.

Semi-Tech's new facility will be outfitted with the latest electronic design equipment along with specialized laboratories for computer-aided design and circuit development.

The new building features twin-office towers which will be connected by a glass atrium that includes a spiral staircase. Semi-Tech will leave their corporate offices at the Steelcase location.

Torontair has new service

Torontair has introduced a new service for air travellers heading for Pearson International Airport.

For those from the Markham area or other parts of York Region and Metropolitan Toronto heading for mainline carriers at Pearson, there is a \$10 charge each way from Buttonville Airport. For those going onward from Pearson on Torontair, there is no charge.

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