



## Nature Lover —BY LAURA SCHOBER

Patagonia has opened its first Canadian location. The California-based retailer has set up shop inside the historic Gurney Stove Works building (500 King St. W., 416-861-1102) in the heart of Toronto's lively King West district. Known for cross-functional utilitarian clothing, the company, which began in 1965 as a climbing hardware supplies business, offers gear for outdoor pursuits such as fly-fishing and surfing. For those happy just to sit by the campfire, there is the Nano Puff Pullover (\$200) to break the breeze coming off the lake.

As for the comfort of lakes themselves, Patagonia donates to environmental organizations, and Toronto customers will get the chance to nominate local causes. To reduce the eco-impact of textiles and manufacturing, Patagonia uses recycled polyester, chlorine-free wool and organic cotton.