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We're changing to serve you better

The Independent & Free Press reminds readers that this newspaper will now publish exclusively on Thursday beginning next week (May 2).

By concentrating our efforts on one Thursday edition we will be able to provide our readers and advertisers a larger, more comprehensive news package.

The new Thursday paper will have more editorial space and several new features.

Our special sections will also provide a better opportunity for local businesses to get their message across.

Our website— **www.theifp.ca**— which garners more than one million page views a year, will also feature more content.

We're also tweaking the design of the newspaper to make it more reader-friendly.

We encourage readers to share their views on our new look by voting on our online web poll beginning next Thursday.



Big on books

Three-year-old Ethan Wimberley just can't make up his mind what to choose from all the books to be found at Canadian Federation of University Women-Georgetown's Used Book, Toy and DVD sale this past weekend at Christ the King Secondary School. The 42nd annual event supports educational initiatives and scholarships.

Photo by Jon Borgstrom

Habitat has interest in saving hotel

By **CYNTHIA GAMBLE**
Staff Writer

Members of the Heritage Halton Hills were hoping a saviour would come forward to help save the pre-Confederation era Exchange Hotel from demolition— and they may have just found one.

Habitat for Humanity Halton executive John Gerrard announced at Halton Hills council Monday night that the non-profit organization is considering the 37 King St. property in Georgetown for future affordable housing.

He suggested the heritage component of the Exchange Hotel could be moved onto a new foundation on the eastern portion of the property, while the rest would be demolished to make way for affordable housing units.

Gerrard called it a great opportunity that was a win-win-win solution.

"Our organization believes this could be an excellent partnership that will benefit all the stakeholders in different ways," said Gerrard. "We saw an opportunity. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't but it was important that we come to council to

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