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### WEDNESDAY...

The 25th edition of the Georgetown Optimist Club's Bang-O-Rama is set for this holiday weekend. For a photo wrap-up see Wednesday's edition.

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### Outstanding in his field

Six-year-old Hunter Brooks of Acton was among the dozens of people who turned out Saturday for Trees for Acton— Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources' (POWER's) huge community tree planting event. A total of 1,000 trees were planted in the area behind the

Acton Arena and Community Centre. Roughly 250 trees were donated by Credit Valley Conservation with POWER providing the rest.

Photo by Calvin Dyke

### Protest marks final night

## Lights go out on Georgetown Cinemas

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Staff Writer

The fight by some area residents to save Georgetown Cinemas ended in defeat Tuesday night when the Guelph St. theatre showed its last movie.

In a last-ditch attempt to keep the theatre open about 20 people took to the sidewalk in front of the theatre and Dollarama, the store slated to take over the cinema location, toting signs emblazoned with "Keep Hollywood in Georgetown," "Save the Theatre. Don't Shop at

Dollarama" and "Boycott Dollarama."

Cinema owner Sorab Irani was notified 30 days ago, that his lease had been terminated, and he had to be out of the building by May 15.

Philippe Leduc, plaza property manager, said Irani had been paying only half-price rent on a month-to-month basis until a full-paying tenant could be found.

Dollarama, which currently has a smaller store in the plaza, is that tenant, and is set to reopen in the renovated theatre space in early September.

"Nobody wants to operate a cinema at the going rent," said Leduc.

When asked about the protest targeting Dollarama, Jeff Renaud, district manager for the store, said they were told by the landlord the cinema owner couldn't make a go of the business at full rent, so the space was offered to Dollarama at full-rent.

"Contrary to what people think we did not force the cinema out, and we did not approach the landlord," said Renaud.

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