

Douglas Davey and Clare Hanman of the Halton Hills Public Library brush up on their spelling. They, along with Susan Sinclair, will be participating as a team in this year's The Grate Groan-Up Spelling Bee, tomorrow night. The fund-raising event supports Literacy North Halton's Read*Spell*Write program. For information on The Bee contact LNH, 905-873-2200. Photo submitted

Local teams vie for honours at spelling bee

Teams of three from Georgetown, Acton and Milton businesses and organizations will attempt to out-spell each other tomorrow (Thursday) at Literacy North Halton's fund-raiser, The Grate Groan-Up Spelling Bee.

Twenty three teams have registered to compete in this year's Bee. All will be showing their spirit by dressing in costume and competing for the Best Team Spirit award.

Some participating teams from Georgetown and Acton include: TD-Canada Trust, Main St. branch; Georgetown Rotary, Halton Hills Fibre Optics, and last year's best costume winners, Halton Hills Library.

Last year's event proved so popular that tickets were sold out two months in advance. Due to popular demand,

the 2nd Annual Grate Groan-Up Spelling Bee has a new, larger location to accommodate demand for tickets and teams. Sponsored by Del Ridge Homes, this year's Bee will take place at Halton Hills Banquet Hall in Milton and will begin at 5 p.m.

Individual tickets are \$25 and include dinner. Audience members can test their spelling prowess during the Milton Lions Audience Play-a-Long Spelling Bee which occurs throughout the night, or bid on an array of silent auction prizes while watching the fun and cheering on their favourite team. Tickets can be purchased at Coles Book store in Milton Mall; Literacy North Halton office, 72 Mill St., Georgetown; and Delacourts in downtown Milton.

Judges for the event are Andrew

Gorman of Gorruds Auto Group, Wendy Hue, president-elect of Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce; Leslie Fitch, CEO of Milton Library.

Despite the light nature of the event, Honourary Chair Tom Hnatiw, host of Speed TV's *Dream Car Garage* says Literacy North Halton's goal is a noble one.

"The greatest gift I have ever received is simple. The ability to read has opened more doors in my life than any other thing. The fact that even one person could miss that opportunity is too big a risk for all of us to take. I encourage everyone to come out and support this event. It is fun and it is for a great cause," he said.

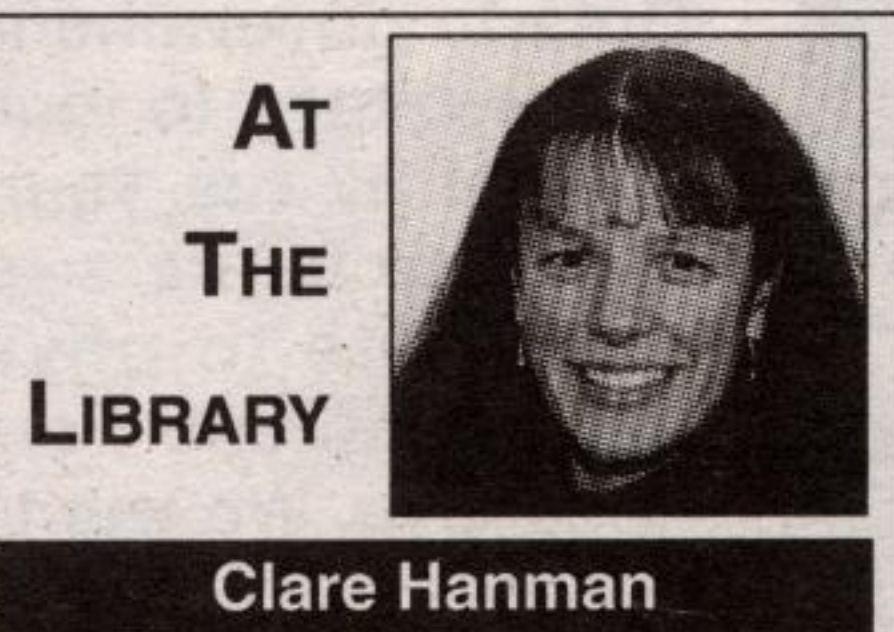
Proceeds from the Bee go to support LNH's Read*Spell*Write adult literacy program.

Want green grass? Go to Section 635 at the Halton Hills Public Library

No matter how hard I try I just can't do it. I cannot keep my lawn green. As a result I am a frequent visitor to the 635's of the adult non-fiction section, better known as the gardening books. I found myself there again this week searching for ways to turn my "mosaic of mud" into anything green (at least until the bugs start getting hungry) and was quite amazed by the variety of topics I

found there. Here are a few examples:

If lawns are your challenge, *Lawns, Grasses and Groundcovers* by Lewis and Nancy Hill has step-by-step instructions for planting and caring for traditional lawns and some less traditional but easy-care substitutions. *Creating the Prairie Xeriscape* by Sara Williams takes this concept one step further and describes how water-guzzling lawns can be replaced with beau-



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Clare Hanman

tiful, low maintenance, drought resistant plants.

Speaking of water, ponds and other garden water features are

becoming increasingly popular. *Container Water Gardens* by Philip Swindells includes plans for all kinds of water features that do not involve any digging and can even be constructed on a deck or indoors. Don't forget your indoor gardens. There are many books demystifying the more challenging aspects of growing houseplants, including *Orchid Growing for Wimps* by Ellen Zachos. (I wonder if they have a book on lawns

in that series?)

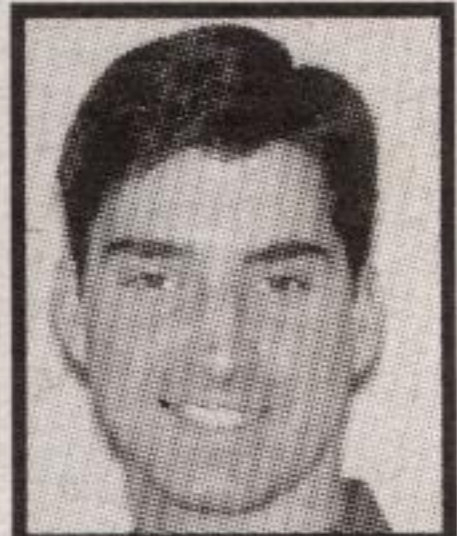
Whether you are interested in growing some veggies, sprucing up a boarder or keep the chinch bugs at bay the Halton Hills Public Library has lots of books, videos and DVDs for help and inspiration. For more information visit either branch of the library or www.library.hhpl.on.ca.

—Clare Hanman is a circulation supervisor at the Halton Hills Pubic Library

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Zenith DVD/VCR Combo Player XVB410: 10041248. This product is not a DVD/VCR Combo Player as advertised on pg. 5 of our April 29th flyer. In fact, it is a Progressive Scan DVD Player. Also, the model is not XVB410 (10041248) as advertised but DVB410 (10042956).

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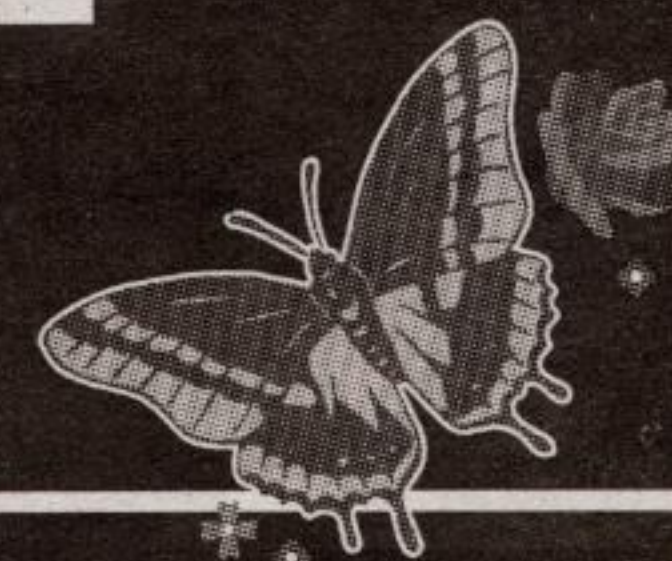
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