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that I may write
As with a Jacob's staff
to take a height

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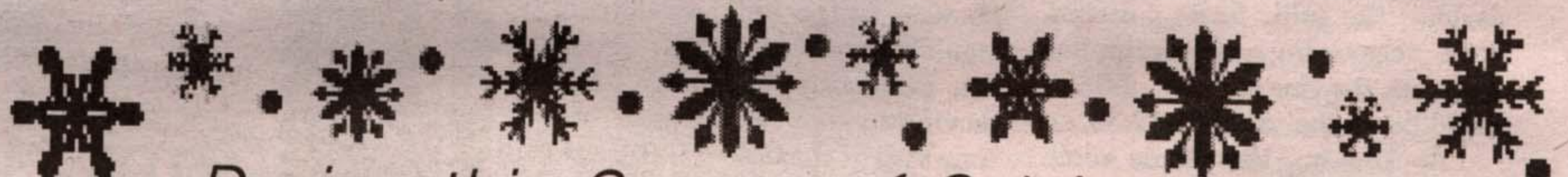
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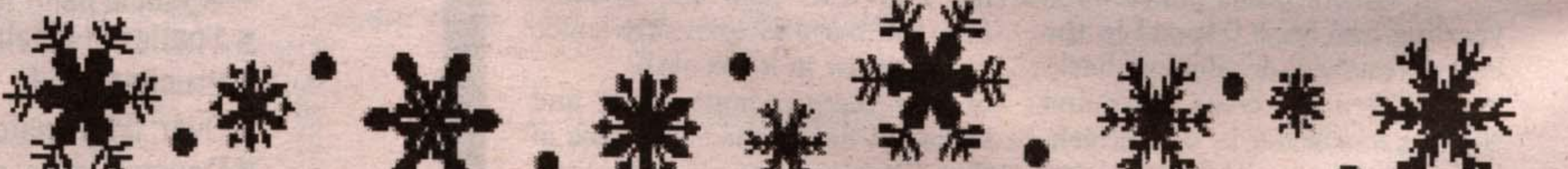
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The future of Nassagaweya

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"Some of the pre-approved subdivisions will come to fruition but for the next planning period, I don't think that you're going to see a great deal of change."

Regional Chairman of Halton Joyce Savoline agrees with Mayor Krantz and adds, "Nassagaweya, through the Regional Plan, has some ability to grow, but it is predominantly a rural/agricultural area and that won't change unless there is a major change to the plan. Some development will occur where it has already been approved, but that will be all. Appeals to change the plan can be made in a joint hearing to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) and the Environmental Assessment Board."

MPP Chudleigh explained that the OMB is not the villain it has often been made out to be and it's purpose is, in fact, to interpret the Ontario Municipal Acts and its regulations to rule on local plans, and whether or not a particular case is being treated fairly.

Chairman Savoline is confident that there will be few appeals to Halton's Plan as "the most important aspect of this Plan is that it is defensible, without a lot of challenges. A well-structured, well thought out plan is crucial for any municipality's growth". Savoline sums up Halton's Official Plan, saying, "You carefully plot out the values that community members see as essential. We're very stubborn about keeping our agriculture and protecting our farmers and we intend to remain so."

One of the changes Halton will be facing is in regard to the position of Regional Chairman. In the past, this position was elected from within the Regional Council, but with the municipal election of 2000, for the first time this position will be elected by the public, a move that Chairman Savoline applauds. Since the transfer of services to the Region and the increased responsibility for funding those services, Ms. Savoline feels that it's important for the Chairman to be held accountable to the people.

It's uncertain whether next year's municipal election will carry a referendum on the ballot regarding the installation of a casino at Mohawk Raceway. A referendum could be requested by either Mohawk Raceway or the Ontario Jockey Club, or could be initiated by Town Council itself. At this point in time, no such request has been made.

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