

# New community development worker for Terrace Bay/Schreiber

Jan Mah (nee Janet Roffey) has returned to Schreiber after nearly 20 years, to work as Community Development Worker in the three communities (Rosspoint, Schreiber, Terrace Bay). She replaced Garry Turcotte and actually began work on May 1.

Mah received her B.A. and H. B. S. W. Degrees from Lakehead University between 1985-88, during that time some of her particular areas of study were: Rural Social work, research, Crisis Intervention, Social Services, Administration, Professional Communications, Social Policy and Native People as well as the Ojibwe Language.

Mah's real understanding (in a practical sense) of community Development comes from her experience as a child, growing up here, and as an adult. Living in

many communities in the North, she has accompanied her husband of 10 years to teaching posts in Gull Bay, Grassy Narrows, and Heron bay.

She has lived in White River, Manitouwadge and Thunder Bay. She realizes the extended usefulness that formal training can have when combined with an understanding of "practical ways" to apply it.

In 1987, Mah, along with a co-worker, worked with teens in Manitouwadge for 10 weeks, resulting in them becoming so self-motivated that, on their own they took responsibility for planning and organizing activities for themselves which is still ongoing today.

In 1988, Mah worked in Ogden School in Thunder Bay and was instrumental in engaging the community in taking on a

school concern (an outbreak of headlice) as a community responsibility, while at the same time allowing the community to provide their own direction on the issue so that School/Community rapport improved.

More recently, Mah worked in Heron Bay as Sexual Abuse worker/Social Team Coordinator striving to empower the community citizens themselves to contribute to issues of abuse and to develop their own plan for prevention, intervention and education.

It is Mah's goal, in the communities of Rosspoint, Schreiber and Terrace Bay, to use the old-fashioned, natural channels as much as possible in her work that will make people and groups recognize the strengths they truly have. The strengths, shared, build a community. We have so much

to offer each other. Let's proceed through a Community Development Process that helps us recognize them and make them work for us.

Mah would like to hear from all those she left behind 20 years ago. She will be out and about the towns but please don't wait for her to approach you. There are so many people, you may have a long wait.

Come up and say "hi". She's out there to meet people and find lots of good "natural" community developers.

If you want to know more about what she does, give her a call at the office (824-2867) or drop in (across the corner from the Voyageur Restaurant in Schreiber).

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It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you did not go alone.  
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The day you were called home.  
Thank you for the memories,  
That are yours and ours alone.  
For they recall so many special times,  
That you and us have known.  
If we could have a lifetime wish,  
A dream that would come true.  
We would pray to God with all our hearts,  
For yesterday and you.  
We cannot bring the old days back,  
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Thank you very much; we really appreciated everything.

Tanya Prebuszewski & Joey Speziale

## Thank You

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Cathryn, Tana, Amy, Lara

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Linda

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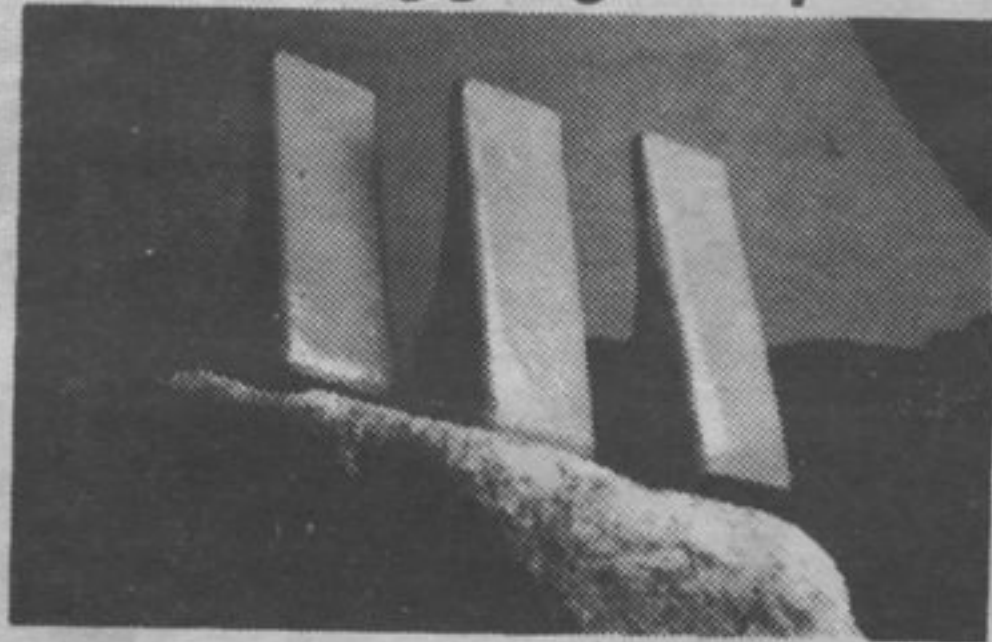
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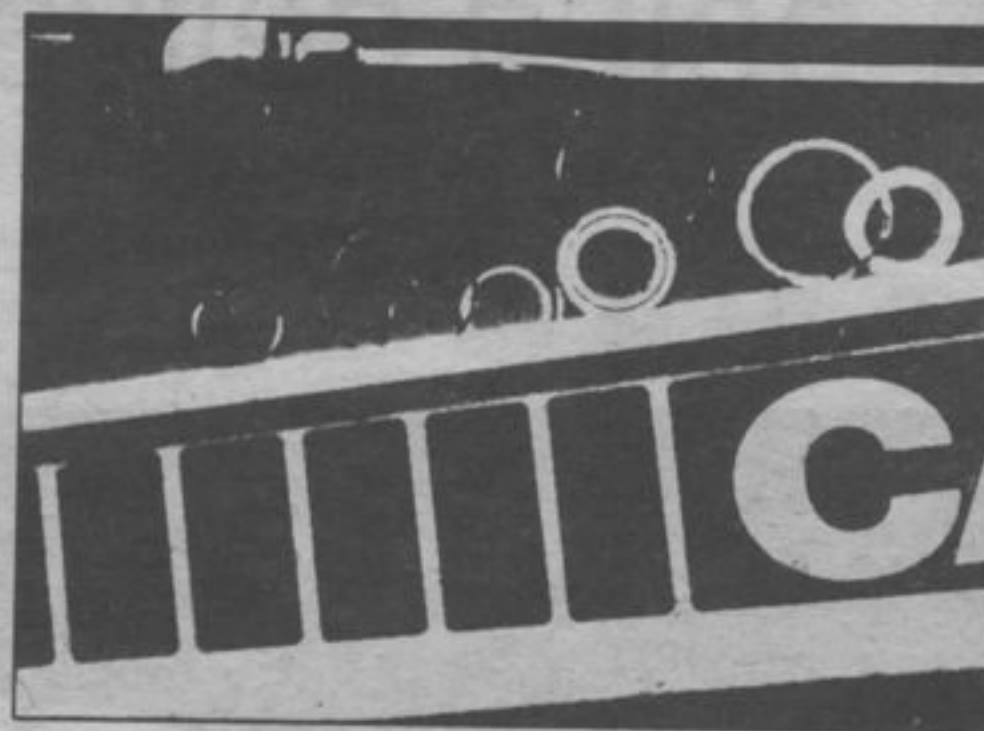
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