

Pregnancy support group to help teens

by Rob Cotton
The News

What began as an effort to provide information on available help for pregnant, unwed young women is evolving into a community service for Schreiber and Terrace Bay.

In two short months The Pregnancy Support Network has arranged to have a pamphlet pro-

duced list the agencies that will assist young unwed mothers-to-be as well as create the foundations for a full support network.

"What we are offering them, first and foremost, is confidential friendship through their whole pregnancy," said Georgette Cebrario of Schreiber.

The support group will provide a free pregnancy test kit and, if the

young women wish it, accompany them on their first visit to the doctor and help them break the news to their parents.

"We'll be their friend throughout the pregnancy and help them make connections with services available in the community," Cebrario said.

The Pregnancy Support Network began as a group of women aware that young girls who become pregnant didn't know where to turn in their own communities.

"They felt really alone," Cebrario said.

The group set out to make a pamphlet to let young women know where help could be found, she explained.

"We soon became aware that the pamphlet itself would not be enough."

The group is now seeking volunteers to open their homes to those young women who need a place to go.

"We're asking somebody to take them for the full nine months," Cebrario said.

However, the actual stay could range from a few weeks to the full term.

"Sometimes the girls tell their parents about their pregnancy and they have to leave home," she said, "at least until things cool off and they can return home."

Others are kicked right out of the home and have no where to go

until they can get help from the various agencies, she said.

"I am aware that we are asking a lot," she said, "but we do have two homes available already."

She said the women involved with the Pregnancy Support Network are doing this work with a total belief in the need and that they are asking others to step forward and do the same.

"I am really amazed at how many people are responding to the program."

The pamphlet will be printed and distributed by the end of January. More information on the Pregnancy Support Network can be obtained by calling 824-2623 or 825-9307.



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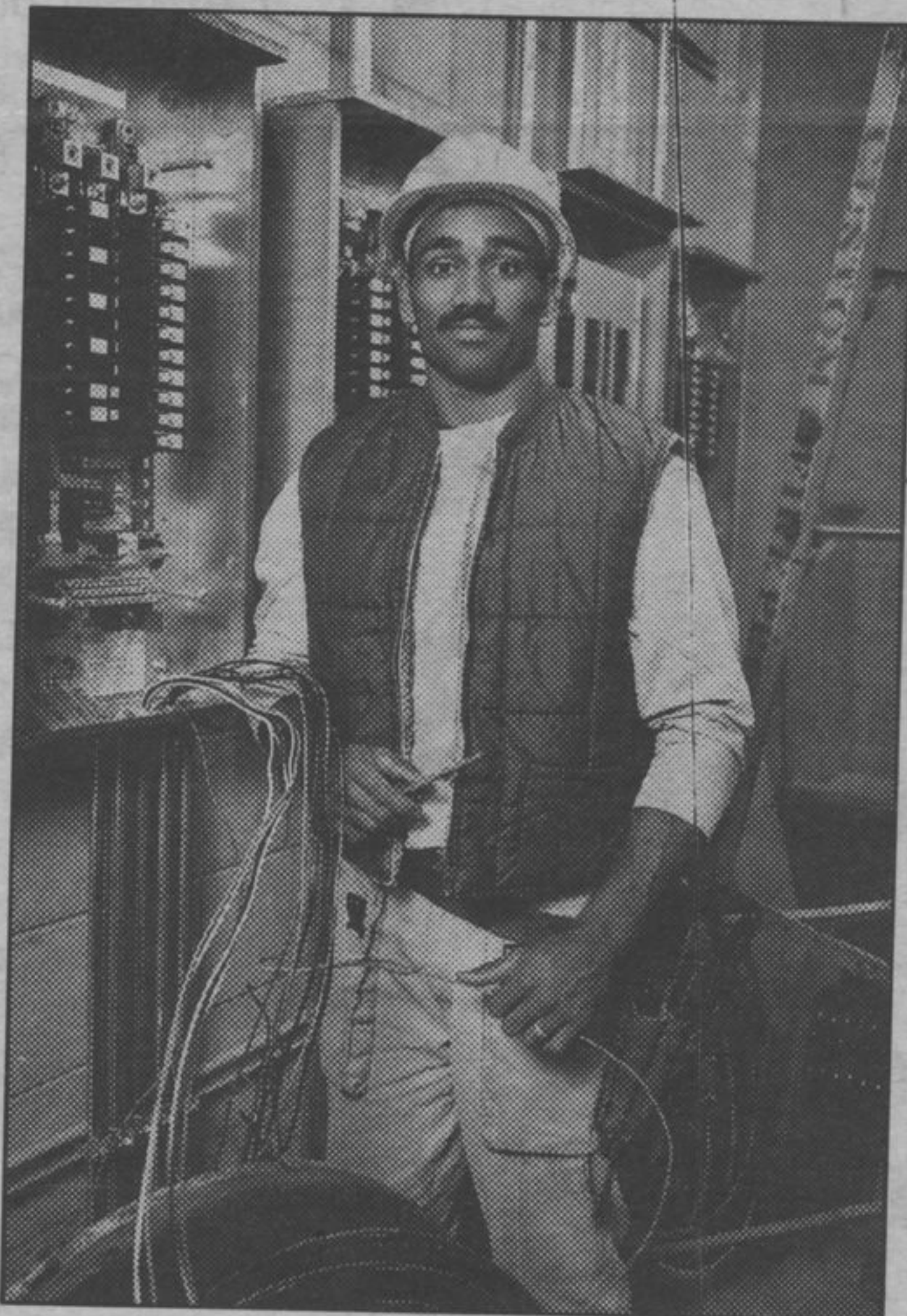
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The proposed Community Improvement Plan would provide for improvements in street lighting, sidewalks, pathway lighting and picnic areas in the Township of Terrace Bay under the Ontario Government's Program for Renewal, Improvement, Development and Economic Revitalization (PRIDE).

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Plan.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed Community Improvement Plan is available for inspection between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Terrace Bay Municipal Office, 12 Simcoe Plaza.

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