

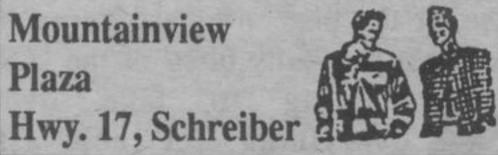
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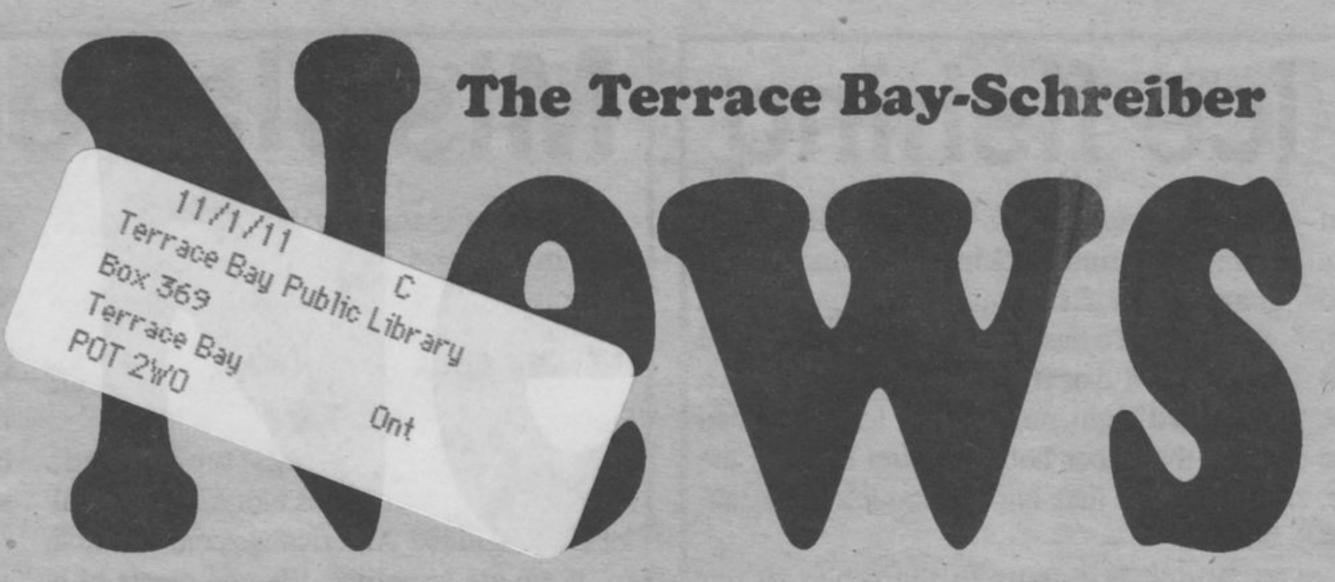
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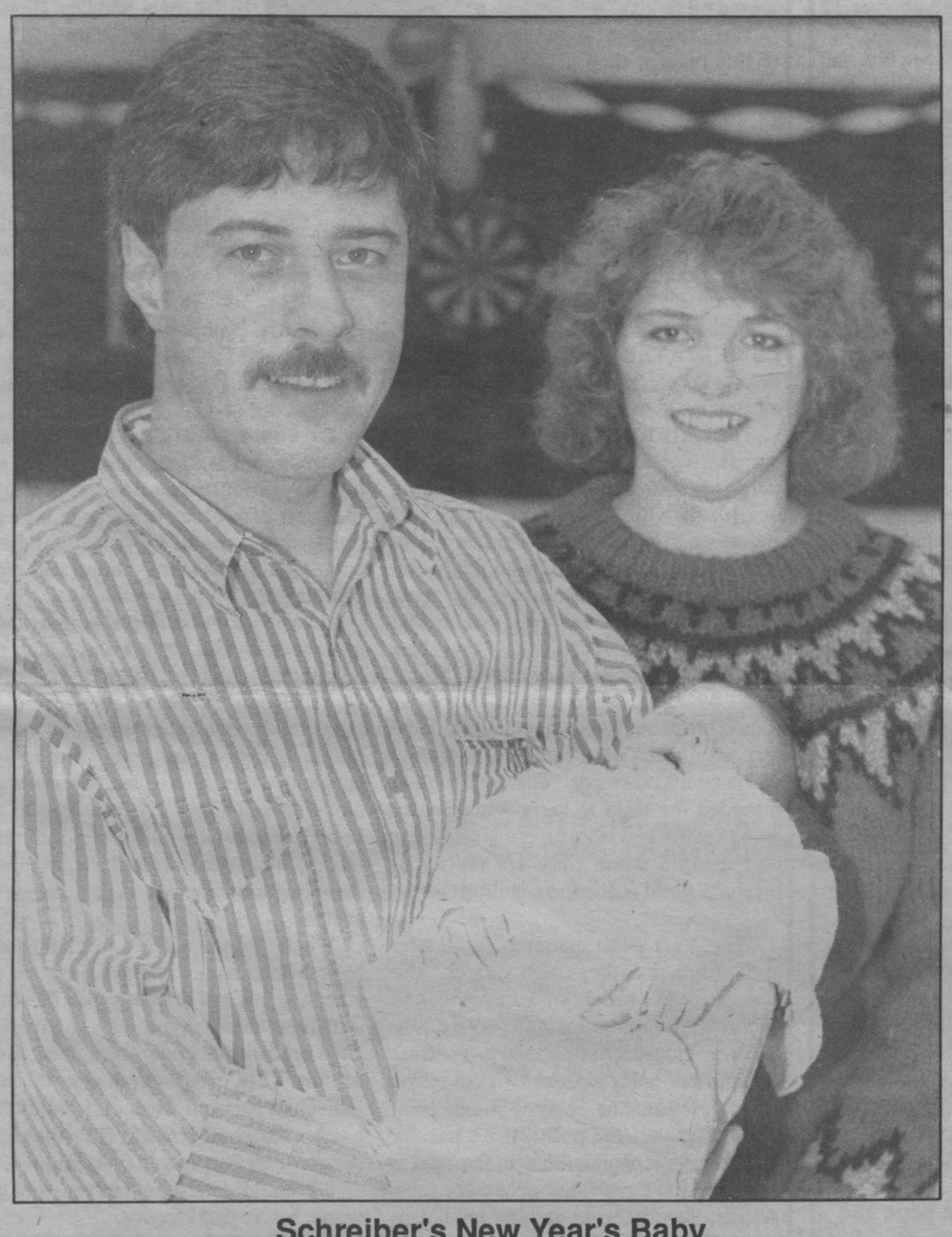


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Schreiber's New Year's Baby

Schreiber's New Year's baby, Thomas James McGrath, 8 lb, born January 11, with his parents James and Yvonne McGrath. The McGrath's, with their other three children, Travis, Adam and Ashley, introduced Thomas James at his New Year's Baby Party sponsored by the Schreiber Legion Auxillary, Branch 109 on Sunday, January photo by Rob Cotton 20.

Youth migration a problem for the North

A study of why young people are leaving Northern Ontario was released recently by the Northern Devel-opment Councils(NDC).

The main problems identified by the report, entitled Northern Perspectives,

was the lack of opportunity for and for career jobs advancement in jobs that are available.

Leslie Dickson, member of the Superior North Northern preferred to live in the north. Development Council, judging by the response to the surveys

and the forums, said Northerners who had moved south indicated quite strongly that if they had the economic opportunities they would have

Dickson also pointed to a

training program

A \$3 million training program for young people in the North has been unveiled by Northern Development Minister Shelly Martel.

The Northern Training Opportunities Program (NORTOP) is a wage subsidy program which encourages employers in Northern Ontario to provide practical work experience and training to young people.

"We have developed this program so we can provide better, more meaningful job training and skills development for our youth," said Martel.

"It is an initiative which we hope will make it easier for our young people to start their career training in the North."

Funding for this new program is provided under four Secondary components: School student, a Post-Secondary Student, an Internship Component, and a Special Projects Component.

The Secondary School Student Component will help employers who hire secondary school students during the summer.

General skills and workplace knowledge

These jobs will provide general work experience and help students develop general skills and knowledge for future workplaces.

The Post-secondary Student Component will help employers who hire postsecondary students during the summer or during a co-Continued on page 3 operative placement.

These jobs will provide students with career-related training and preference will be given to training that will address skills shortages in Northern Ontario.

The Internship Component is for employers who hire recent college or university graduates.

These jobs will provide career-related training to help the participants obtain permanent employment and again preference will be given to training that will address skills shortages in the North.

Specialized traing for target groups

The Special Projects Component will receive a portion of the new program funds to help pilot projects which provide specialized training for northern young people representing particular target groups.

Three projects have been approved under the special projects component: Northern Municipal Police Summer Youth Force Employment Program, a Native Recreational Program, and a Native Alcohol and Drug Counselling Program.

"This is our government's first response to the NDCs' report on youth migration," added Martel.

"The loss of our young people is one of the biggest problems facing the North and we are determined to find constructive ways to guarantee our youth a future here--NORTOP is one step."

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