es, Civil Air Patrol cadets are often called to the ne until FAA representatives arrive. A.L. Fox (left) of the National Transportation Safety Board is assisted by ca-dets-Dennis Karp, Kevin Nietzke and James Hubanks.

'Displaced homemakers' invited to OCC seminars

Displaced homemakers are invited to a series of "Self-Improvement Saturdays" at the Royal Oak Campus of Oak Campus

The Displaced Homemaker Program The Displaced molemaker Frogram also admits those women who are in a shaky marriage, those with a terminality ill husband or others who for any reason believe they will one day have to be self-supporting.

An assertiveness training seminar is scheduled for Jan. 22. "Legal Problems" will be stressed on Jan 30.

Seminar topics for Feb. include "The Job Market: Today and Tomorrow," "How to Construct a Resume and Ap-ply for a Job" and "Dealing with Stress."

To see if you qualify as a homemak er in transition or to reserve a place call 522-8900, Ext. 259.

Classes aimed at gifted

A series of enrichment courses for academically gifted and talented chil-dren will be sponsored by the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College.

The courses are aimed at the interests of children in grades K-12.
Topics include animation, computer programming, advanced calligraphy, cartooning, mime and clowning, knitt-

ing. Russian, photography, speed reading and theater.
All classes are open to the public and are on Saturdays.
On-campus registration for the term will; be held 9 am. 4:30 pm. weekdays through Jan. 29. The campus is at Ore-hard Lake Road and 1:596 in Farmington Hills.
For a brochure or registration Information call 476-9400, ext. 277 or 226.



Civil Air Patrol joins the rescue

At 16, Peter Matejcik resembled a seasoned military man when he stood at attention saying "year am" more times than the reporter could count. Clad in fatigues and combat boots, the Bloomield Hills youth talked about why he joined Oakland County's Civil Air Patrol.
"A couple of years ago, I noticed some guys in green uniforms, and a streak of patriotism ran through me. If di like to join the U.S. Marines some day, and I thought the CAP was a good place to learn the courtesies and customs of the military," Cadet Warrant Officer Matejcik said.

MATEJCIK, like 450 other Oakland County residents, enlisted in the volunteer U.S. Air Force awiliary group to assist communities in disasters.

"When there was an aircraft crash in Troy a while ago, local authorities called us to secure the site until FAA officials got there," said Lt. Col. Edward Keeln, who oversees the entire county opera-

warn neem, who oversees the chair county open-"When there is a tornado, we pull people out of their homes. We don't have any law enforcement powers. We just help the police and coast Guard on rescue missions." The Civil Air Patrol receives no funding from any government agencies or military divisions.

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Membership dues of \$25 for adults and \$9 for ca-dets helps pay for equipment and uniforms. Sometimes the Air Force donates excess uni-forms. Most of the budget comes from fund-raising drives like car washes and candy sales.

CADETS, whose ages range from 12-20, spend most of their rescue time on the ground helping disaster victims.

Senior members are involved in the aerial por Senior members are involved in the aerial por-tion of search and rescue missions. As in the mili-tary, CAP men and women move up the ranks from private to lieutenant colonel with successful scores on leadership and aerospace tests. But unlike the military, they may leave the group whenever they wish.

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Training is rigorous. Weekend wilderness expeditions in the heart of winter prepare the youths for

rescues. They live out of backpacks and eat military food. Each 12-person squadron is headed by a codet who report as person squadron is headed by a codet who report as the same and a second the report and the report and the rescue techniques. In Oakland County about 75 percent of reinques. In Oakland County about 75 percent of the CAP force are cadets and 10 percent are female. "We'd sure like to have more women. CAP was one of the first organizations to practice non-discrimination policies," Keehn said.

Cadet 1t. Col. Keith Hughs, 20, supervises the youth group. He pioned CAP in 1977.

"I assist the five cadet squadron commanders and help them relate to the senior committee," said Hughes. "I'm also the catch-all person they (cadets) come to when they have problems.

"I had thought about joining the Boy Scouts because I wanted to get involved in something that could benefit the community. But then I saw an ad n'TV for the CAP and decided to join," he added.

Cadet Major Kathleen Nietchke, 17, said her brother persuaded her to join CAP. Although she likes the military regimen, she doesn't have any future plans for the armed services.

MANY TIMES CAP members are pulled out of their classrooms to head for disasters throughout he state.

"We go all over. We went up north to help in flood, we've done work in ice storms in Dearborn. We go wherever we're needed." Hughes said.





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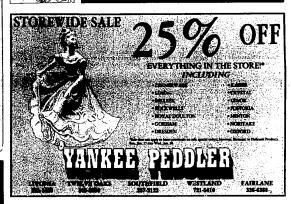
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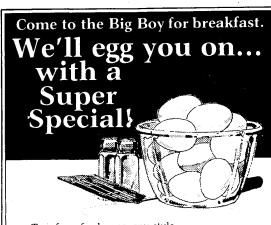
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