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COLORADO SENATOR Gary Hart is scheduled to speak Thursday, Mar. 6, at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. In his only planned public appearance while in the Detroit area. His topics include America's Middle East policy, separation of church and state and the struggle for social and economic justice in America, among others. The public may attend the speech, scheduled to begin at 8 p.m.

WOMENS' achievements will be highlighted at the Farmington Hills branch of the Farmington Community Library during National Women's History Week March 3-10. An exhibit by the Farmington Chapter of the Older Women's League will stress accomplishments of many women. In addition, the city of Farmington and the Farmington Branch of the American Association of University Women have recognized the week.

DON'T FORGET to visit Creativity Springs Alive this Saturday at Farmington High School on Shilawassee Road. Students of all ages from Farmington Public Schools will participate in events from original violin scores to computer programming. The public may attend this district-wide event which runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

A NEW car is what Farmington Hills resident Martin Zaremba plans to purchase with his recent winnings in the \$10,000 Michigan Lottery Instant game, "The Tac Toe." Zaremba says he has played lottery games for three years. His largest previous winning was a \$38 third prize in the Lotto game. Zaremba purchased his winning ticket at a Great Scott store.

TV VIEWERS can watch how Marcella and Perry Johnson, of Farmington Hills, bring home the mot. / from Chance of a Lifetime. The show will be televised on Channel 2 at 7:30 tonight, Wednesday and Thursday.

CONTINUING OBJECTIONS to a Class C liquor license renewal for Pal Joey's Inc., also known as The Bootleggers, 32305 Grand River, were filed last Monday by Farmington City Council. Liquor license applications are approved by the state Liquor Control Commission, which requests feedback from local communities. The council did not file objections to other businesses being granted renewals to serve liquor by-the-glass: Bel-Aire Lanes, 24001 Orchard Lake Road; The Great Wall of China, 31185 Grand River; Pags Food and Spirits, 23521 Farmington Road; Dunleavy's Pub & Grub, 34505 Grand River; Old Village Inn, 33224 Grand River; and Rustic Pub, 31010 Grand River.

FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week — Farmington city officials met to discuss the future of the downtown central business district. Local residents walked in lines at the Farmington and Farmington Hills post offices to avoid a two-cent postage stamp increase. Hills council members met in executive session to discuss employment of a city law firm.

Officials clash over federal dollars

By Susan Steinmueller staff writer

The Farmington Hills Housing Rehabilitation Program will have less money in 1988-89 than last year even though city officials recently increased the program's share of the city's anticipated total federal Community Development Block Grant money. City officials are anticipating receipt of an estimated \$254,000 in CDBG money this year — more than a 20 percent reduction over last year's total of \$363,596. But city officials also add \$30,000 from repayment of low-interest loans made through the housing rehabilitation program to the city's expected CDBG grand total. Originally, city officials expected to

receive \$309,000 — only a 15-percent reduction over the previous year, but were recently informed they could more than likely expect another 15 percent cut.

Because of the cuts in federal CDBG money — thanks in large measure to the Gramm-Rudman deficit reduction act — city officials were forced to reallocate the federal money.

Following a public hearing last week, the council in a 4-3 vote approved city administrator's recommended allocation of the CDBG money. Mayor Joe Alkatech, and councilmen Terry Sever and Ben Marks opposed the administration's recommended allocation of the CDBG money.

Under the new allocation plan, administration will receive \$38,000, or 15

percent; housing rehabilitation, \$116,000, or 38 percent; and capital improvements, \$130,000, or 47 percent of the total \$284,000.

ALTHOUGH The amount devoted to housing rehabilitation is less than last year's allocation (almost \$131,000), city officials this year increased the program's share by three percent.

Despite that increase, however, some council members and those in the audi-

ence — supporters of the program — suggested diverting some of the money allocated to capital improvements to the rehabilitation program. Others argued for more of an allocation to capital improvements.

"I would very much be in favor if you could try and not cut the housing rehabilitation program," said Marks, who wanted to keep the program funded at its current level.

"If you keep chopping away at it, I think we're hurting ourselves, and hurt-

ing people who really need it," he added.

Farmington Hills has used CDBG funds for housing rehabilitation, capital improvements, and administration.

The federal department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) establishes guidelines and requirements for cities' use of CDBG money, which must be used predominantly to benefit low- and moderate-income residents.

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Roads stressed in capital plan for Farmington

By Casey Hans staff writer

Road improvements, downtown development, water pressure and drain improvements, park programs and major equipment purchases will be needed during the next six years, Farmington Planning Commissioners project.

Their concerns are detailed in the commission's recently approved annual capital improvement plan for the city.

And for the first time commissioners are suggesting two municipal roof buildings be replaced, probably at a cost of about \$250,000, according to estimates given by city officials.

Improvements to both city hall and the public services building roofs "are intended to reduce maintenance costs and reduce utility expenditures," according to a city report detailing the plan.

The approved capital plan was brought before city council Feb. 17 for review and comment. Commissioners formulate six-year projections annually, which help city officials and council members plan during the budget sessions.

COUNCIL MEMBERS are expected to review the city's 1988-89 budget needs in the spring.

Lower on the priority list are plans for possible community bike paths and a cost-shared recreational facility, according to a report to the council from

City Manager Robert Deadman. "Priority order for these projects could change depending on the funding," he said.

The plan details the projects in order of importance:

• Topping the capital improvement list is the widening of Orchard Lake Road, in a cooperative effort with Farmington Hills and Oakland County.

Scheduled to be rebuilt in the coming years is Farmington Road north of Shilawassee, and Shilawassee from the south leg of Farmington Road to the top of the hill. Other portions will be repaired as needed. In addition, Power north of Grand River and Drake south of Grand River will be repaired as needed, according to the plan.

Local subdivision streets eyed for replacement, repair, or paving include: a portion of the Chatham Hills subdivision streets, Alta Loma subdivision streets, Bel Aire subdivision streets, Woodcroft subdivision streets, and Valley View and Prospect streets, according to the report.

• A plan to divert water to correct low-pressure areas in part of the city is being developed by the city engineer. "The community has a longstanding problem with low water pressure during high use times" in areas located near Farmington's water storage tanks, Deadman said.

• To alleviate flooding in the 10 Mile/Orchard Lake area, plans are

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A retired businessman, Edward Cesarone works with counselors others interested in starting their own for the Service Corps of Retired Executives and businesses.

Counselor Small business reaps profits

By Susan Steinmueller staff writer

On Edward Cesarone's desk in the downtown office of the Service Corps of Retired Executives is a slice of what appears to be a very delectable fruitcake.

A woman had come in just that morning seeking Cesarone's advice on how to market the homemade cakes and had left him a sample.

The 66-year-old Farmington Hills resident and retired liquor store owner assists many similar aspiring entrepreneurs in his work as a vol-

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unteer counselor for SCORE — a nationwide organization providing free guidance to the small business community.

For Cesarone, who has 30 years of experience and knowledge to contribute, the work is a reward in itself. "You take so much out of life, you try to put something back into it," he said.

Cesarone matched his talents with SCORE after selling his West Bloomfield liquor store — Cesarone's Wine Rack — three years ago. "It's the old saying, when you've been in business all your life, you want to do something," he said.

That's when Cesarone "inquired around" and found out about SCORE. Since his debut as a counselor two years ago, Cesarone estimated he has counseled over 100 small business clients in his twice-a-week volunteer job.

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Labor leader Michigan job increases applauded by state director

By Susan Steinmueller staff writer

At least 100,000 new jobs have been created in Michigan since Gov. James Blanchard took office in 1983, said Elizabeth Howe, director of the Michigan Department of Labor.

Howe was guest speaker at Friday's Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce general membership luncheon at Digger's restaurant in Farmington Hills. Howe was appointed to her position at the MDL, a regulatory and human service agency, by Blanchard last February.

"We are competing very successfully because of a cooperative effort between business, labor and government," she said.

The agreement that the department negotiated last year with Mazda Corp. to build a new plant in Michigan is one of the most important achievements of the MDL under Blanchard, Howe maintained. The new installation in Flat Rock will employ 3,500 workers, and is "clearly going to be one of the most modern and technologically advanced corporations in the world," she added.

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The labor department last year, the program now works with private business to give jobs and training to 18-21-year-olds. Of those signed up last year, 75 percent are now either working or in school, she said.

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Howe offered her telephone number to anyone who may have a concern, gripe or question. Her number is 517-373-1988.

Howe is a resident of Pleasant Ridge. Previously, she was director of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulation.

Originally from Chicago, she graduated from Houghton High School in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and graduated from Michigan State in 1958, with a bachelors degree in advertising.

She has held positions in the newspaper, cable television, and public relations fields, including running her own public relations firms.

Lansing will clamor to have their need filled. We can't let Washington balance the budget on our backs."

The help of private industry may be one solution in light of Gramm-Rudman, Howe said. At least one government program that has benefitted through cooperation with the private industry is the Michigan Youth Corps, Howe said.

Through a change initiated by the labor department last year, the program now works with private business to give jobs and training to 18-21-year-olds. Of those signed up last year, 75 percent are now either working or in school, she said.

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