

## election '88

News and notes from the Election '88 campaign campaign trail. The primary is Aug. 2. The general election is Nov. 8.

### • DOLAN ENDORSED

After interviewing candidates for the 69th state House district seat, the Michigan Education Association Farmington Coordinating Council endorsed Jan Dolan as the most qualified candidate.

### • ELECTION ROUND-UP

A local Democratic Campaign Kick-off is scheduled for today, July 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Michael Breshgold, 30045 Mingwood in Farmington Hills. Call 737-2749 for further information.

The 69th state House district includes Farmington, Farmington Hills, Bingham Farms, Franklin and Beverly Hills.

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Promises are being kept to help educate the Farmington-Farmington Hills community on substance abuse. The fall will bring a series of seminars on substance abuse, which are a part of the 19-point action plan devised by the Farmington Hills Police Department's Crime Prevention Advisory Committee.

Originally scheduled to last a year, the campaign to educate and combat substance abuse in the community will probably trail into 1989 to accommodate the list of activities, programs and seminars.

"This drug problem has been around for decades. We don't want to put on everything within a month. We want to be professional, and we don't want it to be haphazard," Farmington Hills police Chief William Dwyer said.

Three seminars are tentatively scheduled for the fall. Each are tar-

geted toward certain groups in the community, including businesses, police officers and city employees, Dwyer said.

DRUG ABUSE in the workplace will be the topic of a September workshop sponsored in cooperation with the Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.

"It'll focus on safety in the workplace, job performance and job reliability," said committee member Tim Kenny, former Wayne County prosecutor and now an attorney with the Farmington Hills law firm of Larson, Harms & Wright.

More than 50 percent of all businesses are testing or will soon test employees for drug abuse, said Kenny, quoting a recent USA Today

study. "It's an issue whose time has come. And it won't go away."

No matter how diligent law enforcement is, police officers can't be everywhere.

"So drug abuse in school, at home and on the job will have to be solved by education," Kenny said. "We must stop consumers of illicit drugs."

The workshop will address not only cocaine use, Kenny said, "but the number-one drug of abuse, alcohol."

THE WORKSHOP will have three main thrusts.

First, businesses with successful drug abuse programs will describe how their programs started and who is benefiting from them.

Second, the Maple Grove Alcoholism Chemical Dependency Treatment Center in West Bloomfield will teach how to identify drug abusers and outline treatment programs and facilities.

Third, Kenny will review legal ramifications of drug testing in the workplace. He also will discuss what to do when an employee hooked on drugs becomes a detriment to the business and a threat to others' safety. Dwyer will provide a law enforcement perspective on the battle against drugs in the workplace.

"HOW ANY business goes about correcting the drug abuse problem

in our community is by taking one step at a time," Kenny said.

Two other workshops for police officers and city employees will follow a similar pattern.

A three-day seminar, provided by Maple Grove, will be scheduled to train officers to present substance abuse programs in the schools.

"We will be working with the schools to make sure it's an acceptable program, and we will invite other police departments," Dwyer said.

City employees also will be asked to attend a still-unscheduled substance abuse seminar, Dwyer said.

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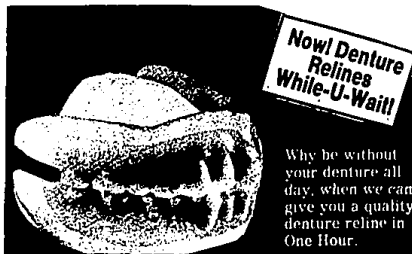
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