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ROMANCED. A judge has offered men arrested for propositioning an undercover police officer a break in their sentences, providing they attend a class on romance. So far, 17 of the 61 men arrested on promoting prostitution charges have accepted. Rochester City Court Judge Herman Walz said the program is available only to first offenders. Others arrested in the Labor Day weekend roundup were offered the seminars during a court session Thursday. The program is run by a neighborhood association and also includes a sentence of two weekends in the Monroe County Sheriff Department's work program. The men will cut weeds and pick up litter on county highways. The 2 1/2-hour seminars on sexual behavior will attempt to show the men how their actions degrade the neighborhood, the judge said. The men will be asked to close their eyes and remember their first kiss, an attempt to get them to associate sex with romance, said William Sullivan, president of the neighborhood group.