

## Colorectal cancer is topic of seminar

A free two-hour seminar on cancer of the colon and rectum is planned for 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, in the Southfield Civic Center's City Council Chambers, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield.

What colorectal cancer is, how it is detected, its prevention, its therapy and treatment, and how to reduce the risk will be discussed.

The program is sponsored by Harper-Grace Hospitals, the city of Southfield and the Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Featured speakers include: Dr. Richard Pazdur, cancer specialist, assistant professor of medicine, division of medical oncology, Wayne State University and Harper-Grace Hospitals; Dr. Donald Weaver, associate professor of surgery, Wayne State University School of Medicine's department of surgery; and Allison Boomer, health educator and registered dietitian, Cancer Information Service of Michigan, Comprehensive Cancer Center of Metropolitan Detroit.

## Youth crime is topic of Schoolcraft forum

Programs designed to prevent teenage involvement in crime will be open to the public at Schoolcraft College from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday.

The "special interest forum on positive intervention programs for high-risk youth" will be held in room B-210 of the Liberal Arts Building on campus at 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

It was prepared for parents, teachers, professionals and volunteers concerned with delinquency.

Joan Duggan, executive assistant to Livonia Mayor Edward H. McNamara, will discuss "early diversion — keeping youths out of the juvenile justice system."

Jim Pardo, Livonia detective bureau investigator of criminal sexual conduct cases, will explain how the police department uses the youth assistance program.

Oakland Probate Judge Eugene Arthur Moore will talk about repeat offenders.

Melanie Kozarovsky, coordinator of Westland's volunteer probation operation, will discuss use of volunteers in dealing with adult offenders.

# Business as usual?

## Racing commissioners await court ruling

By Dennis Coffman  
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Michigan's two racing commissioners "conducted business" in an air of peaceful coexistence this week in Plymouth while awaiting a court ruling on whether the office belongs to William Ballenger or William Cahalan.

The pair apparently have declared a state of detente, while occupying separate offices in the Mayflower Meeting House Building on Main Street.

Ballenger, reached Tuesday, said Cahalan had made an appearance earlier in the day and was expected to return in the afternoon.

The racing commissioner job, which entails the overseeing of operations at Michigan tracks and the all-important granting of racing dates to the tracks, has been the object of controversy since Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelley late last year ruled that Ballenger, an appointee of former Michigan Gov. William Milliken, could legally be removed from office at the behest of the present Gov. James Blanchard.

Kelly ruled that Ballenger was merely filling out an unexpired term of a former commissioner, who died in office.

But Ballenger claimed he had a right

to a full four-year term of office, which would expire in 1988.

Nevertheless, Blanchard exercised what he thought was his option and finally got around to appointing a racing commissioner — Cahalan — on Sept. 1.

Blanchard waited until Ballenger concluded one of the job's thornier items of business — the forced divestiture of the Detroit Race Course (DRC) in Livonia by owners Herbert Tyser and Bernard Hartzman and the sale to new owners, Ladbrooke Racing Corp.

BUT BALLENGER pre-empted the governor by issuing a set of his own racing dates, an important and highly politicized function of the racing commissioner, well in advance of the deadline.

Both Blanchard and Ballenger sought action by the Michigan Court of Appeals. The court ruled in favor of the appointment of Cahalan, retroactive to Sept. 1 and continuing through Dec. 31, 1988. The court also dismissed Ballenger's lawsuit.

Ballenger then appealed his case to the Michigan Supreme Court. The high court last week returned the case to the Court of Appeals. In doing so, it asked for a second opinion from the appellate court, but this time with a written statement detailing the reasoning involved in reaching that opinion.

The matter is pending before the

Court of Appeals, but even if that court comes out with its written decision this week, as expected, that probably will not be the end of it.

"The earlier decision by the Court of Appeals no longer exists," said Ballenger Tuesday. "It must give a written decision as to why Cahalan should be commissioner. But we can still appeal the Court of Appeals decision."

Ballenger said he would appeal that decision by the Court of Appeals that names Cahalan racing commissioner — to the Supreme Court.

"I have been here consistently," said Ballenger.

LAST WEEK, Cahalan and Ballenger stayed out of each other's way, mainly because Cahalan chose to meet with his deputy commissioners and executive secretary in places other than the Mayflower Meeting House office.

Cahalan never showed up at the Plymouth office of the racing commissioner last week.

But this week, the two commissioners crossed paths in Plymouth.

The actions of the parties involved follows party lines. Cahalan, a Democrat, was appointed by Blanchard, a Democrat, with the legal stamp of approval of Kelley, a Democrat.

Ballenger, a Republican, was appointed by Milliken, a Republican.



William Ballenger declares detente

## Special ed workshop set

A free workshop designed for parents of children with disabilities is planned 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at Wayne State University's Student Center Ballroom, 5251 Gullen Mall, Cass Avenue, Detroit.

The workshop is designed to help parents learn how to work with schools to plan their children's education.

There is a lunch included on that day for \$5.

To register, call program coordinator Bob Cunningham at 577-2197.

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