

## Program helps families cope with loved one's drug abuse

Brighon Hospital has announced its 1992 schedule of Community Education Programs aimed at helping families deal with alcohol and other drug abuse by loved ones.

"Our Community Education Program helps people better understand chemical dependency and learn about the help that's available, both for their loved ones and for themselves," said Ivan Harner, Brighon Hospital president.

Since the series was launched eight years ago, it has helped more than 2,000 people.

All programs begin at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the hospital's chapel and are open to the public. Reservations are not needed.

Brighon Hospital is on old Grand River Road, next to exit 151 (Kensington Road) of the I-96 Freeway.

EACH SESSION includes a lecture by a member of the hospital's staff, who also answers questions

- from the audience.
- The schedule:
- Jan. 7 - "Intervention: The Direct Approach to Treatment and Recovery." The session focuses on how family members, friends, and employers can confront and help a chemically dependent person. Speaker is Brian Dugany, the hospital's intervention specialist.
  - Jan. 21 - "How to Recognize and Overcome Co-Dependency."
  - Feb. 4 - "Substance Abuse: It's All in the Family."
  - Feb. 18 - "ACOs and Recovery: Breaking the Cycle."
  - March 3 - "Communicating With Our Children."
  - March 17 - "Adapting to Changes in Our Lives."
- For additional information or a copy of the complete schedule for 1992, contact the community relations department weekdays during business hours at (313) 227-1211. Ext. 276.

## Bell says new law aids consumers

Michigan Bell announced an estimated \$20 million cut in long-distance rates beginning this week — and up to \$45 million additional consumer savings annually — in the wake of new state telecommunications law.

The state's new telecommunications act, passed despite heavy lobbying from citizens groups and competitors, reduced restrictions on Bell pricing, customer sales and service vice president Robert Hurst said.

Previous regulating law, passed in 1975, "did not recognize competition," Hurst said.

The new rates are expected to reduce residential and business telephone bills by some 12 percent, Hurst said.

Price cuts affect long-distance calls within an area code. Pricing changes would make a Detroit-Arbor call cheaper than a Detroit-Los Angeles call, Hurst said.

"THIS MAJOR advantage to customers and our company is now coming to an end," Hurst said.

Bell will soon offer a calling plan reducing rates for residential customers who make frequent calls within a 20-mile radius of their homes.

An additional \$20 million rate cut is scheduled for later in the year, Hurst said. Long-distance discount plans are expected to save consumers an additional \$25 million, he added.

"We said all along that this progressive new law would be good for telephone customers," Hurst said. "We meant what we said, and today we're proving it."

While consumers will receive savings on long-distance calls, rates will go up for such services as operator-assisted calls and third-party calls, Hurst said. There are no plans to

raise rates for directory assistance, he added.

The new law also freezes local phone rates for two years, while maintaining a flat rate for the first 400 local calls.

Calling the new rates a bonanza for consumers, Hurst criticized the "selfish opposition" of those who lobbied against the new state law. Citizens groups, however, remain skeptical of Bell's intent.

"We're in favor of anything that's going to save consumers money," said Mike Jott of the Lansing-based Michigan Citizen's Lobby. "But they could have cut rates without the new law. I feel there's some political motivation to all this."

Competitors and citizens groups have warned the new rates under new state law, Bell can adjust its rates without regulatory procedures, though Bell remains subject to Michigan Public Service Commission regulation.

The new law also gives Bell the

right to enter the cable television industry. Hurst said the telecommunications giant was interested in cable but had no immediate plans to enter the cable industry.

Despite that, Bell didn't gain everything it sought from Lansing. It had sought to have the 400-call limit reduced to 300 calls, Hurst said. Bell also opposed the two-year basic rate freeze, saying current rates have already remained unchanged for eight years.

Michigan Bell has lost 10 percent of its long distance business within Michigan and 70 percent of its WATS business since the telephone industry was deregulated in 1984, Hurst said.

The new telecommunications law passed the state Senate 27-5. All Observer & Eccentric area senators approved the new law except for David Heinigman, R-West Bloomfield, who was absent and did not vote.

Gov. John Engler signed the bill into law Dec. 23.

## Van Boven • Timberland

### Winter Sale

As the holidays are now behind us, it is once again time for us to offer substantial savings on our remaining stock lists of clothing, footwear and accessories.

You will enjoy 20 to 50 percent savings on the finest merchandise throughout our store.

**Sale Begins:**  
Saturday, January 4th, 1992

**Hours:**  
Ann Arbor: Monday-Saturday 9:00-5:30  
Birmingham: Monday-Saturday 10:00-6:00  
Thursday 10:00-8:00

Sale ends Saturday, January 25th, 1992

Clothing: 326 South State Street, Ann Arbor 665-7228  
Shoes: 17 Nichols Avenue, Ann Arbor 665-7240  
Clothing & Shoes: 152 N. Woodward Ave., Birmingham 647-8150

# dairy mart

PRICES EFFECTIVE THRU JANUARY 11, 1992 AT PARTICIPATING STORES

## LIGHT SPECIALS! FOR THE NEW YEAR

DAIRY MART • FARM FRESH

# 1% MILK

\$1.99

GALLON

DAIRY MART • ALL VARIETIES •

# 99¢

12 OZ.

CHOCOLATE & STRAWBERRY

# ULTRA SLIM FAST

\$1.29

12 OZ.

DAIRY MART • FLAVOR OF THE MONTH

# PREMIUM LIGHT ICE MILK

\$1.99

HALF GALLON

DORITOS TORTILLA CHIPS

# \$1.79

COLBY LONGHORN CHEESE

# \$2.79

COLE SLAW

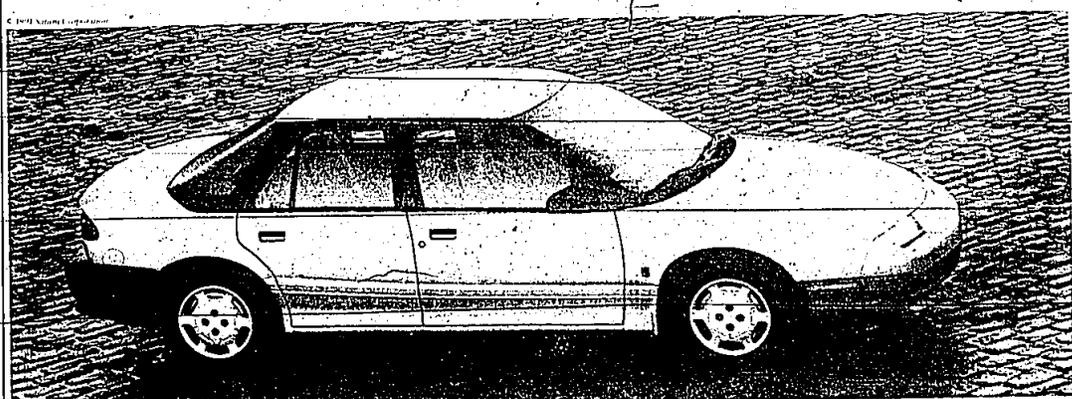
# 99¢

LAWSON CUSTOM SLICED

# PREMIUM BOLOGNA

\$1.79

LB.



THE NEW SATURN SL1 \$9,025\*

- SATURN NORTH  
3400 Civic Center Blvd. • 413-20-8800
- SATURN of PLYMOUTH  
9401 Allison Dr. • 275-6200  
Ann Arbor Rd. • 313-453-7800
- SATURN of TROY  
1804 Maplecrest Way • 486-1310
- SATURN of WARREN  
7310 Convent Rd. • 979-2000  
Ann Dyke • 313-979-2000

For what it's worth, you may want to hold off on that import.

