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Farmington. "It kind of puts a strain on the other girls working. Everyone has to work harder."

Hermanoff & Associates, a pub-lic relations firm in Farmington Hills, have had six of 14 employ-ces out sick.

Said a Hermanoff spokeswom-an: "We're looking seriously at pitching an antibiotic company." Patient traffic in Botsford Hos-

pital's emergency room has looked like an airport terminal.

Dr. Ron Lagerveld, director of Emergency Medicine at Botsford, said hospital resources have been stretched to the maximum. Peo-ple with the flu are coming in along with the regular emergency room cases, keeping staff quite

On Friday afternoon, Lagerveld estimated they had already treat-

ed 15-20 people with the flu.

"I think for some reason, people are having a hard time shaking it," Legerveld said. "It's not three or four days. It lingers for a week to 10 days. The people who end up coming here have tried to take care of it at home."

Some cases have included people with a temperature of 104 degrees and dehydration. One flu sufferer also had encepholitis,

which is an inflammation of the

They try to get the fever down with Tylenol or Motrin and treat dehydration with the use of an IV, Lagerveld said.

"Our experience is this is hit-ting young people more so than older people," Lagerveld said. "Many of the elderly have gotten their flu shots and maybe are im-mune to it."

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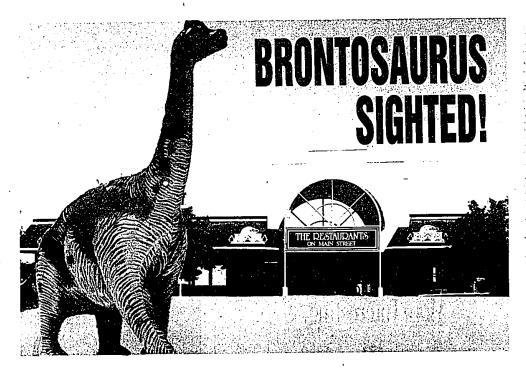
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