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Farmington area is safe.

"I can tell you this is an all-clear," said Rosemaric Rowney of the Oakland Co. Health Division. "I can tell you this problem has been solved.

Asked if she'll return to Cat-leman's Market, Rosenthal said, "if I don't get sick, I will."

Ken Wallace was one of those who did get sick from Legionnaires. The Farmington resident is nearly 100 percent." After his bout with Legionnaires' left him

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Wallace said he didn't go to Cattloman's in late September, but does remember shopping at nearby ACO hardware and Frank's Nursery to buy grass seed.

seed.
"If you get it from the outside
(nir) of the building, I know I
wasn't inside the building," Wallace said. "I wasn't too concerned. I've been shopping
around Farmington since then,

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but I'm glad that they found

Wallace commended Farming-on officials for starting the call ton officials for starting the call for businesses to be required to maintain rooftop coolers, which is a common source for Legionel-la bacteria. Mayor JoAnne McShane said city council will discuss the matter at its Nov. 18

Eugene Mehall, who owns Gene's Coin Shop in the Uptown Plaza, was on vacation during

the middle of September until this month. A regular customer of his, though, was hospitalized with Legionnaires'.

The 62-year-old man rides his bike and visits the Coney Island and browses at Gene's shop, Mehall said.

"I've got to get ahold of the guy," Mehall said. "I've got a good attorney."

Response from page A1

ria were found in all four speci-mens taken from the condenser, said Dr. William Hall of the state health department. Interviews with Legionnaires' patients found an "unusual" fre-

patients found an "unusual" fre-quency had been in the Farming-ton and Orchard Lake Road area during late September and early

October. "Essentially the bacteria covered the plate when it was sent to the lab from edge to edge," Hall said.

Hall said.

"It was really too high to quantitate, (there were) well over 100,000 colonies per millimeter of Legionella bacteria.

In addition, DNA finger printing patterns taken from samples collected from the condensar identically matched those found in patients, Hall said.

Forty-seven sites with rooflop air cooling units were inspected and ordered to be cleaned by health department officials. County and city officials com-mended health officials, hospi-tals and businesses who cooper-ated with the investigation. "All the businesses in Farm-

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Rosemarie Rowney

—County Health Division

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JoAnne McShane Farmington mayor

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Farmington Mayor JoAnne McShane said city council intends to pass a resolution, calling on state agencies to do more investigation to prevent such

"The city of Farmington is very, very thankful that this health concern is basically over and we can bring closure to a matter that has affected so many people." McShane said, "All during the epidemic, outbreak and investigation, our greatest con-cern has gone to the families who have been ill and who have lost loved ones."

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Sue Karczewski, clerk at the Farmington Shoe Repair, lives near the market and shops there

regularly.

"It's an unfortunate incident,"
she said. "but I've shopped there
all along and I'll continue to do

all along and I'll continue to do so."

Shoe repair customer Janine Barr of West Bloomfield agreed. "It could have happened anywhere," she said.

At the Korner Barbers, Grand River and Farmington Road, barber Noeleen Lamb was no stranger to Cattleman's during the October outbreak. "I had lunch down there just about every day at their deli," she said, "and I'm fine."

Neither Legionnaires' disease much a worry for Gail McAuley, barmaid at Cowley's, a popular watering hole on Grand River. "I live right here in town and I went about my chores as usual. I thought it (the outbreak) was over."

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McKenzio of Southfield, "I'm surprised it was just one place.
Cooling towers are all over.
Farther along the bar, Scott
Taggart said he hoped people
would listen to what Cattleman's
people had to say. "Hear both
sides" is the way he put it.
"That kind of thing can kill
you," he said. "I'm in business

I just hope it doesn't hurt their (Cattleman's) business, because it (the outbreak) is over. But you know how people are.'

Chamber of Commerce

and I know." Taggart and his wife Carol, newlyweds, live near Cattleman's. They said they'd purchased "pumpkins and gourds" recently at the market.

Sonya Mitrikeska, behind the counter at the Farmington Bakery, said she'll continue to shop at Cattleman's.

"I think it's not fair to that business," she said. "They're not really responsible. Anyone could get that in their air conditioner."

Most downtown business peo-ple were relieved that the source of a deadly disease had finally been found.

"I'm glad they found out," said Jenny Mihajlovski at the Baskin-Robbins ice cream store on Farmington Road. "I lost a lot of business for three weeks."

Mugging from page A1

The two men were able to get to a dark blue 1990 or 1991 Ford Taurus and drive away on west-bound Grand River with the woman's purse. There was a driver's license, credit cards and identification, but no money in the purse, police reports indi-

The clerk had called police, but the two men, remain at large. Both were described as African-

Americans in their early 20s. The gunman was wearing a dark blue jacket and blue jeans. The other man was wearing a purple jacket and jeans.

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Danielle still plan to stay in Farmington. "We're pretty happy with what we did (in the election)," he said. "We pulled 13.6 points above the base (of Democratic voters) in six

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