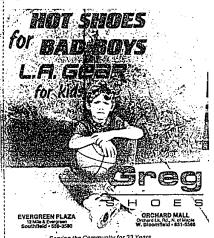


### Leaf pickup times

City of Farmington leaf pickup begins Oct. 23. This map shows residential area schedules and dates. Residents on curbod streets should windrow leaves onto the right-of-way area between the sidewalk and the curb. Residents on uncurbod

streets should rake leaves to the street edge. For regular weekly pickup, leaves must be bagged. All vehicles must be parked on private property during the special leaf pickup hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Weather could affect this schedule.



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# Beware of tricks = to get your money

The following information is provided by the Farmington Department of Public Sofety, which incorporates both fire and police protection for residents of the city of Farmington. Residents or businesspeople with questions, concerns or suggestions should contact the department at 743-7262. This column is written by Commander Chuck Lee.

Several times over the past few weeks, Farmington-area businesses have been tricked out of their mon-

cy.
There are several different types of scams used to trick business employees into either giving back too much change (or purchases, or giving too much change for purchases, or giving too much change for larger bilts.

If this all sounds confusing, it is meant to. That's what the bad guy wants to create — confusion. If this can be accomplished, then his trick will most often be successful.

Usually, the bad guy portraying himself as a customer will purchase an inexpensive item and pay for it with a 55, \$10 or \$20 bill.

Somewhere during the transaction, the person will ask for the originabilly back and give the clerk a different bill for the purchase. This becomes confusing and the clerk is tricked into giving the person too much change.

In most cases, the bad guy gets not only change, but the actual bill first given to the clerk. The goal of this seam is to create as much confusion There are several different types

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and obtain as much money as possible, thereby making the clerk feel guilty.

SHORTLY AFTER the customer leaves with the merchandise and additional money, the clerk discovers the shortage in the register of between \$10 and \$50.

Victims of these type scams should report them to the police de-partment. Should an employee be-come involved in what they believe to not of these scams, they should stop the transaction and advise the-customer that the police will be-called to come and assist.

This may very well be the best way to end the confusion, as the bad guy will not be happy to have the police involved.

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