First baby of 2001



Farmington first: Dr. Neysa Bartlett, an OB/GYN with Botsford Hospital, gave birth to the hospital's first baby of the year, Kiara Lynn, at 2:55 a.m. on

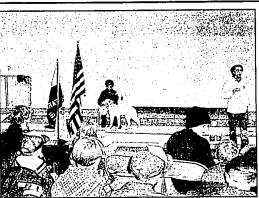


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No stage tright: Longacre Elementary School student Ben Schoener keeps an eye on one of the puppies-in-training for Lead-er Dogs for the Blind during the Holiday Pack Meeting. Above is guest speaker Keith Hollingshead from Leader Dogs.

Scouts support and learn about Leader Dogs

The holidays again have come and gone. But, hopefully, the good will delivered by participation in two community service pro-jects by Longacre Elementary School Cub Scout Pack 46 will linger for a long time to come.

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During the Holiday Pack Meeting last month at the Farmington district school, members of the pack made contributions both to the Leader Dogs for the Blind pro-

gram and area families in need.

According to pack spokeswoman Keven Blaker, such humanitarian efforts are a staple of Scouting, especially with Pack 45.

"We would appreciate the opportunity to let people know that our boys realize that helping others in need is a very important part of the Scouting program," Blaker said.

At the meeting, the scouts presented a check for \$531 to Ketth Hollingshead, of Leader Dogs for the Blind. Hollingshead brought two "pupples-in-training" and discussed aspects of the program.

Most of the donation was collected by Pack 45 (which consists of about 60 boys). Blakersaid the boys earned quarters by doing extra chores at home or donating directly from their allowances.

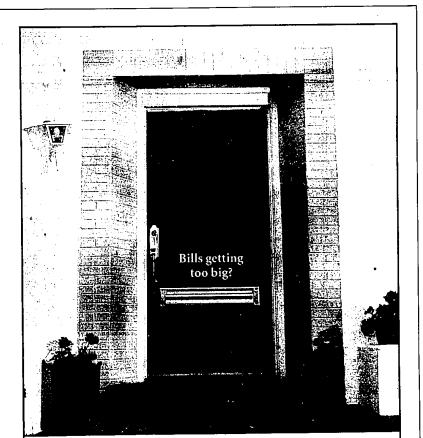
The second community service project highlighted at the Holiday Fack Meeting was the annual Tree of Warmth, an effortheaded by Longacre Frincipal Bill Smith. Youngsters brought mittens, gloves, hats and scarves, which were accepted by Smith on behalf of the Farmington community and then placed on the tree.

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