

**King** continued from page 1Quotes by Dr. Martin Luther King

"The time is always right to do what is right."

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter"



Jessica Victoria Harry

**New Arrival**

"By Ethan Harry and William Grubb

Ethan Harry is expecting a new baby sister from Russia. "Ethan what is her name?" "Jessica Victoria Harry." "When did you find out about this?" "About a year ago." "How old is she?" "She is 1 year old." "When will you get her?" "Late February, or early March." "What part of Russia is she from?" "She is from Siberia." "When will your parents see her?" "They just got back from seeing her Sunday." "Well, we hope to see her soon."

**New Student: Michele Wessmen**

By Caroline Cubberly and Jill Zivley

How many people are in your family? 6

Do you have any siblings? Yes

What are your sibling's names and ages? William, 4; Elizabeth, 2; and Rebecca, 2. *Do you like living in Houston or Florida better? Why? Houston because its cooler than Florida. (???)*

*What is your Favorite color? Pink*  
*What's your favorite food? Hot dogs and grilled cheese. Who are your best friends? Mariah, Gabie, and Katie*

*How old are you? 5 years old*  
*Do you have any pets? No, but I would like to have a cat and a dog.*

*When is your birthday? February 28<sup>th</sup>*  
*Who is your teacher? Mrs. McKennis*

**As we are home all snug in are bed we think of those who have no bread...** By: Mary Evans McCloskey and Madeline**America Responds**

On September 11, the eyes of our nation were opened to problems other countries have been facing for a long time. Afghanistan is one of the world's poorest countries. Over the past couple of

months there was a great amount of worry for the Afghanistan people because of the hard winter. Their situation is truly awful; one out of three of the children are orphans, half suffer from lack of nutrition, and one quarter aren't expected to live past five years old but that is not as bad as it could be. Thanks to the help of all Americans, the people of Afghanistan, adults and kids alike are able to receive, food, water, woolen caps, jackets, toothbrushes, soap, crayons, lollipops, teddy bears and lots, lots more. In addition workers have been dropping food packets the size and weight of a hard cover book, out the back of planes. Each indi-

vidual packet contains a days serving of red beans, rice, fruit bars, peanut butter and strawberry jam. These packages don't contain meat. Lots of people in Afghanistan are Muslim, and Muslims can't eat pork due to their beliefs. Each packet also holds inside a miniature American flag and a message inscribing "This food is a gift from the United States of America." All the packages are designed specially to drift gently to the ground to lessen the chances of people getting bonked on the head. Many aid workers worry that these food packages won't make it to the people who need it most. The Afghans may risk injury trying to get to the food. In addition to food packets, Americans have also been sending care boxes. The money funding these care packages came from money sent to the White House by kids. In a money drive, the children of America learned that a dollar can make a difference. Amazingly in just two months American kids raised over 1.5 million dollars for

Afghanistan children sending a message to the children of Afghanistan that will be in their hearts for the rest of their lives.

President George W. Bush was not the first U.S. president to ask for help from our nation's children. During World war President Woodrow Wilson and U.S. Food Administration Chief Herbert Hoover asked American children to eat only what they needed to. There were asked to recite the "Child No Waste Pledge"..."I pledge my allegiance to my flag, in service true I will not lag. I'll not despise my crusts of bread, nor make complaint, what ever fed. On wheat-less days I'll eat no wheat, on other days eat less of sweet. I'll waste no pennies, spoil no clothes, and so I'll battle against are-foes." Today we say a different pledge but in our hearts the message still remains the same. We are still pledging to be loyal to our country and its people and be faithful to all that is true. That message will never die as long as the brave people of are country stand tall.