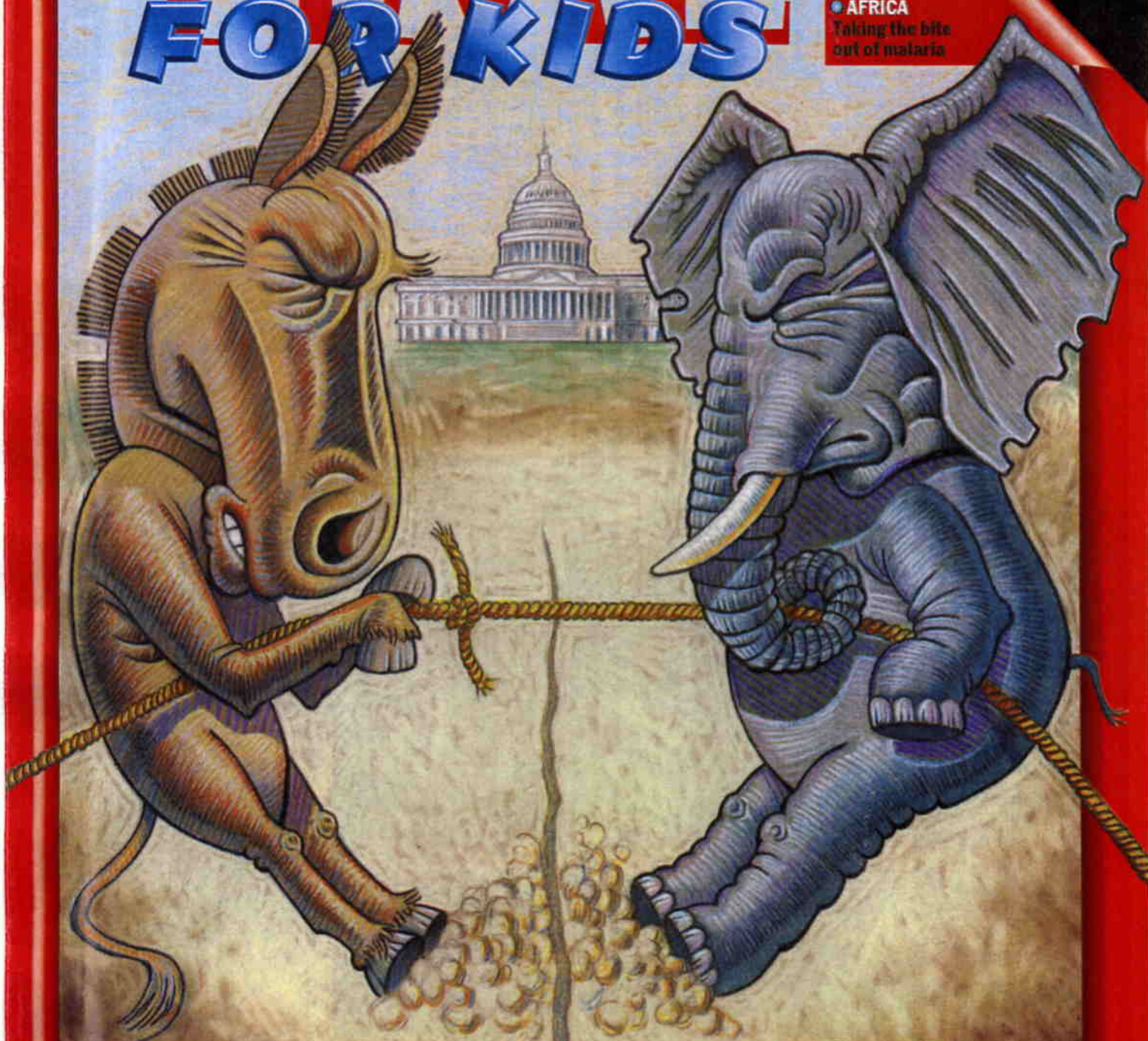


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▲ In Kenya, people are guarded from malaria-carrying mosquitoes by a net.

◀ Two kids in Mayange, Rwanda, have new bed nets from the Earth Institute.

Safety Nets

Malaria kills 1 million people each year, but a \$10 net can be a lifesaver

YOU CAN HELP

A new campaign called Veto the 'Squito aims to get young people to fight malaria. One of its partners, the Love, Hallie Foundation, was started by the family of a TFK reader who died in an accident at age 11.

Hallie Geier was determined to make the world a better place for all kids, especially those in Africa. We think that many readers will share her vision. Can you and your friends raise \$10? Then you can buy a bed net and save a life.

Log on to vetothesquito.org to learn more about the campaign and the Love, Hallie Foundation.

CHANCES ARE EXCELLENT that you will never know anyone who has malaria. "It's hard to imagine a disease that will never affect you causing so much suffering," says Josh Ruxin, a health expert who works in the African country of Rwanda. "But for hundreds of millions of people, malaria is a way of life."

Africa is the continent hit hardest by malaria. At least 1 million people die of the disease every year. Most of them are kids under age 5.

Malaria is caused by a tiny parasite that lives in the gut and saliva of mosquitoes in nations where the disease flourishes. When an infected mosquito bites someone, the microscopic parasites slip into the person's bloodstream. Usually



Mosquitoes like this one carry malaria.

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within 10 days, the person gets sick with flu-like symptoms. If left untreated, the parasites can move into the brain, which can make the disease turn deadly.

FIGHTING BACK

What is especially frustrating about malaria, Ruxin told TFK, is that we can prevent it. Fifty years ago, a mosquito-killing pesticide called DDT was developed. In the 1960s, scientists found that DDT was harming other wildlife, so the pesticide's use was restricted. But recently, some have encouraged the careful use of small amounts of DDT to treat the walls inside houses.

Bed nets are another weapon in the fight (see "You Can Help"). The mosquitoes most likely to carry malaria are busiest during the night. That's why bed nets draped over sleeping areas can prevent malaria. Nets dipped in insecticide every six months kill mosquitoes that land on them. Nets treated with insecticide that lasts for five years are even better. "Our goal," says Ruxin, "is to get two bed nets for every household."

Malaria can be cured. Drugs called artemisinins are the most effective. But the best solution would be a vaccine to prevent malaria. Scientists are testing promising vaccines.

Meanwhile, it is vital to get preventive help to everyone who needs it. "It is an important bridge we can build across the ocean," says Ruxin.

—By David Bjerklie

TEACHING THIS WEEK'S ISSUE

Facts and resources about malaria.

SAFETY NETS (p. 6)

- Malaria is mainly found in tropical areas of Africa, Asia and Latin America. Malaria parasites need warmth to complete their growth.
- Malaria was effectively eradicated from the U.S. in the early 1950s. But the mosquito that transmits malaria, anopheles, is found throughout much of the country.
- About 1,300 cases of malaria are diagnosed in the U.S. each year. The majority of cases in the U.S. are in travelers and immigrants returning from areas that are at risk for malaria.
- Only female mosquitoes bite; males do not.

- Four kinds of malaria parasites can infect humans.
- Malaria symptoms include: high fever, shaking chills, headache, muscular aches and weakness, vomiting, diarrhea and cough.
- In Africa, a child dies from malaria every 30 seconds.
- Malaria is not transmitted from person to person. It can be transmitted through blood transfusion, organ transplant or contaminated needles or syringes.

Resource

childrenforchildren.org/prog_sweat_fornets.asp A web-based service-learning program to get kids involved in the global fight against malaria.

TFK'S WEEKLY ONLINE QUIZ

Teachers, each week we post an online quiz at timeforkids.com/teachers, based on the current issue.

If you are looking for a quiz from a previous issue, you will need to:

1. Click on Past Issues in the navigation bar.
2. Click on the World Report edition heading.
3. Choose the issue that you need.
4. Click on the quiz link along the left side of the page.

Remember, in order to prevent students from accessing answers to the quiz, we do not post the answers online. Each week, look for the answers and the skill each question highlights at the bottom of this page.

TFK Power Words

A Guilty Verdict (p. 2)

DIKTATOR: a person who rules with total authority and often in a cruel way

VERDICT: the decision reached by a court

ERA: a period of time in the life of a place or person

Baby Beluga: A Little Whale on the Go (p. 2)

CAPTIVE: kept under control

CAMOUFLAGE: to hide or disguise

Incoming! A New Military Boss (p. 3)

RESIGN: to give up by a formal act

Power Shift (pp. 4-5)

SEIZE: to take possession of

OUSTED: drove out

CRITICAL: looking for and pointing out faults

MAJORITY: a number greater than half of a total

SCANDAL: damage to a good reputation

CORRUPTION: lack of honesty

GLITCHES: minor problems

Safety Nets (p. 6)

PARASITE: a plant or animal that lives in or on some other living thing

FLOURISHES: does well

MICROSCOPIC: very tiny

INSECTICIDE: a chemical used to kill insects

Queen of the Mountains (p. 7)

SUMMIT: the highest point

STAMINA: staying power

Build Vocabulary

Give students TFK Power Words from this week's cover story. Have them underline the words as they appear in the story and any additional words that relate to elections and/or the U.S. government.

Comments? E-mail teachersguides@timeforkids.com

Answer Key

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THE U.S. GOVERNMENT (p. 3)

1. legislative; 435 2. nine
3. Answers may vary. 4. The President signs bills and can veto them. 5. They decide if laws are constitutional.

THE RACE FOR GOVERNOR (p. 4)

1. The 2006 governor's elections
2. Read the map key. 3. Answers may vary. 4. false 5. 16; 20

Mystery Person: P.L. Travers

TFK WEEKLY ONLINE COMPREHENSION QUIZ

1. A (Recall Facts and Details)
2. D (Recall Facts and Details)
3. B (Read a Chart)
4. A (Recall Facts and Details)
5. D (Identify Fact and Opinion)
6. C (Identify Word Meanings)
7. D (Draw Conclusions)
8. B (Recall Facts and Details)
9. D (Read for Details)
10. Answers may vary. (Interpret Quotes)

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