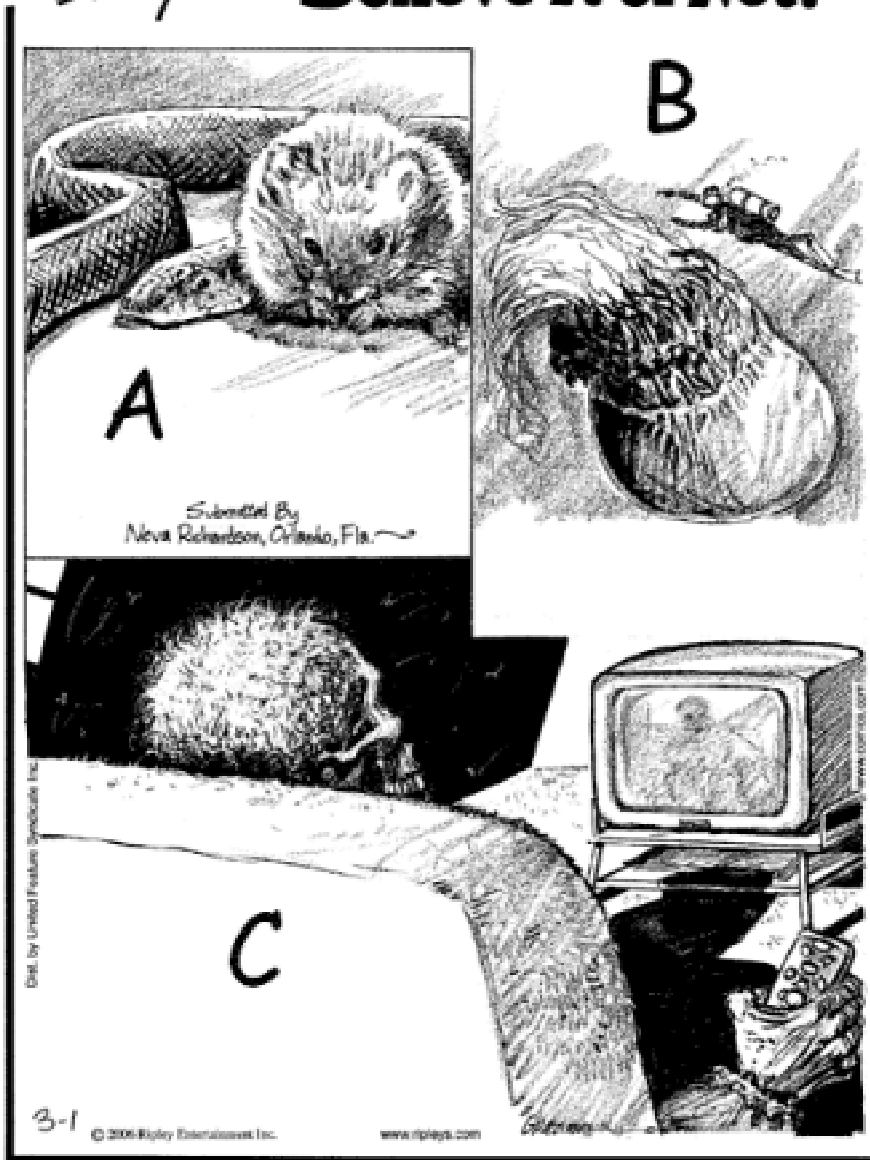


# Ripley's Believe It or Not!



< TASK 1 > Read the articles (1) to (3).  
And figure out which article they come from.  
Write A, B, or C.

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Aochan, a snake at the Mutsugoro Okoku Zoo in Tokyo, shares a cage with his companion --- Gohan, a hamster!
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Having asked not to be buried in the event of her death, Johannas Pope's decaying body sat in her chair, facing the TV, for 2 1/2 years until police discovered her in January 2006!
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ "Jumbo Jellies!" Deep in the Sea of Japan, Nomura's Jellyfish can grow to six feet wide and can weigh up to 450 pounds!

<TASK 2> Answer the questions.

- (4) What kind of animal shares a cage with a hamster at the Mutsugoro Okoku Zoo?
- (5) Did Johannas want to be buried in the event of her death?
- (6) How big can Nomura's Jellyfish grow?

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## < ANSWERS >

- (1) A (2) C (3) B
- (4) A snake does.
- (5) No, she didn't.
- (6) It can grow to six feet wide and can weigh up to 450 pounds.

## < WORDS & PHRASES >

Aochan 「アオちゃん」 (ヘビの名前)  
 a snake 「ヘビ」  
 ... at the Mutsugoro Okoku Zoo in Tokyo  
 「東京にあるムツゴロウ王国にいる...」  
 shares a cage with his companion  
 「仲間と同じおりで過ごしている」  
 Gohan 「ごはん」 (ハムスターの名前)  
 a hamster 「ハムスター」

"Jumbo Jellies!" 「巨大なゼリー」  
 Deep in the Sea of Japan 「日本海の深いところに」  
 Nomura's Jellyfish 「エチゼンクラゲ」 (動物種名)  
 can grow to six feet wide 「幅が6フィートにまで成長する」  
 can weigh up to 450 pounds 「重さが最高450ポンドになる」

Having asked not to be buried  
 「埋葬しないように頼んでいたので」  
 in the event of her death 「死んだ場合には」  
 Johannas Pope (人名)  
 ~'s decaying body 「~の腐敗した遺体」  
 sat in her chair 「椅子に腰掛けていた」  
 facing the TV 「そして、テレビを向いていた」  
 for 2 1/2 years 「2年半の間」  
 until police discovered her 「警察が彼女を発見するまで」  
 in January 2006 「2006年1月に」