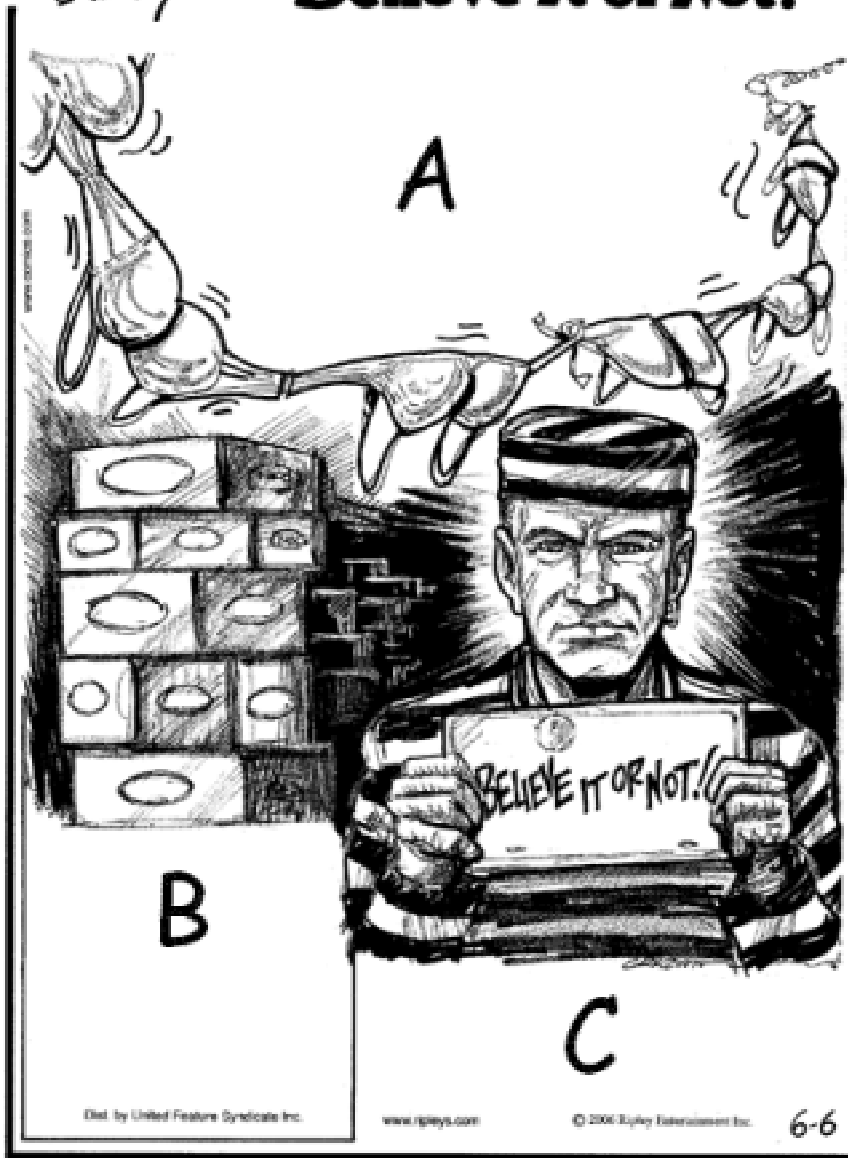


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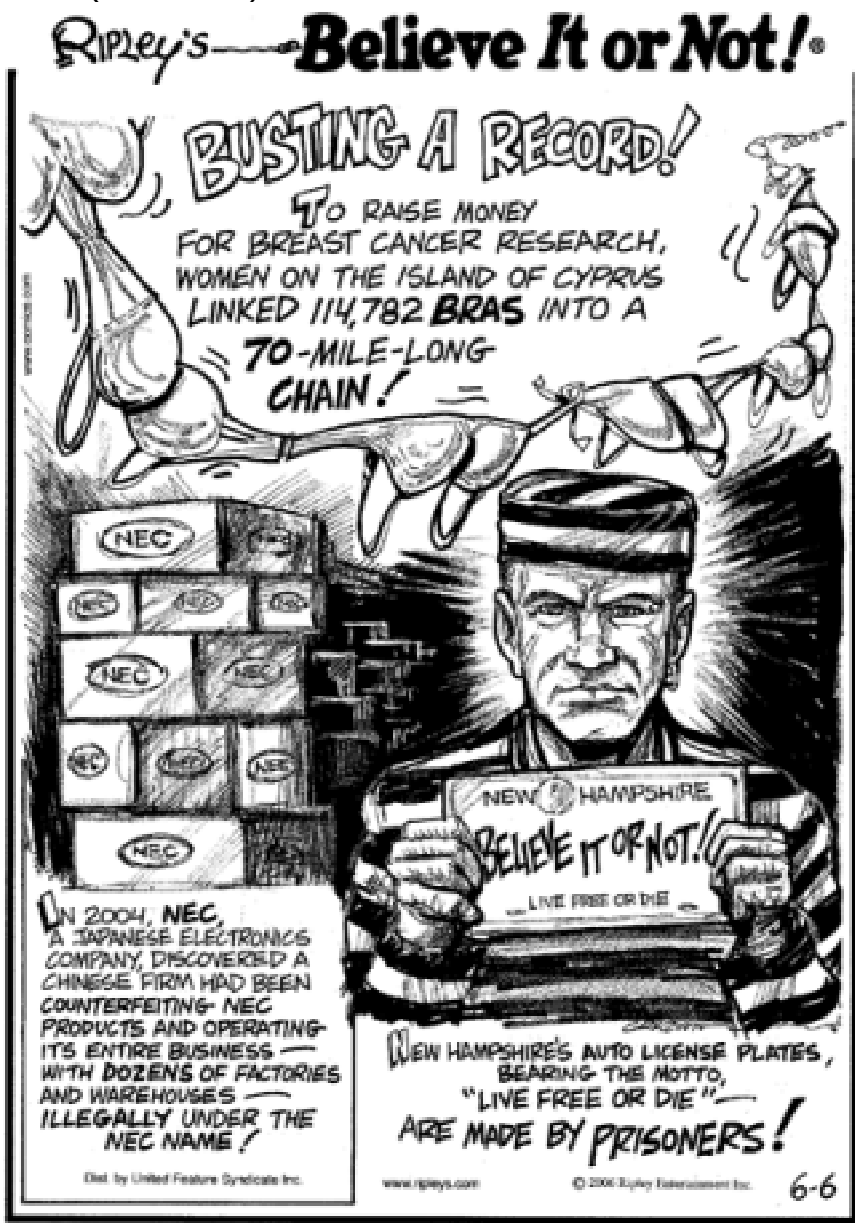


< TASK 1 > Read the articles (1) to (3).
And figure out which article they come from.
Write A, B, or C.

- (1) _____ New Hampshire's auto license plates bearing the motto, "LIVE FREE OR DIE" --- are made by prisoners!
- (2) _____ "Busting a Record!" To raise money for breast cancer research, women on the island of Cyprus linked 114,782 bras into a 70-mile-long chain!
- (3) _____ In 2004, NEC, a Japanese electronics company, discovered a Chinese firm had been counterfeiting NEC products and operating its entire business --- with dozens of factories and warehouses --- illegally under the NEC name!

<TASK 2> Answer the questions.

- (4) Who makes the auto license plates bearing the motto "LIVE FREE OR DIE"?
- (5) What did the women make in order to raise money for breast cancer research?
- (6) What did the Chinese firm do?



< ANSWERS >

- (1) C (2) A (3) B
- (4) Prisoners in New Hampshire do.
- (5) They made a 70-mile-long chain of bras.
- (6) It had been counterfeiting NEC products.

< WORDS & PHRASES >

"Busting a Record!" 「記録達成！」
 To raise money for ~ 「~のためにお金を集める目的で」
 breast cancer research 「乳ガン研究」
 women on ~ 「~に住む女性たち」
 the island of Cyprus 「キプロス島」(地名)
 linked ~ into a 70-mile-long chain 「~を70マイルの長さに繋いだ」
 114,782 bras 「114,782枚のブラジャー」

In 2004 「2004年に」
 NEC (会社名)
 a Japanese electronics company 「日本の電気会社」
 discovered ... 「...ということを発見した」
 a Chinese firm 「中国の会社」
 had been counterfeiting A and operating its entire business
 「Aを偽造し、それだけで会社を成り立たせてきた」
 NEC products 「NECの製品」
 with dozens of factories and warehouses 「何十もの工場や倉庫を備え」
 illegally under the NEC name 「違法的にNECの名を名乗って」

New Hampshire's ~ 「ニューハンプシャー(地名)の~」
 auto license plates 「自動車のナンバープレート」
 bearing the motto 「 motto が書かれているのだが」
 "LIVE FREE OR DIE" 「自由に生きられなければ死ぬしかない」
 are made by prisoners 「囚人によって作られている」