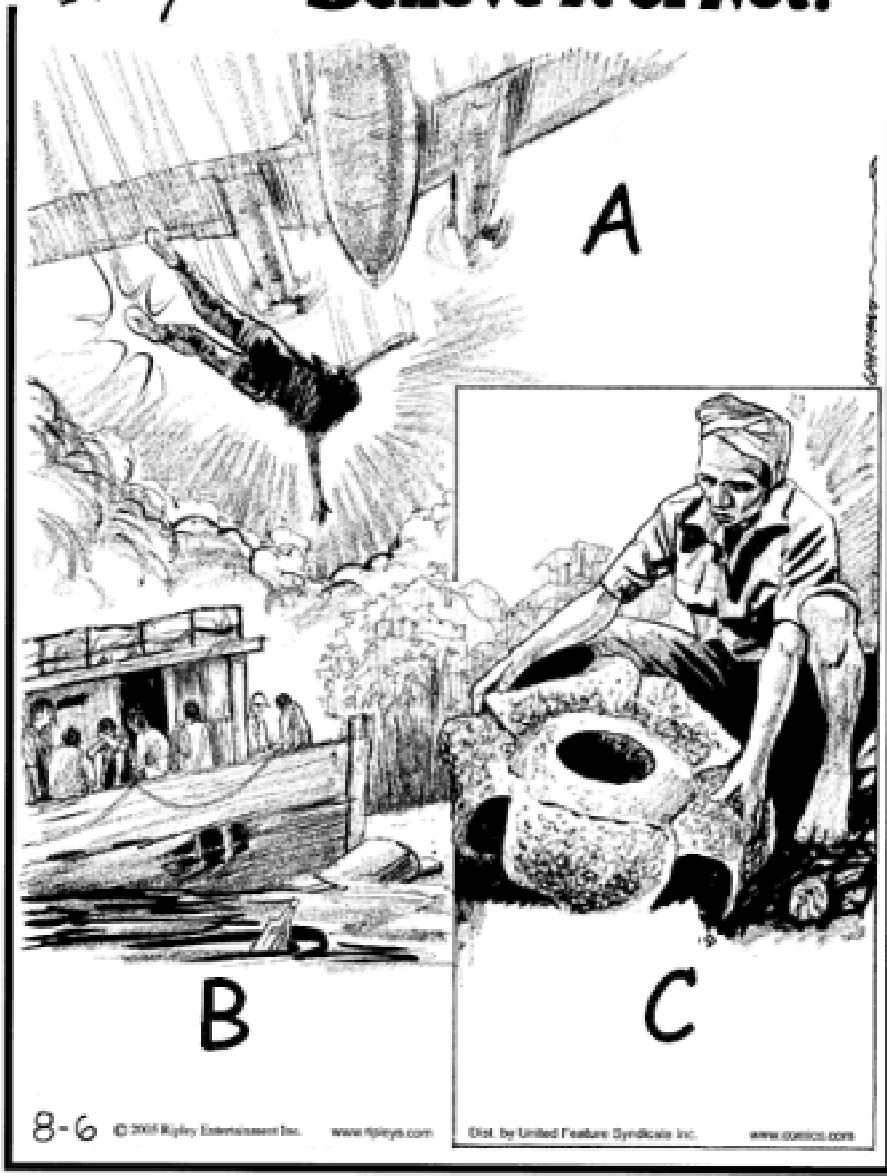


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< TASK 1 > Read the articles (1) to (3).
And figure out which article they come from.
Write A, B, or C.

- (1) _____ A plea for help inside a floating bottle in May 2005, led Costa Rican fishermen to 86 shipwrecked migrants dying of starvation on an island!
- (2) _____ "Flower Power!" Rafflesia, the world's largest flower, grows up to 3 feet across --- yet the plant lacks leaves, stems, roots or chlorophyll!
- (3) _____ Skydiver Joseph Malgioglio was hit by the same plane from which he jumped, causing the plane to crash in Yorkville, Wis., neither the jumper nor the pilot was seriously injured!

<TASK 2> Answer the questions.

- (4) How many people died of starvation on an island?
- (5) Does rafflesia have leaves?
- (6) What hit the skydiver?

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< ANSWERS >

- (1) B (2) C (3) A
- (4) Eighty-six people did.
- (5) No, it doesn't.
- (6) The same plane from which he jumped did.

< WORDS & PHRASES >

Skydiver 「スカイダイバー」
 Joseph Malgioglio (人名)
 was hit by ~ 「~にぶつかった」
 the same plane from which he jumped 「彼が飛び降りたのを同じ飛行機」
 causing the plane to crash in ~ 「そして~に墜落した」
 Yorkville, Wis. (地名)
 neither the jumper nor the pilot ... 「飛び降りた人もパイロットも...ない」
 was seriously injured 「ひどい怪我をした」

A plea for help 「助けに対する願い」
 ... inside a floating bottle 「浮かぶ瓶の中の...」
 in May 2005 「2005年5月に」
 led ~ to ... 「~を...に導いた」
 Costa Rican fishermen 「コスタリカ人の漁師」
 86 shipwrecked migrants 「86人の難破した移住者たち」
 ... dying of starvation on an island 「島で飢餓で死んでしまった...」

"Flower Power!" 「花の力」
 Rafflesia (植物名)
 the world's largest flower 「世界一大きな花で」
 grows up to 3 feet across 「直径3フィートになる」
 yet 「しかし」
 the plant lacks ~ 「その植物には~がない」
 leaves, stems, roots or chlorophyll 「葉、茎、根、または葉緑素」