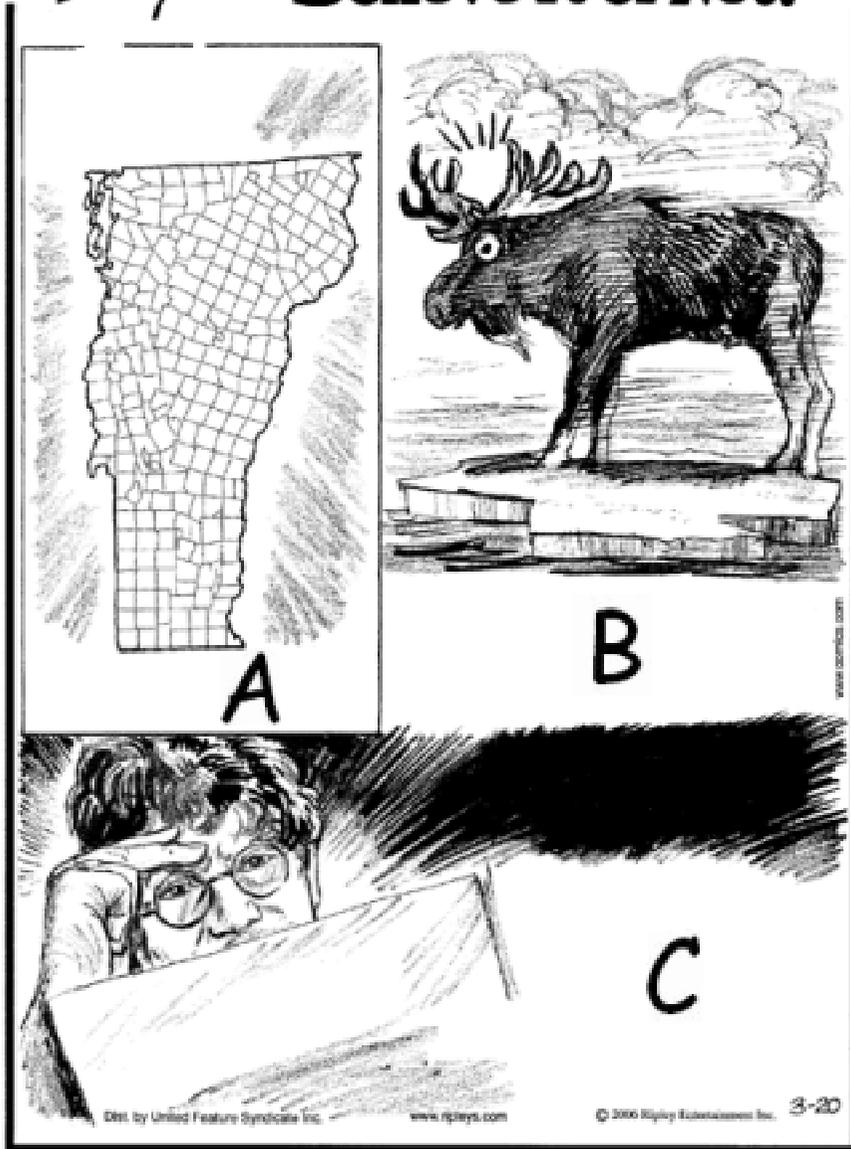


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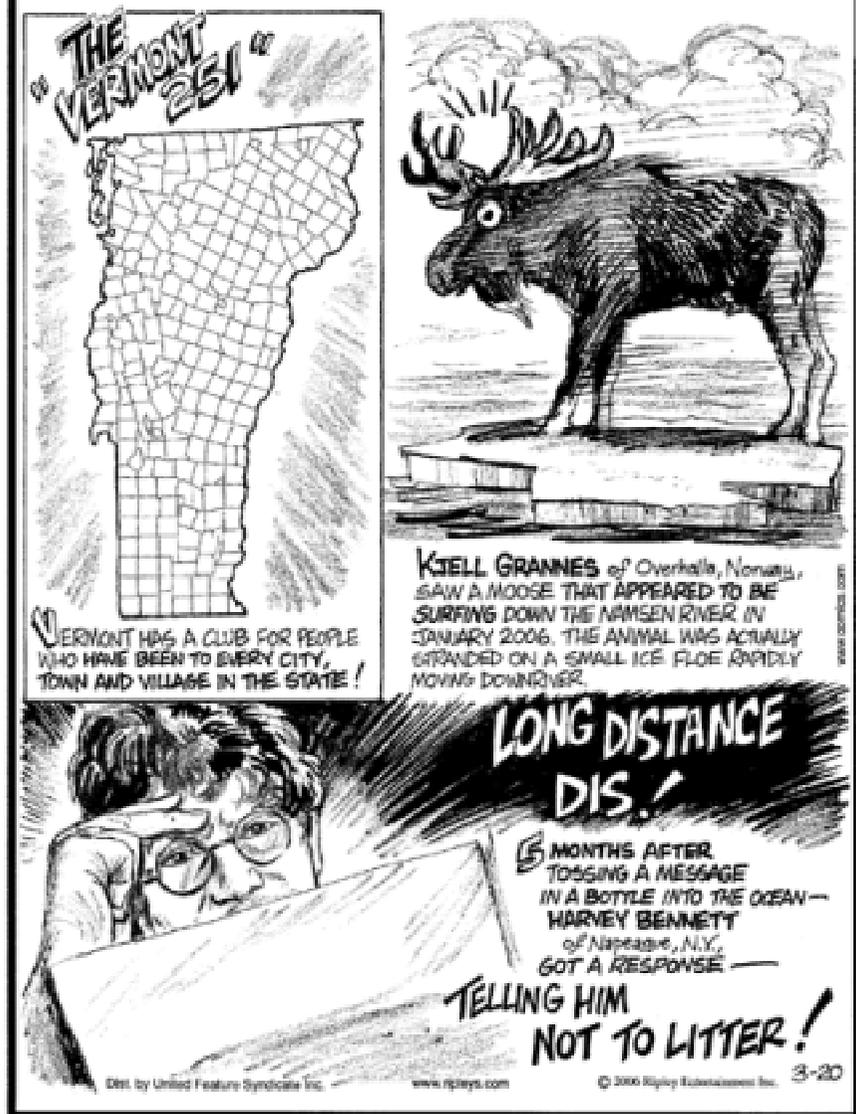
< TASK 1 > Read the articles (1) to (3).
And figure out which article they come from.
Write A, B, or C.

- (1) _____ Kjell Grannes of Overholla, Norway, saw a moose that appeared to be surfing down the Namsen River in January 2006. The animal was actually stranded on a small ice flow rapidly moving downriver.
- (2) _____ "Long Distance Dis!" 5 months after tossing a message in a bottle into the ocean --- Harvey Bennett of Napeague, N.Y., got a response --- telling him not to litter!
- (3) _____ The "Vermont 251"
Vermont has a club for people who have been to every city, town and village in the state!

<TASK 2> Answer the questions.

- (4) A moose appeared to be surfing down a river. What was it actually doing?
- (5) What kind of response did Harvery get after tossing a message in a bottle into the ocean?
- (6) Who can join the "Vermont 251"?

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<ANSWERS>

- (1) B (2) C (3) A
- (4) It was stranded on a small ice flow rapidly moving downriver.
- (5) He got a response which told him not to litter.
- (6) People who have been to every city, town, and village in the state can.

<WORDS & PHRASES>

The ``Vermont 251'' (クラブ名)
 Vermont 「(アメリカ合衆国)バーモント州」
 a club for people who ~ 「~する人のためのクラブ」
 have been to every city, town and village in the state
 「州内の全ての市・町・村に行ったことがある」

Kjell Grannes (人名)
 Overholla, Norway (地名)
 saw a moose 「ムース(動物名)を見た」
 ... that appeared to be ~ing 「~していると思えるような...」
 surfing down ~ 「~をサーフィンしながら下る」
 the Namsen River (河川名)
 actually 「実際には」
 was stranded on ~ 「~で立ち往生していた」
 a small ice flow 「小さな氷の流れ」
 ... rapidly moving downriver 「速く川を下っていく...」

Long Distance Dis 「遠く離れたところからの非難」
 5 months after ~ing 「~してから5か月後」
 tossing a message in a bottle into the ocean
 「ビンに入った手紙を海に投げること」

Harvey Bennett (人名)
 Napeague, N.Y. (地名)
 got a response 「返事を受け取った」
 ... telling him not to litter 「彼にゴミを捨てないように言う...」