

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) _____ "Born Free" India's attempt to hybridize Asian and African lions resulted in a stock of sickly animals, which are now living out their lives at a lion retirement home in Punjab State's Chhatbir Zoo!
- (2) _____ When Pierre Landry won the 1868 election in Donaldsonville, LA., he became the first African-American mayor in the United States!
- (3) _____ While dressed as a superhero for his pizza delivery job, Cameron Evans of Minneapolis, Minn., foiled a purse snatching on June 6, 2006!

<TASK 2> Answer the questions.

- (4) Did India's attempt to hybridize Asian and African lions end in success?
- (5) When did Pierre Landry become the first African-American mayor in the United States?
- (6) What kind of costume did Cameron wear when he foiled a purse snatching?

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<ANSWERS>

- (1) A (2) C (3) B
- (4) No, it didn't.
- (5) He became the mayor in 1868.
- (6) He wore a superhero costume for his pizza delivery job.

<WORDS & PHRASES>

"Born Free" 「生まれながら自由である」
 India's attempt to ~ 「～するインドの取り組み」
 hybridize Asian and African lions 「アジアライオンとアフリカライオンを交配する」
 resulted in ~ 「結果的に～となった」
 a stock of sickly animals 「病弱な動物が残っている状態」
 ..., which are living out their lives at ~ 「そして～で人生を終えている」
 a lion retirement home 「高齢ライオン療養所」
 Punjab State 「パンジャブ州」(地名)
 Chhatbir Zoo (動物園名)

While dressed as a superhero 「スーパーヒーローの格好をしている時に」
 for his pizza delivery job 「ピザ配達の仕事で」
 Cameron Evans (人名)
 Minneapolis, Minn. 「ミネソタ州ミネアポリス」(地名)
 foiled a purse snatching 「ひったくりを撃退した」
 on June 6, 2006 「2006年6月6日に」

When A won the 1868 election 「Aが1868年の選挙で勝利した時」
 Pierre Landry (人名)
 Donaldsonville, LA. (地名)
 he became ~ 「彼(Pierre)は～になった」
 the first African-American mayor in the United States 「米国で最初のアフリカ系アメリカ人市長」