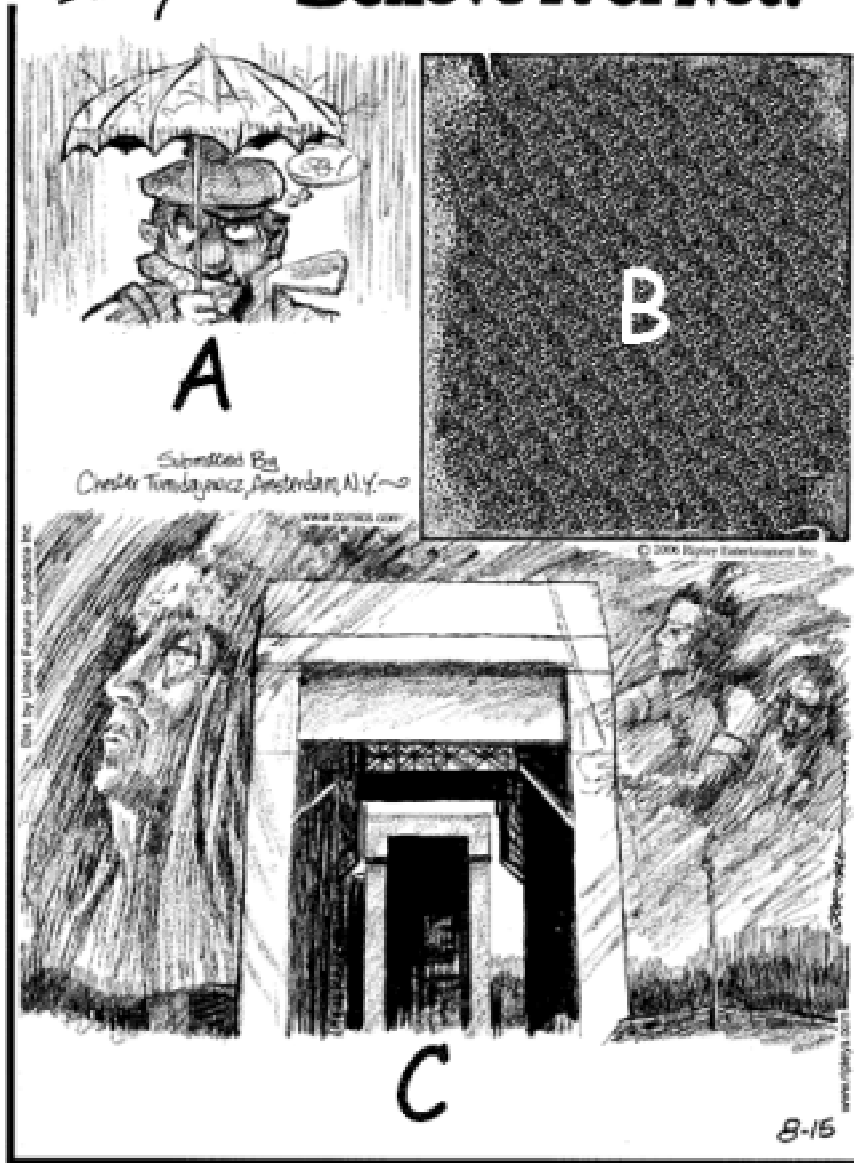


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< TASK 1 > Read the articles (1) to (3).
And figure out which article they come from.
Write A, B, or C.

- (1) _____ The international golf tournament in Castle Rock, Colo., has been delayed by weather every year for the past 20 years!
- (2) _____ The multi-billion-dollar rocket launch pad SLC-6 at California's Vandenberg Air Force Base, built on land sacred to the Chumash Native Americans, didn't send up a rocket for nearly 3 decades --- and many flights since have been marked by explosions and mishaps!
- (3) _____ To mark its 150th year in 2006 the town of Columbus, Neb., planted a 19-acre cornfield and created a maze with over 3 miles of twists and turns.

<TASK 2> Answer the questions.

- (4) Why has the tournament been delayed every year for the past 20 years?
- (5) How many rockets did the launch pad send up for nearly 30 years?
- (6) Where was the maze created?

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<ANSWERS>

- (1) A (2) C (3) B
- (4) Because the weather wasn't good enough.
- (5) It sent no rockets up.
- (6) It was created in a 19-acre cornfield.

<WORDS & PHRASES>

The international golf tournament 「国際ゴルフ大会」
 Castle Rock, Colo. (地名)
 has been delayed by weather 「天候により延期されている」
 every year for the past 20 years 「過去20年間ずっと」

To mark its 150th year 「150周年として」
 in 2006 「2006年に」
 the town of Columbus, Neb. (地名)
 planted a 19-acre cornfield
 「広さ19エーカーをトウモロコシ畑にした」
 created ~ 「~を作った」
 a maze with over 3 miles of twists and turns
 「長さ3マイル以上の曲がりくねった迷路」

The multi-billion-dollar ~ 「数10億ドル規模の~」
 rocket launch pad 「ロケット発射台」
 SLC-6 (ロケット発射台名)
 California's ~ 「カリフォルニア(地名)にある~」
 Vandenberg Air Force Base (空軍基地名)
 built on ~ 「~に建設されていて」
 land sacred to ~ 「~にとって神聖な場所」
 the Chumash Native Americans 「先住アメリカ人チュマシュ族」
 didn't send up a rocket 「ロケットを打ち上げていない」
 for nearly 3 decades 「30年近くの間」
 many flights 「多くの飛行機」
 since 「その間ずっと」
 ... have been marked by ~ 「...には~が顕著となっている」
 explosions and mishaps 「爆発や事故」