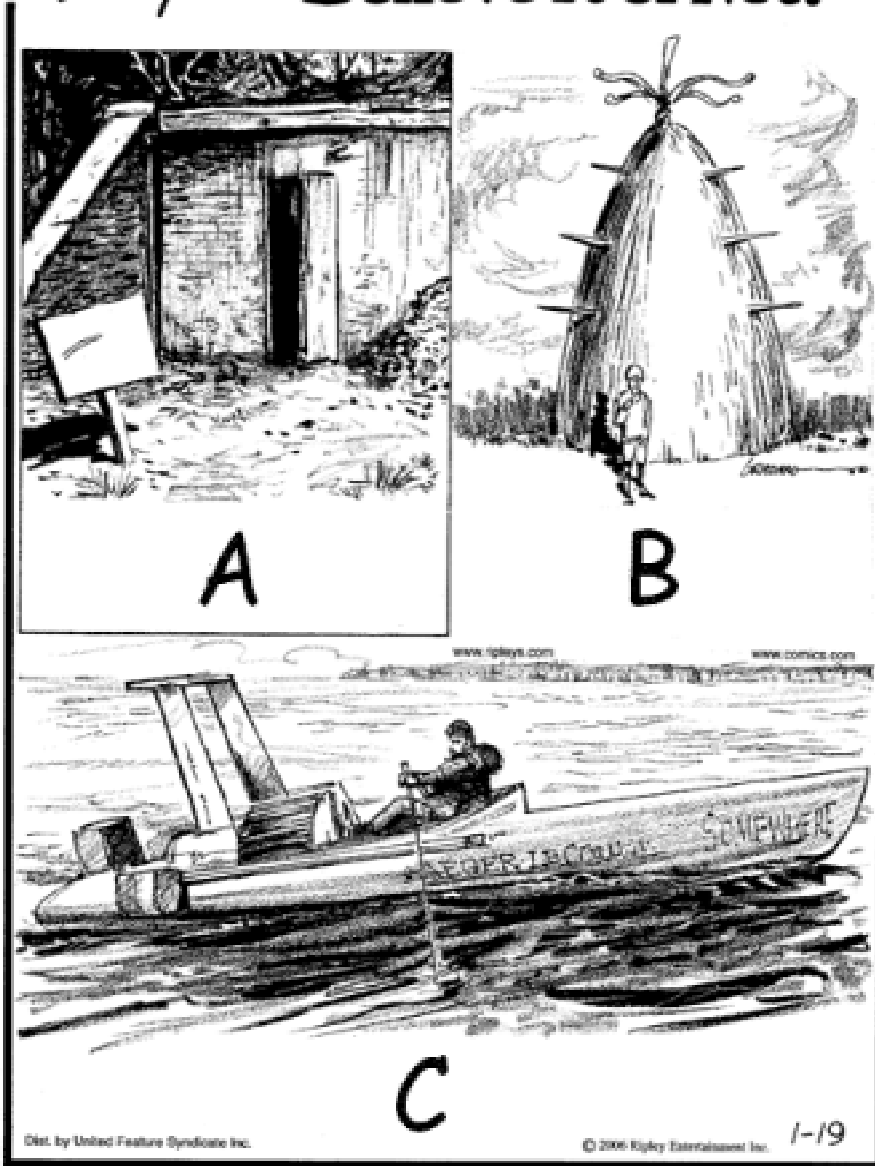


#176-a (1/19/2006)

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) _____ Emmanuel Coindre of France rowed across the Pacific Ocean from Japan to the United States --- 6,875 miles --- in 130 days in 2005!
- (2) _____ Graves of the Kachin tribe of Burma are 3 times as big as their houses! They believe the soul expands after death so they build it a hut 20 feet high.
- (3) _____ "Shhh! For Sale!" The British government put a 240-acre emergency nuclear bunker up for sale --- after denying its existence for decades!

<TASK 2> Answer the questions.

- (4) How long did it take Emmanuel to row across the Pacific Ocean?
- (5) Why are those graves of the Kachin tribe so big?
- (6) What was put up for sale by the British government?

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<ANSWERS>

- (1) C (2) B (3) A
- (4) It took him 130 days.
- (5) Because they believe the soul expands after death.
- (6) A 240-acre emergency nuclear bunker was.

<WORDS & PHRASES>

The British government 「英国政府」
 put ~ up for sale 「~を売りに出した」
 a 240-acre emergency nuclear bunker
 「広さ240エーカーの緊急核秘密地下壕」
 after denying ~ 「~を否定し続けた後」
 its existence 「その(地下壕)の存在」
 for decades 「何十年もの間」

Graves 「墓」
 the Kachin tribe (部族名)
 Burma 「ビルマ(現ミャンマー)」(国名)
 are 3 times as big as ~ 「~の3倍大きい」
 their houses 「彼ら(部族の)の家」
 They believe ~ 「彼ら(部族)は~と信じている」
 the soul expands 「魂は膨張する」
 after death 「死んだ後」
 so 「だから」
 they build it a hut 20 feet high
 「彼ら(部族)は20フィートの高さの小屋を建てる」

Emmanuel Coindre (人名)
 France 「フランス」(国名)
 rowed across ~ 「~を漕いで横断した」
 the Pacific Ocean 「太平洋」
 from Japan to the United States
 「日本からアメリカ合衆国まで」
 6,875 miles 「6,875マイル」(距離)
 in 130 days 「130日かかって」