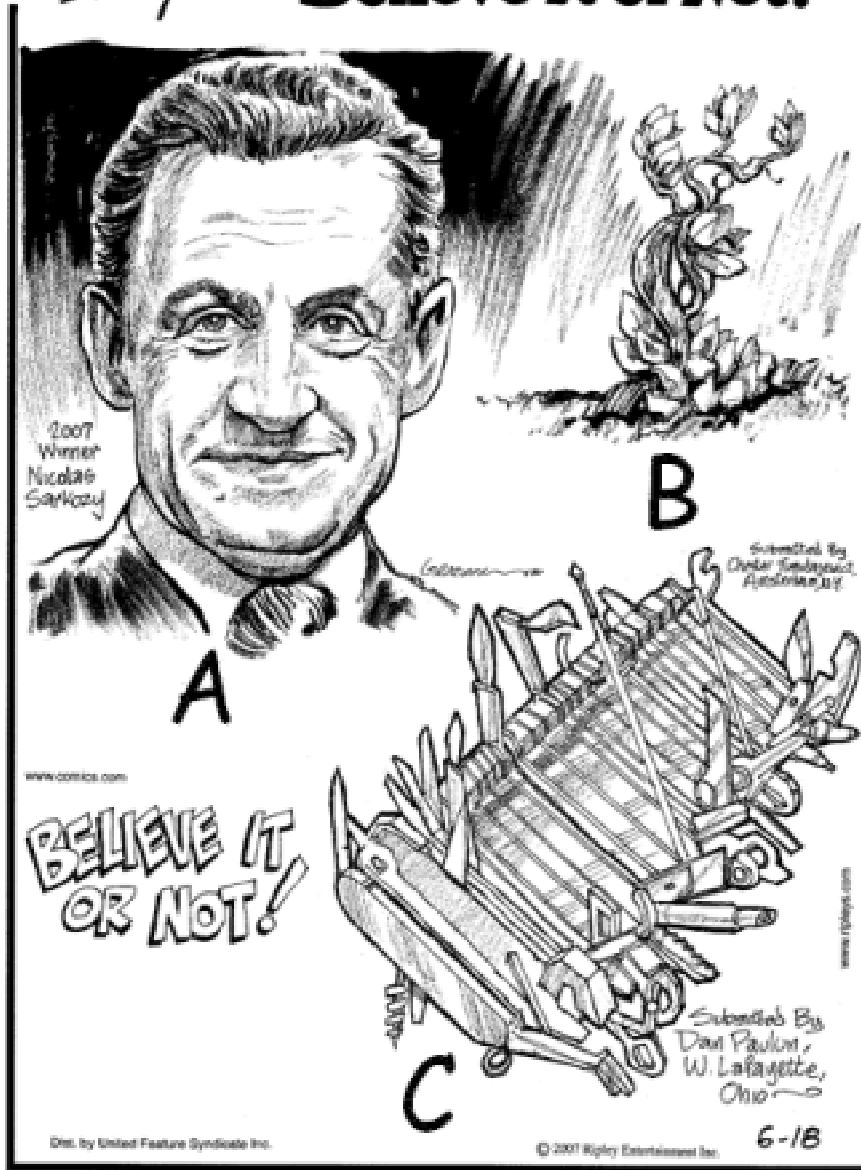


#297-a (6/18/2007)

# 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) \_\_\_\_\_ "2007 Winner Nicolas Sarkozy" Donzy, a French village with less than 2,000 people, has backed the winner of that country's last 6 presidential elections!
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ One variety of Swiss army knife comes equipped with 85 separate tools!
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ The dwarf willow tree, which grows in arctic habitats, reaches heights of less than 3 inches at maturity!

<TASK 2> Answer the questions.

- (4) Why is the small village so famous?
- (5) How many tools does that Swiss army knife have?
- (6) How tall is the dwarf willow tree at maturity?

#297-b (6/18/2007)

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## <ANSWERS>

- (1) A (2) C (3) B
- (4) Because it has backed the winner of that country's last 6 presidential elections.
- (5) It has 85 separate tools.
- (6) It's less than 3 inches.

## <WORDS & PHRASES>

"2007 Winner Nicolas Sarkozy"

「2007年の(選挙)当選者ニコラス・ラスコジ(人名)」

Donzy 「ドンジー」(地名)

a French village with less than 2,000 people

「人口2千人未満のフランス(国名)の村」

has backed the winner of that country's last 6 presidential elections

「その国(フランス)の過去6回の大統領選挙の当選者を支持している」

「村で支持された候補者が6回連続で当選している」  
(その村の結果が大統領選挙結果の予想となる)

The dwarf willow tree

「ヤナギ科ヤナギ属サリクス・ヘルバケア」  
(Salix herbacea) (植物名)

which grows in arctic habitats 「北極の生息域で育ち」

reaches heights of less than 3 inches

「高さが3インチにもならない」

at maturity 「成長しても」

One variety of Swiss army knife

「スイス・アーミーナイフのある種類」

comes equipped with ~ 「~が標準装備となっている」

85 separate tools 「85種類の道具」