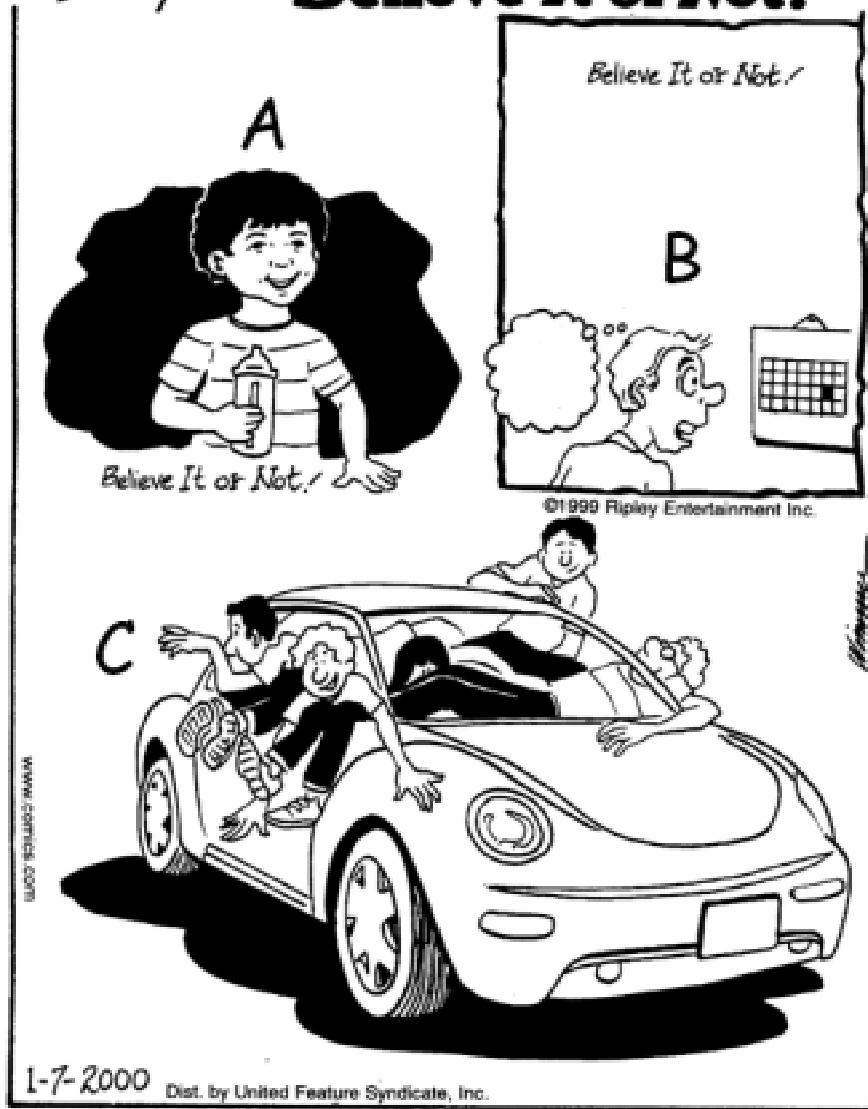


Ripley's Believe It or Not!



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

- (1) _____ A record 27 students in Timmins, Ont., Canada, crammed themselves into a 1999 Volkswagen Beetle!
- (2) _____ Matthew Williams, an 18-month-old toddler, was run over by a car in Worcestershire, England --- the car's tire rolled over the child's stomach, but he was unhurt!
- (3) _____ "A Historic Moment" November 19, 1999 was the last day of the Gregorian calendar to carry all odd numbers! This phenomenon will not happen again until January 1, 3111! "The last odd day!"

<TASK 2> Answer the questions.

- (4) How many students crammed themselves into a 1999 Volkswagen Beetle?
- (5) Did Matthew get hurt in the car accident?
- (6) What day will be the next day of the Gregorian calendar to carry all odd numbers?



<ANSWERS>

- (1) C (2) A (3) B
- (4) Twenty-seven students did.
- (5) No, he didn't.
- (6) It'll be January 1, 3111.

<WORDS & PHRASES>

Matthew Williams (人名)
 an 18-month-old toddler 「生後18か月のよちよち歩きの幼児」
 was run over by a car 「車に轢かれた」
 Worcester, England (地名)
 the car's tire 「車のタイヤ」
 rolled over the child's stomach
 「子ども (Matthew) のおなかの上を通った」
 but he was unhurt
 「しかし、彼 (Matthew) はケガをしなかった」

"A Historic Moment" 「歴史的瞬間」
 November 19, 1999 「西暦1999年11月19日」
 was the last day of ~ 「~の最後の日だった」
 the Gregorian calendar 「グレゴリ暦」
 to carry all odd numbers 「すべて奇数になる」
 This phenomenon 「この現象」
 will not happen again until ... 「...まで二度と起こらない」
 January 1, 3111 「3111年1月1日」
 "The last odd day!" 「奇数最後の日だね」

A record 27 students 「学生27人という記録的数字」
 Timmins, Ont., Canada (地名)
 crammed themselves into ~
 「~の中にぎゅうぎゅう詰めになった」
 a 1999 Volkswagen Beetle
 「1999年製ホルクスワーゲン (車種名)」