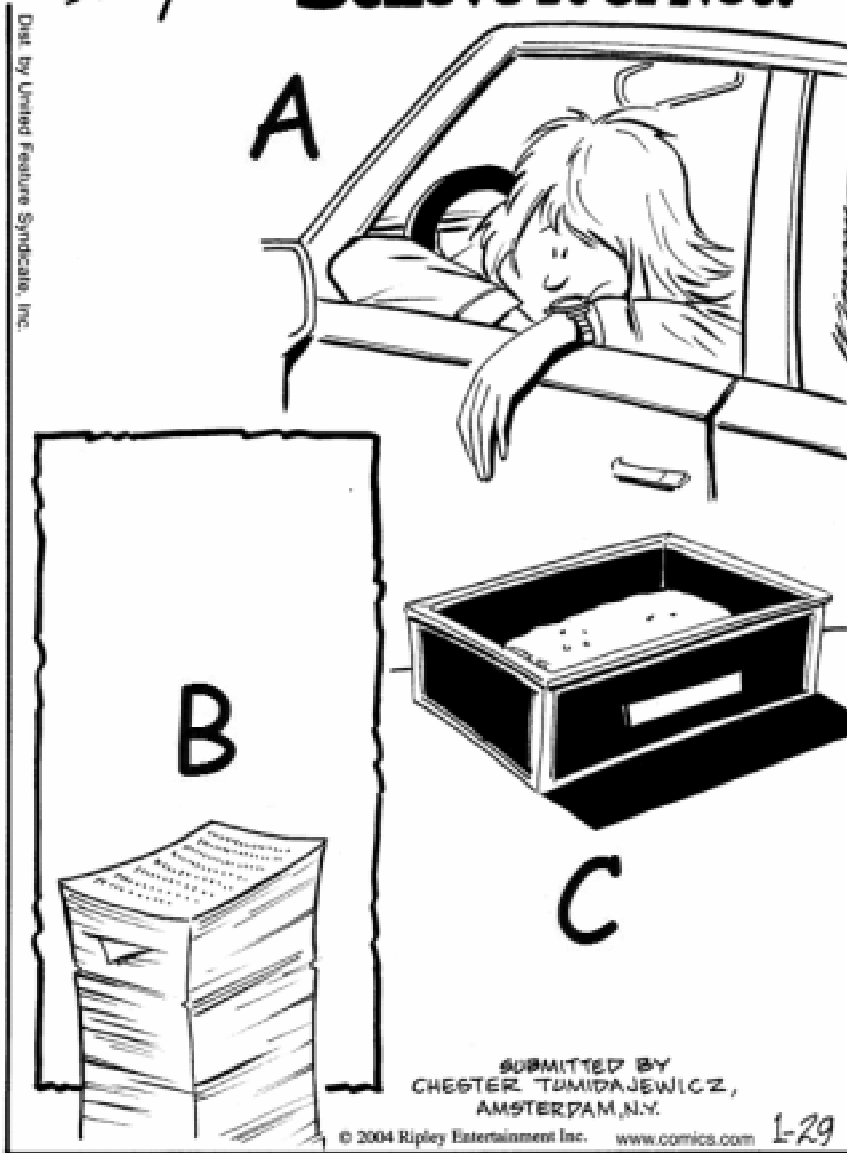


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# Ripley's Believe It or Not!



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

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ "1907" A biscuit from Sir Ernest Shackleton's 1907 expedition to the South Pole was sold at an auction to Johnny Van Haeften of London, England, for \$7,798!
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Katri Manni of Finland won a new car by sitting inside of it for 52 days and 15 hours nonstop!
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Michael Shafer, a graduate student at Michigan State University discovered the largest known prime number that is 6,320,430 digits long and would take 1,500 pages to write out!

<TASK 2> Answer the questions.

- (4) Why was the biscuit sold at an auction for \$7,798?
- (5) How did Katri get a new car?
- (6) What did Michael discover?

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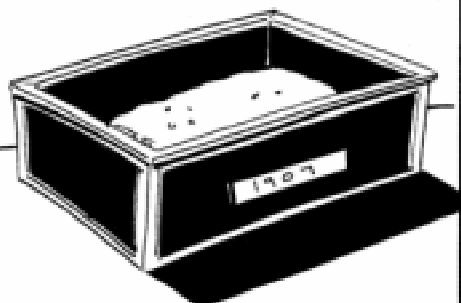
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## KATRI MANNI

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INSIDE  
of IT  
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and 15 HOURS  
NONSTOP!

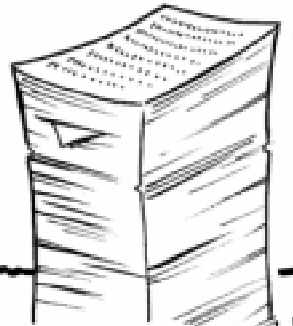


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GRADUATE STUDENT  
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A BISCUIT from Sir  
Ernest Shackleton's 1907  
EXPEDITION TO THE South Pole  
WAS SOLD AT AN AUCTION TO  
JOHNNY VAN HAEFTEN of London,  
England, for \$7,798!

SUBMITTED BY  
CHESTER TOMIDAJEWICZ,  
AMSTERDAM, N.Y.



### <ANSWERS>

- (1) C (2) A (3) B
- (4) Because it was from Sir Ernest Shackleton's 1907 expedition to the South Pole.
- (5) She got it by sitting inside of it for 52 days and 15 hours nonstop.
- (6) He discovered the largest known prime number.

### <WORDS & PHRASES>

Katri Manni (人名)  
 Finland 「フィンランド」(国名)  
 won a new car by ~ing 「~して新車を手に入れた」  
 sitting inside of it 「その(車の)中に座って」  
 for 52 days and 15 hours nonstop 「52日と15時間ずっと」

Michael Shafer (人名)  
 a graduate student at ~ 「~の大学院生」  
 Michigan State University (大学名)  
 discovered ~ 「~を発見した」  
 the largest known prime number 「知りうる最も大きな素数」  
 \_ that is ... and would ~ 「...であり~するであろう」  
 6,320,430 digits long 「632万430桁」  
 take 1,500 pages to write out 「書き出すと1,500ページになる」

"1907" 「1907年」  
 A biscuit from ~ 「~から持ち帰ったビスケット」  
 Sir Ernest Shackleton  
 「アーネスト・シャクルトン卿」(人名、探検家)  
 ~'s 1907 expedition to the South Pole  
 「~の1907年の南極探検」  
 was sold at an auction to ~ 「オークションで~に売り渡された」

Johnny Van Haeften (人名)  
 London, England 「英国(国名)のイギリス(地名)」  
 for \$7,798 「7,798ドルで」