

BIG NATE

WHY THE LONG FACE, HON?

THE CHEER SQUAD DIDN'T LIKE ANY OF THE CHEERS I WROTE FOR THEM.

THEY CALLED THEM "TOO AGGRESSIVE."

HMM. LET'S TAKE A LOOK.

"WE'RE THE BOBCATS, WHITE AND BLUE. WE'LL PUT YOU IN THE I.C.U."

I.C.U STANDS FOR "INTENSIVE CARE UNIT."

I GOT THAT.

CRABGRASS

YOU WANT ME TO JUMP MR. BUMSTEAD'S FENCE? HIS DOG, LOCKJAW, WILL BITE ME IN HALF!

NOT IF YOU DO EXACTLY AS I TELL YOU.

I DUNNO, DAD...

MILES, A WALLACE NEVER BACKS DOWN FROM A DARE.

IT'S OUR MOTTO.

I THOUGHT OUR MOTTO WAS "A WALLACE NEVER LEAVES LEFT-OVERS."

WE CAN HAVE TWO MOTTO'S.

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"Mommy! The snow grew last night!"

Bil and Jeff Keane

Moderately Confused

DECAF CAFE

STAHLER. 1/24

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REALITY CHECK

AREN'T YOU A BIT YOUNG TO BE IN MENOPAUSE?

MEN-O-PAUSE, IN THAT I'M TAKING A PAUSE FROM MEN

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ARLO & JANIS

ARLO! I WOKE UP, AND I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE I WAS! EVERYTHING WAS SO STRANGE!

DON'T WORRY, DARLING! THAT HAPPENS TO ME ALMOST EVERY NIGHT.

DON'T YOU LIKE IT HERE?

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BIZARRO

Waiter, there's a fly in my pants.

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THATABABY

WHALES COMMUNICATE USING COMPLEX VOCALIZATIONS...

...SUCH AS GRUNTS, GROANS, THWOPS, SNORTS AND BARKS.

Wasn't me!

thwop!

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HEART OF THE CITY

THE POPSICLE STICK STAGE NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO HOLD FIVE TEAM MEMBERS.

READY?!

JUMP!

CRACK!

DID THE STAGE BREAK OR JUST ALL OF MY BONES?

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SALLY FORTH

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?

USING AN OLD FONDUE SET WE FOUND TO DIP BREAD AND FRUIT INTO HOT CHEESE AND EAT IT.

OW! OW! IT BURNS!

WE WERE GOING TO THROW A '70S THEME PARTY WITH IT, BUT THEN WE THOUGHT WE'D JUST TRY IT OURSELVES.

WOULDN'T MELTED CHOCOLATE BE BETTER?

I FORGOT ABOUT CHOCOLATE! I'VE EATEN SO MUCH UNNECESSARY WET CHEDDAR.

HIL, ORDER YOURSELF PIZZA TONIGHT. YOUR DAD AND I WON'T BE HUNGRY AGAIN UNTIL WEDNESDAY THE EARLIEST.

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HERMAN

"D'you want fries with that jelly donut?"

HERMAN 1-24

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# KIDTOWN

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Alexander von Humboldt was an explorer, geographer and pioneer in the fields of ecology and climate change. He died in 1859 at the age of 89. During his lifetime he mapped huge areas of South America, documented hundreds of new species and even climbed what was then considered the world's highest mountain. His fame was such that he probably has more things named after him than anyone else, including hundreds of species — including a penguin, a squid and a skunk — numerous towns and counties, universities, a lunar mare and even an asteroid!

TRUE but STRANGE

POPPA!

PAPI!

DADDY!

The names listed above, which have species named after Alexander von Humboldt, are hidden in our puzzle. They may go across, down or diagonally, in any direction. Mark them as you find them, and the remaining 26 letters, when read in order, will spell out the name of a university in Germany that is named for Alexander and his brother, Wilhelm, who was a noted philosopher, linguist, diplomat and educator.

Can you find three universities mentioned in today's paper?

Use the News

ARACARI BEETLE BLADDERWORT BUTTERFLY DOLPHIN HUMMINGBIRD LICHEN LOBOPODIA OAK ORCHID PENGUIN SHRUB SKUNK SNAIL SQUID TOAD WILLOW

H	L	O	B	O	P	O	D	I	A	T
H	U	M	M	I	N	G	B	I	R	D
Y	U	M	D	I	H	C	R	O	A	O
L	B	W	O	L	L	I	W	A	C	L
F	N	O	L	B	P	R	D	K	A	P
R	E	S	D	T	E	U	A	N	R	H
E	H	L	H	D	N	E	O	I	I	I
T	C	I	D	R	G	V	T	E	R	N
T	I	A	S	Q	U	I	D	L	S	I
U	L	N	T	Y	I	B	O	F	E	B
B	E	S	K	U	N	K	R	L	I	N

Answer: HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITY OF BERLIN