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## Clone High

Earlier this year the scientific journal, *Theriogenology*, reported on the first successful cloning of an extinct animal. The robust and resilient bucardo, a subspecies of the Spanish Ibex, became extinct when the final bucardo died after being hit by a more robust and more resilient branch. Luckily for the bucardo, scientists were able to take skin samples before the species' untimely death. It's obvious then, why the scientists were rather shocked after that same (genetically speaking) bucardo died *again* minutes after rebirth.

On a related note, the *New York Times* recently reported that 63% of the Neanderthal genome has been decoded. According to Dr. George Church of Harvard Medical School, cloning and reviving the Neanderthal legacy would only take a mere 30 million dollars. This reporter is excited about the future prospect of marginalizing a new



*Doing some investigative journalism*

species? Two words: Jurassic freakin' Park. If scientists can already semi-successfully clone a species that died almost a decade ago and can almost clone a species that expired over 20,000 years past, then a trip to your local Dino Land is obviously not too far off.

And actually, that darling day at the park with your favorite reptilian buddies is closer than you may think. One of these establishing dinosaur havens was even uncovered by yours truly, thanks to some superb journalistic abilities. Jurassic Park is finally a reality after sixteen empty years of longing to live side by side with a triceratops. Science is pretty sweet.

species of Homo. On the bright side, outsourcing will no longer be an issue.

So what does this mean for you, fair Hillcre-

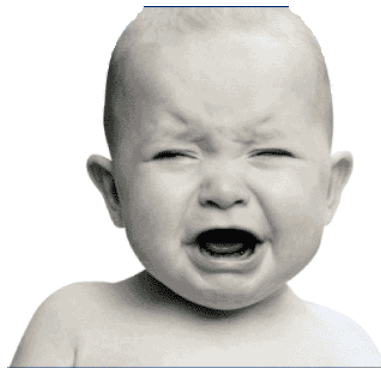
*Sara Brickman recommends you make some friends at Dino Land out in Winchester, Virginia.*

## There's No Stein!

Hillcrestacians and Main Campbellionians alike were shaken to the core earlier this month when Honors Director Terry Papillon announced that graduating seniors would no longer be receiving commemorative steins at the senior toast. The cited reason for this was the rising cost of German craftsmanship (we should have known better than to outsource our stein production. Nothing like a good ole American Made Stein.). Outraged seniors and mildly interested juniors have formed a committee under Dr. Papillon's supervision in order to find an alternative gift.

However, many seniors feel that only a stein can suit the purpose of a graduation gift. Said one anonymous senior through his/her sobs: "How else will I drown my sorrows after I graduate and can't get a job?" He/she then took a quick swig of Jack Daniels from a 3 cent Solo cup.

Others look at the financial crisis as an opportunity to re-evaluate our priorities. The steins



*This baby is very unhappy to see the steins go bye bye*

previously given to seniors cost approximately \$80 each. With at least 50 seniors anticipated to graduate each year from the two houses, that comes up to roughly \$4,000 spent on gifts. That amount is greater than the annual scholarship many honors residents receive to fund their education.

In spite of the growing economic pressures being placed upon Honors, both the committee and the administration feel that a token of appreciation for the seniors is a tradition that should be carried on, if perhaps scaled down. Alternative suggestions have ranged far and wide, from a novelty pen designed by each year's class, to a sticker that says "My Honors Director Thinks I'm Special!"

No matter what agreement the Stein Committee comes to with the Honors Department, it is assured that every graduating senior should, at the very least, be receiving a diploma. If, that is, our diploma-makers in Taiwan don't jack us up too hard...

*Kathleen Cooperstein uses her steins to hold D&D dice, because she is really THAT COOL.*

## Octuplets' Mother Criticized

Nadya Suleman fell under immediate scrutiny a few weeks ago when she became the mother of her seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth children on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Noah, Maliah, Isaiah, Nariah, Makai, Josiah, Jeremiah, Jonah, Elijah, Amerah, Joshua, Aiden, Calyssa, and Caleb, just like normal children, need to be fed and watered daily. Ms. Suleman, unfortunately, will have a hard time seeing to this task alone, as she is single and unemployed.

Her utilization of the welfare system over the next several years is expected to force the federal government to auction off several of our less popular states, including Idaho and Montana. North Dakota, in addition, will be leased to Canada during the summer months.

To be next issue's Guest Writer,  
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What does one do after leaving fair Hillcrest for the "real world?" I ask that question myself, since I am leaving Hillcrest in just 89 short days to move to the big city of Northern Virginia, where I can find all the sprawl I want and traffic disasters too!

But really, I was curious what others who have left Hillcrest have done. I know of Hillcrestaceans who have gone to Mississippi to work for the forest service, and others who have gone to Chicago to work for an architecture firm, but what do the rest of them do? I offer this advice to the graduating seniors and

Besides the obvious financial issues associated with Suleman's circumstances, child welfare agencies have called into question how any one person could possibly care for fourteen children under the age of eight. However, all preliminary reports suggest that Nadya Suleman is doing a great job so far.

"Frankly, we believe that Ms. Suleman is using performance enhancing drugs," said Maria Anderson, spokesperson for a local child services unit.

In a home interview with Katie Couric last week, the supermom admitted that she was feeling "uncomfortably energetic." At the time of her statement, she was breast feeding all the octuplets at once while vacuuming the kitchen and watching *The View*.

Couric's witty and insulting follow-up question was interrupted when Suleman threw down the vacuum and bear-blasted Couric through three walls and into the neighbor's

backyard. Suleman has not since been courted for an interview with the press.

The nation will continue to watch with disdain as this crazy woman raises an entire kindergarten by herself.



*Tory Smith might be hump-catted into the middle of next week for writing this article.*

## Life after Graduation!

juniors considering what to do with their life after being kicked out of Hillcrest.

My first idea is to start a lobbyist group that works to ensure that college grads are able to collect social security since the economy is sucking so much. There aren't any jobs, so what are you going to do? At least as a lobbyist you will get the chance to hobnob with politicians that don't give a damn about your issue but will gladly take your money.

If the lobbyist idea doesn't work for you, I recommend becoming a babysitter to some

random kids from the neighborhood. With this plan, you get to play with screaming little kids and go home at night to a clean apartment with your \$8 an hour paycheck per kid. Mannies are all the rage in Hollywood these days!

Finally, if all else fails, go to grad school! If you are lucky you will at least get some funding, but I wouldn't count on any if most of the universities around the country are facing as severe of a budget crisis as Virginia Tech is. Putting off entering the "real world" with a "real job" is only an application and GRE away!

*Kari Adkins is counting down the days until she can have her own kitchen – yay real world money!*

### Change in Net New Hiring Activity Nationwide, 2008

Percentage of employees who say their employers are hiring minus percentage who say their employers are letting people go

Numbers in percentage points



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