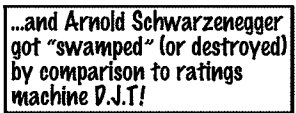
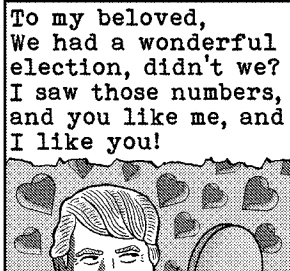
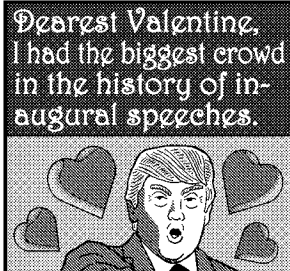
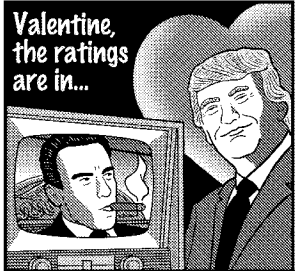
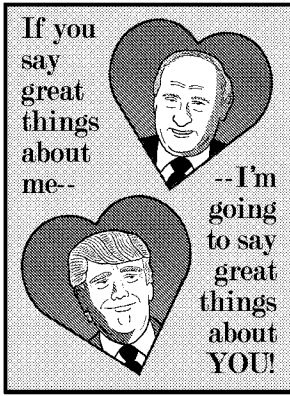
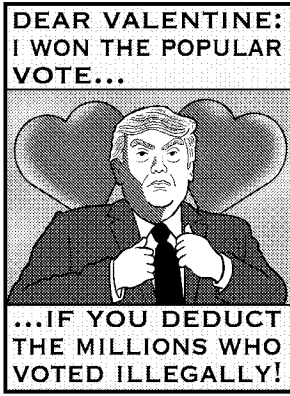
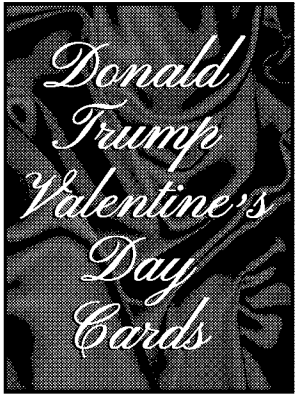


THIS MODERN WORLD

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"As Mark Twain once wrote, referring to *humble*, *heroic*, and *historical*: 'Correct writers of the American language do not put *an* before those words' ... Nearly a century later, the linguist Dwight Bolinger harshly condemned those who write *an historical* as being guilty of 'a Cockneyed, cockeyed, and half-cocked ignorance and self-importance, that knoweth not where it aspirateth.'"

Sam Taylor
Eugene

Editor's Note: When you start buying ink by the barrel, you can have fun with grammar too.

CLEARCUTTING HARMS RURAL COMMUNITIES

Our names are Justice (15), Maggie (16), Hazel (16), Mia (17) and Maia (18). We are students at the Academy of Arts and Academics in Springfield. We are all currently taking a course called Agents of Change, an activist class focusing on environmentalism.

We wanted to say a word about clear-cutting in Oregon. Intense clear-cutting on the Oregon Coast Range is hurting communities, polluting clean stream water, and destroying wildlife habitat. The coastal communities are forced to suffer the impact of the clear-cut logging and aerial spray, while corporate clear cutters export raw logs, costing local mill jobs and hurt-

ing local economies.

Families who live in the Walton, Oregon, area rely solely on the stream water running through the woods. When the trees in the area get clear-cut, especially over streams, there are many negative results, one of them being water pollution. Logging near and over streams makes them excessively muddy. Herbicides, pesticides and oil run off from machinery also leaking into the water not only harms the environment, but it harms the families in the area. The people who rely on this water for drinking and cooking are left with completely unusable water.

Oregonians, if you pride yourself on our pure, clean water, then take a stand against clear cutting and aerial spraying. For those of us concerned about the economic backfire of potentially outlawing clear cutting, worry not. Forrest thinning is when a crew takes down specific trees, instead of clear-cutting the entire wood area. Forrest thinning is better for the environment, and provides more jobs and revenue than a two-man clear cut crew.

The problem is not logging or local family businesses. The problem is clear-cutting and Wall Street greed: just some food for thought.

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