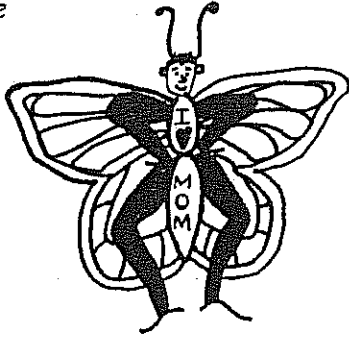


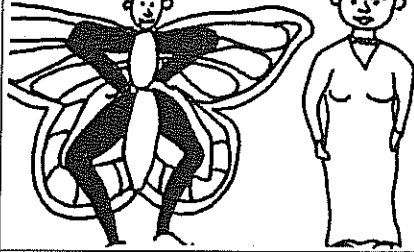
# Mike The Monarch

*It's nice to be nice to Mother Nature*



Look! It's Mother Nature!

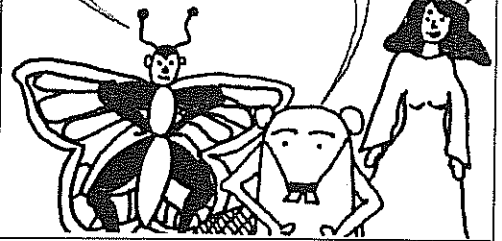
And how are my children?  
Are you taking care of all my gifts?



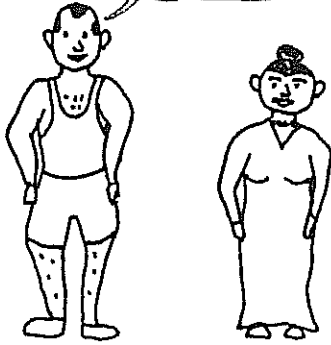
We're recycling all we can!

And cleaning rivers and streams!

And restoring natural habitat!



But Mom Nature, can't we just let nature take care of itself?



How you talk! I should wash your mouth out with soap!



Look how many native species there are—a place for everything and everything in its place



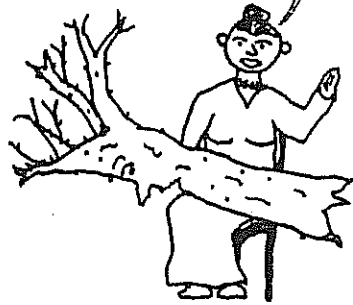
But some careless children have left invasive species lying around all over

Not me!

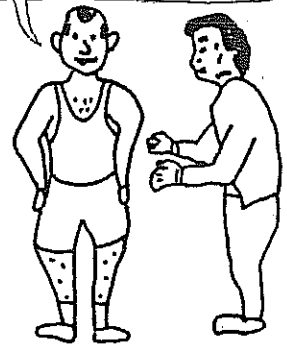
Not me!



Like buckthorn and garlic mustard... I'll take those bullies over my knee!



But some of my friends say we should just leave things they way they are!



And if your friends said to jump in the lake, would you do that?



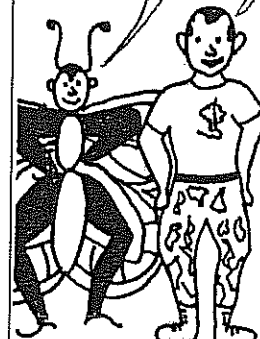
Well, maybe...



Thank you, my children. Now run along home and jump into bed—tomorrow is a workday!



Be good to your mother—volunteer today!



I only have two hands, you know!

