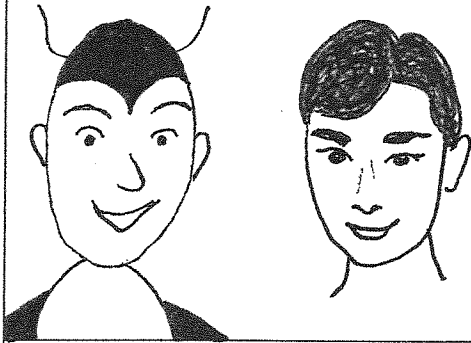
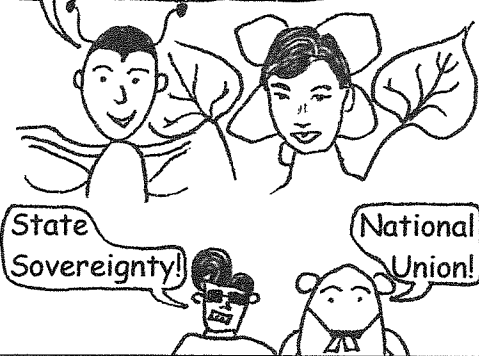


**Mike The Monarch**  
*Goes Ultra Violet*



Hey everyone, meet the state flower of Illinois, VIOLA!



State Sovereignty!

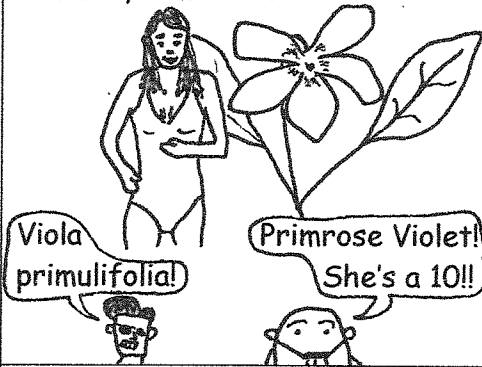
National Union!

Most people think of a violet as, well, violet, but she can be either white or yellow as well!



She comes in colors everywhere!

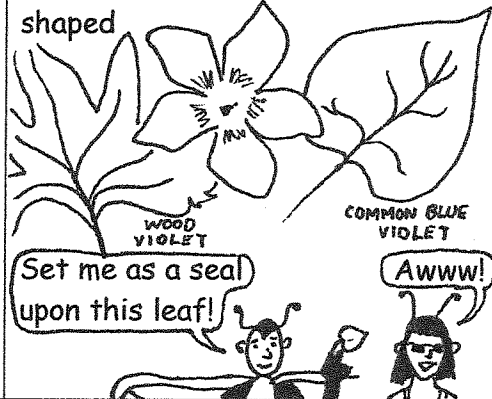
There are over 20 species of violets native to Illinois; some common, some rare



Viola primulifolia!

Primrose Violet! She's a 10!!

All violets have five petals, and the leaves are often heart-shaped



Set me as a seal upon this leaf!

Awww!

Violets grow almost everywhere: Prairies, savannas, woodlands, marshes, fens, and dunes



I ain't no shrinking violet!

Have violets appeared in any famous literature?



O for a reference by an Elizabethan playwright!

Viola was the star of one of my best-loved comedies, *Twelfth Night*



You can call me Cesario

And my great warrior king, Henry V, had a favorite flower



The violet smells to him as it does to me...

What can we do to make a better home for violets?



Well, duh!

I'll cut brush!

I'll pull weeds!

And fire is a great tool; it kills non-native plants, but not violets



I said I ain't no shrinking violet!

You go, girl!

V FOR VICTORY!  
V FOR VIOLA!



Never give up! Never, never!