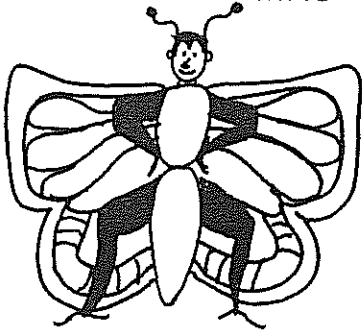
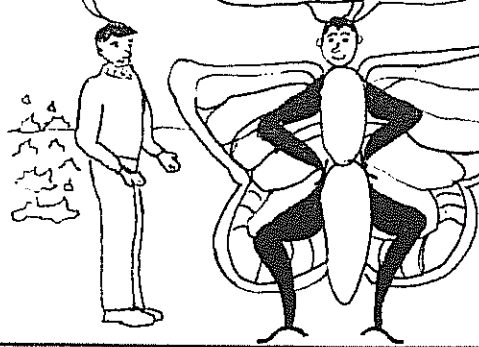


MIKE THE MONARCH

and *Fire in the Prairie*



MIKE! FIRE IN THE PRAIRIE!
RELAX! EVERYTHING'S UNDER CONTROL-IT'S A PRESCRIBED FIRE



PRESCRIBED FIRE?

HERE, LET MY FRIEND TARA DEL FUEGO EXPLAIN



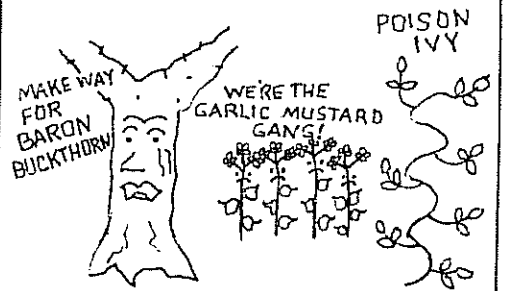
YEARS AGO, FIRE WAS AS MUCH A PART OF THE LANDSCAPE AS RAIN AND SUNLIGHT



NATIVE FLOWERS AND TREES EVOLVED TO BE ABLE TO SURVIVE FIRE



WITHOUT FIRE, INVASIVE PLANTS CAN CROWD OUT NATIVE FLOWERS AND TREES

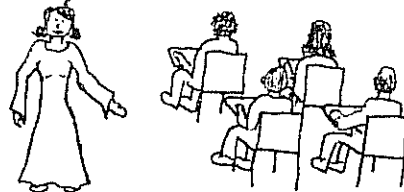
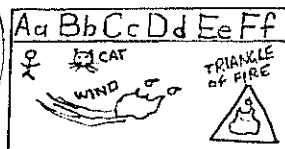


BUT NON-NATIVE PLANTS AREN'T USED TO FIRE, AND IT WIPES THEM OUT

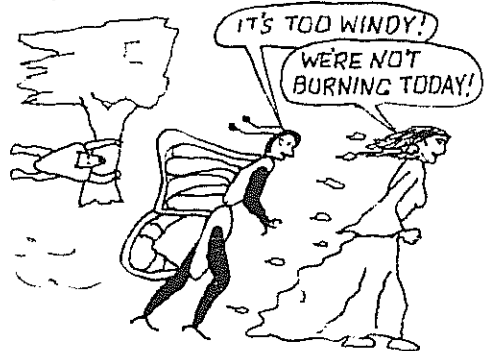


IS PRESCRIBED FIRE SAFE?

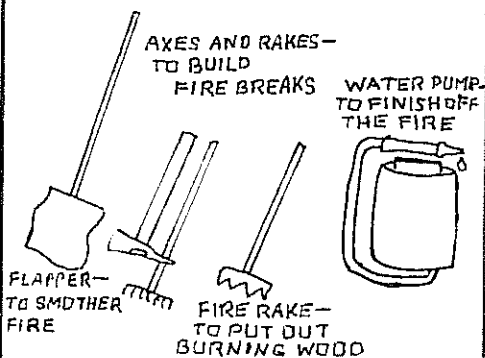
VOLUNTEERS GO TO SCHOOL TO LEARN HOW TO CONTROL FIRE



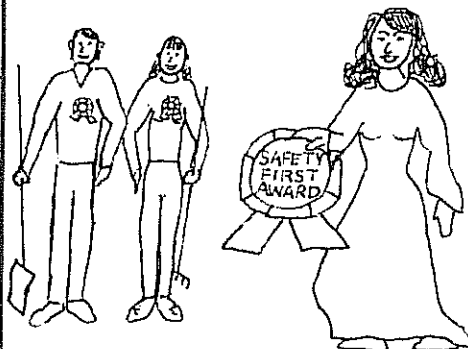
THEY CHECK THE WEATHER TO MAKE SURE CONDITIONS ARE JUST RIGHT



THEY USE SPECIAL TOOLS TO CONTROL THE FIRE



OUR VOLUNTEERS HAVE BEEN USING FIRE SAFELY FOR OVER 20 YEARS!



RETURNING FIRE TO PRAIRIES AND WOODLANDS MAKES THEM BETTER AND BETTER



KIDS! DON'T EVER SET FIRE TO PRAIRIES-OR ANYTHING! MIKE AND HIS VOLUNTEERS ARE TRAINED EXPERTS IN FIRE SAFETY.