A MESSAGE FROM MARY LOU

The "Contract with America" contains some hidden surprises.

One bill called "Job Creation and Wage Enhancement Act" would destroy all our clean water, clean air and anti-pollution laws. It attacks environmental protection by requiring an avalanche of new "cost benefits" and "risk assessment" studies before an agency can ever issue a rule, and makes it almost impossible for Congress to pass any new environmental law (400 pages of fine print in this bill detail the plan for this.) Giant polluting corporations will be handed control of our government's regulatory process.

Results will be more clear-cut, strip-mining, oil drilling, with more air and water pollution, more poisoned drinking water, contaminated food and disease for us humans.

Also "infunded mandates" bill would have devastating consequences for our health. U. S. government will be powerless to make cities and states comply with anti-pollution laws, to treat their own sewage, and test their own drinking water unless the federal government pays 100% of the cost.

This information is from Sierra Club and Natural Resources Defense Council which ask us to call, Fax, or write to our Representatives, Senators and also Speaker Gingrich and Senator Dole.

Mary Lou Brown

WILDFLOWERS IS YOURS

From its inception, Wildflowers was intended to be a forum for our members. Feel free to express your views. Whether or not we agree, we will print exactly what you send us. The only requirements are that there be some botanical connection and that your name be on the article. Deadline is the 15th of the month.

A LETTER FROM BETTE BATES

Oct. 12, 1994

Dear Bob:

We bought a desert half acre lot here in Alpine and moved a new double wide on to it this summer. This is the first time we have been here at this time of year and I had gotten acquainted with a lot of new flowers. I was amazed at the flowers growing on our lot. So many of them I had never seen before. These ones we are really enjoying are the Angel Trumpets, the yellow and orange Flame flowers, the Malvo, Gaura, Dwarf blueets, the Harrowleaf Dyschoriste which has a very pretty blue to lavender flower, Mexican Hat, and Blue Gilia. There is also a very interesting flower I haven't been able to identify yet. I thought the Lyre leaf Green Eye one of these interesting composites. Do not think there are the interesting fall composites here that there are in the East.

Anyone coming to the Big Bend I would love to have them stop & see us and be glad to show them the wild flowers. We took several hikes in the Davis Mtn. St. park this spring and learned a lot more about this area. I am enclosing one of our cards with our phone number & st. address. The Soap Tree Yucca is just coming up but I'm sure that is what it is. Also we didn't see the Prickly Pear bloom. I was so sorry to hear ab out the McIvreeds son. I kept scanning the names in our papers to see if knew anyone but no names were familiar to me.

I enjoyed getting the news of everyone. I have been sharing Wildflowers with Dr. Warnock who has written the flower field guides for the Big Bend, and Davis Mtn areas. Yours truly

Bette Bates

ONE OF OUR BULLETINS IS MISSING

If a fellow member talks about not receiving this particular issue of Wildflowers, ask whether 1995 dues are paid. Much as we hate to do so, we trimmed our list of delinquent members. We will be happy to re-instate when dues are submitted.