



## *Back Mt News 28 Oct - 82* **'Yes' vote asked on Bottle Bill**

Dear people of the Desert Foothills:  
The moment of truth is at hand. In five days time, the fate of Arizona's Bottle Bill (Proposition 200) will be decided. A majority 'yes' vote will set in motion what this state and its residents urgently need ... the beautifying of our sadly, bottle-and-can-littered highways, byways, desert wildlands, campgrounds, recreation areas, forests and riverbanks.

When the Bottle Bill passes, as as the bottles and cans begin to disappear from the fair face of our state, a state self-pride will gradually emerge. This in turn will inspire a new conservation ethic among the people and the false gods of "convenience and disposability" will come crashing down.

Curiously, other forms of litter will diminish too, because Arizonans will be filled with higher respect for our very great Sonoran Desert. This is no wishful thinking or idle fancy of mine, for it has already come to pass in the Bottle Bill states of Oregon, Vermont, Iowa, Maine, Michigan and Connecticut. How proud the people are there! They hold their heads high because the deposit system has worked wonders and cleaned up their

states. And when they visit Arizona and see such splendor spoiled by bottle-and-can rubbish, they wonder why we do nothing about it.

Nov. 2, we the people will have a rare and golden opportunity to save our natural heritage from the continued litter blight of non-returnable beverage containers. Let us seize this chance now, for years may pass before we are given it again. For the love of Arizona and for the sake of generations to follow, I entreat you to vote yes! yes! yes! on Proposition 200.

*Geoffrey Platts*

Nov. 4 at Pierre's Playhouse, 7:30 p.m., Terry Johnson, of the Arizona Heritage Program, will travel from Tucson to present a slide show and talk on the commendable work of the Heritage Program and the Arizona Nature Conservancy.

In support of the Arizona Bottle Bill campaign, there will be a "sidewalk saunter" from the Phoenix Library (Central and McDowell) to the state fairgrounds ABBC booth. Halloween probottle bill costumes can be worn! Meet at the library at 1 p.m. Oct. 31. "Bottle Bill" himself and a Scottish bagpipe band will head the parade. Call 991-7909 for further details.