

## Nothing learned from prohibition

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I'm writing about: "Bend man attempts armed break-in to collect drug debt" (11-12-07). When was the last time The Bend Weekly had a front-page story about someone attempting to break-in a home to collect a liquor debt? Probably about 1933, the year we ended the disaster known as Alcohol Prohibition. Alcohol prohibition was not terminated because it was decided that alcohol was not so bad after all. But rather because of the crime and corruption that its prohibition created. When alcohol prohibition was terminated in 1933, our overall crime rate declined dramatically and our murder rate declined for 10 consecutive years. Have we learned any lessons from this? Not yet. Kirk Muse 1741 S. Clearview Ave. Mesa, AZ 85209 (480) 396-3399

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