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**City looks to study ban on high-ammo clips**

■ Mountain View could follow Sunnyvale's lead and try to prohibit gun ammunition magazines holding over 10 rounds

BY JASON GREEN  
Daily News Staff Writer

Mountain View could follow in Sunnyvale's footsteps and pursue a ban on ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 rounds.

On Tuesday, a majority of the City Council said they wanted City Attorney Jannie Quinn to prepare a memo on Measure C, which was passed by 67 percent of Sunnyvale voters last year.

"I am not in any way prepared to say let's put something on the ballot or start something, but at least to get some brief-

ing," Councilman Mike Kasperzak said as the meeting drew to a close.

Kasperzak raised the idea in response to comments made earlier in the evening by Sally Lieber, a former state Assemblywoman and mayor of Mountain View. She urged the council to either adopt an ordinance banning the magazines or place the question before voters this fall.

"This is something that we can do at the local level," Lieber said during oral communications, a portion of the meeting reserved for members of the public to address issues not on the agenda.

"We do not need to be stuck waiting

for Washington, D.C., and waiting for action that may never be coming from Congress. There are things that we can do and we can adopt measures before there is a tragedy in Mountain View that is similar to the ones that have happened elsewhere in the Bay Area, elsewhere in California, all across the U.S. every single day."

Lieber is the coauthor of a bill that made it illegal to possess a .50-caliber rifle in California.

State law has banned making, selling, giving and lending magazines that can hold more than 10 rounds since 2000.

Those who owned them before then were allowed to keep them, but Measure C went a step further by banning possession no matter when they were acquired. A violation is a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000, six months in jail or both.

Mayor Chris Clark and Councilman Jac Siegel voiced support for the memo proposed by Kasperzak, but stressed that it should detail the legal challenges mounted against Sunnyvale's ban.

Councilman John Inks was against the idea.

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**'Social experiment' comes to San Jose**

Gary Reyes / Bay Area News Group

Jeff Pope and Marla Davies represent a camera-shy fellow employee who found the \$140 cash during a @HiddenCash treasure hunt in San Jose on Wednesday. The money was found across the street from the Greyhound Bus station in downtown San Jose.

**'I'm not playing with people'**

■ @HiddenCash comes to South Bay, and quickly gets unhidden by lucky locals

BY BRUCE NEWMAN  
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In a place with as much money floating around as Silicon Valley — where billionaires are a dime a dozen and many tech entrepreneurs won't get out of bed unless they can get paid six figures for it — a man calling himself @HiddenCash on Twitter quickened the region's pulse by leaving tiny piles of cash that, in the end, didn't add up to much, but meant a lot.

Conducting what his Twitter feed describes as an "anonymous social experiment for good," the media-savvy but camera-shy micro-philanthropist unleashed a one-day bombardment of Benjamins on San Jose Wednesday. There were five money drops in all, and as he doled out clues to their location via tweets, normally sane citizens scurried into bushes, clambered up trees and even Dumpster dived in an

exhilarating scavenger hunt for not a lot of money.

After arranging a phone interview via email, @HiddenCash revealed nothing about his identity but briefly took exception to his own Twitter bio. "It was actually my friend who came up with the term 'social experiment,'" he explained. "My idea was just to give something back, so I don't know if I would necessarily use that term. I'm not playing with people, trying to manipulate them, or trying to get some kind of outcome to an experiment, other than to put a smile on people's faces."

He started leaving cash in envelopes in San Francisco a week ago, and has gone from zero to more than 160,000 Twitter followers in that time. He asks the recipients of his largesses to "pay it forward" and post pictures of themselves with the money on Twitter. Many did, sharing their finds with

co-workers.

But in San Jose, there was little of that. The first two to cash in didn't post selfies, and the second person to find money — near the downtown Greyhound Bus station — decided she wanted to remain as anonymous as her benefactor. She sent out two disc jockeys from Mix 106.5, the radio station where she's an employee, as her spokespeople.

The first clue went online at 8:45 a.m., and it sounded confoundingly like a Zen koan: "Across from where these sea creatures play, a dog pees in the fall." But it didn't take long for dozens of people to go racing toward the Shark Tank. Alex Doxie, who found an envelope taped to a fire hydrant across from the SAP Center, said he anticipated that the money would be left in that area and had been "camped out" there. He found \$135, which he

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**CALIFORNIA ELECTION****Oh, wait, you mean there's an election?**

■ State could see lowest turnout ever for a gubernatorial primary

BY JOSH RICHMAN  
Bay Area News Group

With less than a week to go before Election Day, the Golden State is gearing up for — or perhaps, altogether ignoring — what could be its lowest-ever turnout in a primary for governor.

The top of the ticket looks like a yawn, as most experts see two contenders vying for the right to lose to Gov. Jerry Brown in November. And despite California's "top-two" primary system opening the ballot to all voters, a dearth of competitive races, the absence of citizen initiatives and general voter apathy have changed the character of midterm primaries.

Those few who are likely to vote in a primary like this year's generally are "older, wealthier, whiter, more likely to be homeowners, more educated and more ideological true believers," said Corey Cook, director of the University of San Francisco's Leo T. McCarthy Center for Public Service and the Common Good. "Not at all reflecting the population of the state."

It was a whole different ballgame half a century ago, when an average of 63 percent of California's registered voters came out to nominate candidates for governor from 1950 to 1966. But a long, slow decline that began around 1980 eventually brought the state to an all-time low in 2010's primary, when only a third of registered voters cast ballots.

Four years later, more and more voters may be sitting out the primary.

"I think this might be an important election, but I'm not sure," said Enrico Howard Sr., 49, of Hayward, noting he usually votes only in presidential elections and hasn't paid this primary much mind yet. "My ballot is still sitting on my dining room table."

In the Bay Area this year, the race for San Jose mayor and Rep. Mike Honda's fight to keep his seat are relatively hot contests, but those are just isolated pockets of voter interest. Down-ticket statewide races rarely generate much heat, and this year is no exception; the races for state controller and secretary of state may be competitive, but they won't attract many voters to the polls on their own.

Meanwhile, the top-two primary system and online voter registration haven't created the bumper crop of new voters their supporters had hoped for, said Eric McGhee, a Public Policy Institute of California research fellow and an expert in voting behavior and political participation.

"I wouldn't be optimistic," he said. "People seem to be really jazzed by the competitive contest between the parties, and primary elections don't really offer that."

At least, they didn't until California adopted its top-two primary system, in which voters of any party affiliation can choose from among all candidates. "But I don't know yet whether voters are seeing it that way or are still operating in that Republican-Democrat world," McGhee said. "There's some crossover voting, but a lot of people are still making decisions within each

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**INSIDE TODAY****Tracking tech leads police to stolen car and suspect**

Palo Alto police are crediting a LoJack stolen car recovery system and the "Find My iPhone" app with leading them to a 2013 Audi S5 luxury vehicle stolen in the city Monday, as well as the alleged thief

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**Apple to buy Beats Electronics for \$3B**

The Cupertino tech giant on Wednesday announced it has struck a \$3 billion deal to buy the high-end headphone maker and its sister company, Beats Music

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