

## **Spending isn't enough to lower crime rate**

[“Spending to target smash-and-grab heists”](#) (Page B1, Oct. 15) details future action San Jose will take in an effort to stop violent mob heists, which are increasing in many of our cities.

Hopefully, more criminals will be apprehended with these efforts, but that alone will not reduce the brazen behavior that they exhibit. Better efforts must be made toward requiring appropriate pre-trial bail to reduce continued stealing while awaiting adjudication of the current offense.

Further, those convicted of serious violent crimes must receive appropriate custodial sentences, which presently they may not.

If the above additional action is not taken, there is little reason to believe that there will be a meaningful reduction in criminal behavior.

— *Eugene Hyman, Los Altos*