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The Campolindo 50th Reunion committee, from left: Don Schrader, Sandy Ivy Landin, Valerie Smith Brousseau, Bill Smedley, Gwen Reid Lundmark, Bruce Van Voorhis and Judi Steen Carmona. Campo 1966 yearbook photos courtesy Peggy Hoffman

## Campo '66: Seniors for Four Years

By Cathy Dausman

A lawyer, a doctor and an IRS agent walk into a room...50 years later. In June 1966 those people were members of the first graduating class of Campolindo High School. The class marks its 50th reunion Oct. 14 and 15 in a special celebration. It's been a long time. In 1966 Lyndon Johnson sat in the White House, Cassius Clay had just become Muhammad Ali

and gas cost 32 cents a gallon. "Bonanza," Red Skelton and Andy Griffith were on TV. Governor Brown — the present governor's father — occupied the governor's mansion in Sacramento. But California teens then were more likely focused on Mustangs and Camaros than gas prices or politics. Pear and walnut trees were nearly as common as homes, roads and businesses in the Moraga of 1966. Campolindo was

the third Lamorinda high school to open its doors (Acalanes High School opened in 1940, Miramonte in 1955), welcoming 180 freshmen onto its campus in September 1962. "Everybody knew everybody," said Bruce Van Voorhis. The campus was small, too, originally containing just two buildings and a gym. ... continued on page A16

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## Recent Crimes Rattle Towns Around the Hwy. 24 Corridor

By Victor Ryerson

Two local robberies last week, one resulting in the shooting of Orinda School Board member Carol Brown, have aroused concerns in Lafayette and Orinda about whether residents are increasingly being targeted by criminals from out of the area. After Brown was robbed and shot, and her husband pistol-whipped, in their driveway Sept. 26, a group of Orinda residents immediately called for a town hall meeting with Orinda Police Chief Mark Nagel. And on Sept. 29 Lafayette Police Chief Eric Christensen published a Crime Bulletin for its residents relating the details of a police chase the previous night after two men stole a Danville resident's car at gunpoint and fled through the Caldecott tunnel. The suspects in both cases are still at large. While there is no evidence yet that the Brown shooting was committed by non-locals, both Nagel and Christensen believe that the proximity to BART and Highway 24 make the two cities attractive targets for crime. Brown, 70, had picked up her husband, Tom Spalding, also 70, at the Orinda BART

station, and then stopped at the Orinda Safeway on the way home. The robbery and shooting occurred while they unloaded groceries after they reached their house on Claremont Avenue. The assailants, who wore full-sized Halloween face masks, fled by automobile, according to witnesses who heard shots and squealing tires. The couple is recovering from their injuries and the matter is still under investigation, and Orinda police are hoping to obtain better descriptions of the suspects and their car from them and from neighbors' security cameras. Early police reports indicate that the police believed the two men may have followed the couple home, either from BART or from the Safeway parking lot. Although this theory has not yet been confirmed, "the (videos) are coming in (from security cameras), and there is no indication to look inward (in Orinda)" for the culprits, Nagel said. The Lafayette bulletin reports that there were three other armed robberies in the Brentwood, Antioch and Pittsburg areas shortly before last Thursday's chase.

"While we are unaware of anything that specifically connects these incidents, a relationship could exist between all (of them) — which may include the Highway 24 corridor," it concludes. Indeed, Nagel confirms that much of the crime in Orinda these days is committed by people who come from elsewhere, "even drunk-in-public." With the ease of access to the two cities by BART, and especially by freeway, Orinda is the logical first stop for those with bad intentions who come from outside the area, he says. This is backed up by the history of pursuits, he points out. Orinda's recent crime statistics seem to support the theory that many of Orinda's robberies and thefts are committed by outsiders — about half, in fact. So far this year, one robbery and three residential burglaries were committed by known suspects with addresses

outside of Orinda. In 2014 and 2015, three burglaries were committed by suspects who were outsiders. In Orinda and Lafayette the suspects tend to come from the East Bay. By contrast, in Walnut Creek and the 680 corridor, they generally come from East County, Nagel said. In the aftermath of the Orinda incident, 60 families from the Claremont Hills neighborhood promptly sought a town meeting with Nagel to discuss their public safety situation. Although it was scheduled for Friday, Oct. 7, when word got out other residents called for a city-sponsored meeting that would be open to all. This will require compliance with public notice laws, so it is likely to be held on a later date, and Friday's meeting is likely to be cancelled. ... continued on page A11

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