

# BAY • GUARDIAN

R A I S I N G   H E L L   S I N C E   1 9 6 6  
THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY GUARDIAN | SFBG.COM | MAY 29 - JUNE 4, 2013 | VOL. 47, NO. 35 | FREE



## San Francisco Green Film Festival

The third San Francisco Green Film Festival opens tonight with a tale of true Bay Area environmental heroes. Nancy Kelly's doc *Rebels With a Cause* — first seen locally at the 2012 Mill Valley Film Festival and opening at the Roxie Fri/31 — offers an inspiring look at the Marin County activists who fought to preserve the NorCal coastline at a time when "conservation" was a dirty word. The rest of the Green fest's over 50 films include *Bidder 70*, about climate activist Tim DeChristopher; Jon Bowermaster's "fracktivist" tale *Dear Governor Cuomo*; and Kalyanee Mam's Cambodia-set doc *A River Changes Course*, which just picked up a much-deserved Golden Gate Award for Best Documentary at the San Francisco International Film Festival. (Cheryl Eddy)

**Rebels with a Cause** - The huge string of parklands that have made Marin County a jewel of preserved California coastline might easily have become wall-to-wall development — just like the Peninsula — if not for the stubborn conservationists whose efforts are profiled in Nancy Kelly's documentary. From Congressman Clem Miller — who died in a plane crash just after his Point Reyes National Seashore bill became a reality — to housewife Amy Meyer, who began championing the Golden Gate National Recreation Area because she "needed a project" to keep busy once her kids entered school, they're testaments to the ability of citizen activism to arrest the seemingly unstoppable forces of money, power and political influence. Theirs is a hidden history of the Bay Area, and of what didn't come to pass — numerous marinas, subdivisions, and other developments that would have made San Francisco and its surrounds into another Los Angeles.



(1:12) *Roxie*. (Harvey)