

# Datebook

## Stars align

The perfect night (and day)  
at the Mill Valley Film Festival

### The short list

Short films are an art form unto themselves, and no festival would be complete without them. Here are some that stood out:

#### The House Is Innocent

Summary: A zany Sacramento couple turn a notorious house of murder into a friendly house of fun.

Length: 12 minutes

The verdict: A hilarious documentary.

Showtime: 5 p.m., Oct. 12, Throckmorton; 2:45 p.m., Oct. 13, Rafael.

#### Penny

Summary: A profile of a larger-than-life criminal trial attorney in Alameda County who is a lesbian and an arts patron.

Length: 30 minutes

The verdict: Penny Cooper tells great stories and makes for an excellent documentary subject.

Showtime: 2 p.m., Oct. 10, Throckmorton; 11:45 a.m., Oct. 16, Rafael.