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## Slackery News Tidbits: February 12, 2013

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Here's the latest in Austin film news.

- New York-based film distributor Kino Lorber has acquired the US rights to Austinite [Andrew Bujalski's](#) comedy *Computer Chess*, [IndieWire](#) reports. Bujalski's feature revolves around chess players and computer programmers at a computer chess tournament in the 1980s. The Austin-shot film, which screened at Sundance 2013 and will screen at SXSW in March, is scheduled to be released by Kino Lorber late this year.
- If you like short films and Mondo posters, head to City Hall. That's not a typo. The City of Austin will hold a free opening reception for the [2013 People's Gallery exhibition](#) on Friday, February 22 from 6-9 pm at City Hall (301 W. Second). The reception will also screen short films from the city's Faces of Austin program. The exhibition, which will run through mid-January 2014, features more than 100 pieces of artwork from Austin-area artists, galleries, museums and art organizations that will be displayed throughout the first three floors of City Hall. Special exhibits by Mondo Gallery and the Serie Project will also be included.
- This year's [SXSWedu Conference and Festival](#) has announced a lineup of documentary films, including the Texas-shot *The Revisionaries* ([Don's review](#)), about the Texas State Board of Education and some of its members' attempts to drive science out of public school textbooks; and the partially Texas-shot *Bully* ([Don's review](#)), a controversial look into peer-to-peer bullying in American schools, according to [The Austin Chronicle](#). All screenings will be held at Alamo Ritz March 4-7. Conference attendees will also have the chance to see the [10th Annual Texas High School Film Competition](#), as well as a secret screening.
- Calling all high school and college students in the Austin Area (yes, that means you San Marcos): [SXSW Film 2013](#) is offering festival scholarships. Those who complete the application by midnight Friday will be eligible to win one of five film badges or one of 20 conference passes.
- Join [Austin Film Society](#) for a Texas Film Hall of Fame Awards preview and happy hour on Wednesday from 6-8 pm at Lamberts (401 W. Second St.). The happy hour will include a ticket giveaway to the awards after-party on March 7, and 10 percent of the happy-hour proceeds will go to AFS.
- The Austin-based band Sounder will screen two short films involving [Will Oldham](#) -- *The Lonely Life* and *Pioneer* -- on Thursday, Feb. 28 at the [Austin Scottish Rite Theater](#), according to [The Digital Texan](#). *The Lonely Life*, an Austin-shot sci-fi psychedelic journey of a man (played by Oldham aka Bonnie "Prince" Billy) trying to understand his past, was written and directed by Austin-based filmmaker Mike Aho as accompaniment to Sounder's upcoming as-yet-untitled album. Dallas-based writer/director [David Lowery's Pioneer](#) ([Jette's article](#)), which screened at Sundance 2011 and won the Grand Jury Award at SXSW 2011, is about a father's epic bedtime story told to his son. A Q&A with Oldham and Aho will follow the screening of *The Lonely Life*.

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