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Slackery News Tidbits: May 12, 2014

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Here's the latest Austin and Texas film news.

- [The Texas Tribune](#) reports that Bernie Tiede, the Carthage man whose story of shooting the town's richest widow inspired Austin filmmaker [Richard Linklater's](#) 2011 movie *Bernie*, was released from Panola County Jail last week. After nearly two decades behind bars, Tiede was driven away from the jail with Linklater to a home the filmmaker owns in Austin.
- In festival news, the Los Angeles Film Festival announced its lineup last week and includes several Texas-connected movies: *Land Ho!*, produced by Austinite [David Gordon Green](#); the Houston documentary *Evolution of a Criminal*, which premiered at this year's SXSW; and the short movie *Molly*, from local filmmaker [Craig Elrod](#) (*The Man from Orlando*).
- Austin's movie industry may take a hit after NBC announced Friday that its hour-long, post-apocalyptic drama *Revolution* has been cancelled, [Austin Business Journal](#) reports. The show wrapped filming its current season last month in Austin.
- The Austin Film Festival will screen *The Golden Scallop* during its [Audience Award Series](#) on Wednesday at 7 pm at Alamo Drafthouse Village. This documentary follows three contestants of a short-order cooking contest.
- In more [AFF](#) news, the festival has teamed with Austin-based Magnolia Pictures for a free advance screening of *Frontera*, about a man who illegally crosses into the US from Mexico and is wrongfully accused of killing a sheriff's wife, on Tuesday at 7 pm at Galaxy Highland. The drama's writer/director Michael Berry and executive producer Eric Williams will attend. Corpus Christi native Eva Longoria stars.
- XLRator Media has acquired US distribution rights for the SXSW 2014 premiere *Housebound*, according to [The Hollywood Reporter](#). The horror comedy, about a young woman who is forced to return to her childhood home only to find that it may be haunted, is slated for a fall VOD and theatrical release.
- Finally, Austin filmmaker [Robert Rodriguez's El Rey Network](#) announced that its second scripted original series, *Matador*, will premiere on July 15. The series chronicles the rise of a covert operative for a little-known branch of the CIA, moonlighting as a popular soccer star.

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