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Slackery News Tidbits, December 26

By [Jordan Gass-Poore](#) on December 26, 2012 - 2:30pm in [Slackery News Tidbits](#)

Here's the latest Austin and Texas film news.

- Austin-based filmmaker [Richard Linklater's](#) 1991 movie *Slacker*, about the day in the life of an assortment of Austin characters, is one of 25 films selected this year to join the [Library of Congress' National Film Registry](#), which now totals 600 films for preservation, according to [Deadline](#).
- Texas' film heritage is further immortalized with the National Film Registry's addition of Dallas filmmaker Melton Barker's *The Kidnappers Foil*, which has been previously preserved in the [Texas Archive of the Moving Image](#), founded by film archivist and University of Texas RTF Assistant Professor Caroline Frick. For three decades, Barker and his film company travelled through the southern and central parts of the U.S. filming local children acting, singing and dancing.
- The Austin premiere of *The Man From Orlando* will take place on Saturday, January 12 at [Stateside at the Paramount](#). The comedy, about a man who abandons his life of crime and returns to his hometown in Texas, stars co-writer Jason Newman, with appearances by Austinites [Chris Doubek](#) and [John Merriman](#).
- San Antonio native Ya'Ke Smith's feature [Wolf Mike's review](#)), the Texas State Board of Education versus the theory of evolution documentary, *The Revisionaries* ([Don's review](#)), and Austinite Elizabeth Mims' *Only The Young* ([Elizabeth's review](#)) made NPR's year-in-review list of [10 Films Worth Going Out Of Your Way For](#). The list also gives a shout out to Austinite Jonny Mars' *America's Parking Lot* ([Don's review](#)).
- UT alum [Marcia Gay Harden](#) and Zac Efron have been added to the cast of the Tom Hanks-produced film *Parkland* ([Ryan's dispatch](#)) about the going-ons at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas the day former President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963, according to [Joe M. O'Connell's](#) blog. Harden and Efron join Billy Bob Thornton in the film, scheduled to shoot next month in Austin.
- Alamo Drafthouse on South Lamar is holding a [closing-night party](#) on Thursday, January 3 because the location will temporarily be closed for remodeling, to reopen in the fall. Programming that evening includes Girlie Night, Quote-Along and Fantastic Fest favorites, as well as screenings of the original *The Texas Chain Saw Massacre* and recent 3D remake with writer/director/producer [Tobe Hooper](#) in attendance. Also, Don Coscarelli will screen his new movie, *John Dies at the End*.
- Local director [Emily Hagins' My Sucky Teen Romance](#) ([Don's review](#)), about a teen who finds out her new boyfriend is a vampire, is now on [Netflix Watch Instantly](#). The Austin-shot movie premiered at SXSW 2011. Check out the trailer below.



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