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## Slackery News Tidbits, May 28

By [Jordan Gass-Poore](#) on May 28, 2012 - 10:00am in [Slackery News Tidbits](#)

Here's the latest Austin and Texas film news.

- The *Austin American-Statesman's* Charles Ealy [reported from Cannes](#) about this weekend's premiere of Austin filmmaker [Jeff Nichols'](#) feature *Mud*. Austin-based actor [Matthew McConaughey](#) stars with Reese Witherspoon and Michael Shannon in this story of an unlikely friendship between a fugitive and a 14-year-old boy who helps him escape off an island in Mississippi to reunite with the woman he loves. Ealy also [chatted briefly](#) with Nichols after the screening.
- More on McConaughey -- [IndieWire reported](#) that he'll portray John F. Kennedy in [Lee Daniels'](#) (*Precious*) new film, *The Butler*. The movie, based on a Washington Post article, is about the late White House butler Eugene Allen. Academy Award-winner [Forest Whitaker](#) will star as Allen, who served eight presidents during his tenure from 1952-1986. Production is scheduled to begin July 16.
- Local filmmaker [Richard Linklater](#) will keep viewers *Up to Speed* on relatively unknown American monuments, such as the shoe garden in San Francisco, according to [Austin Movie Blog](#). Linklater's original travel series, starring historian [Timothy "Speed" Levitch](#), is scheduled to premiere on Hulu and Hulu Plus in August.
- Austin Film Society continues its Best of the Fests series with a [screening](#) of San Antonio filmmaker [Ya'Ke Smith's](#) feature film *Wolf* ([Mike's review](#)), about a family trying to come to terms with the abuse their pastor has inflicted on their teenage son, at 7 pm on Wednesday, June 6 at Alamo Drafthouse Village. Proceeds from the screening will benefit the Texas Filmmakers Production Fund. Watch the trailer at [IndieWire](#), and read Slackerwood's [SXSW interview with Smith](#).
- [Violet Crown Cinema](#) will screen *The Gold Rush*, Charlie Chaplin's first feature-length comedy for United Artists, at 7 pm on Tuesday, June 5. The 1925 comedy follows a lone man's adventures in the Klondike on his search for fortune and his discovery of romance.
- It's easier to dine and unwind as a vegan in the Live Music Capital of the World at Alamo Drafthouse locations. Austin lifestyle blog [Red Hot Vegans'](#) investigative efforts uncovered that non-buttered popcorn at the Drafthouse is, indeed, vegan. The blog also contains a list of vegan/modified vegan food compiled by kitchen staff at Alamo Village.
- [MovieMaker](#) spoke recently with Austin-based filmmaker [Joe Nicolosi](#), whose low-budget bumpers have been featured at the [SXSW Film Festival](#). Nicolosi's short films, such as a Lego version of CSI, have gone viral numerous times.
- In search of a lawyer? Adam Reposa may be your guy. [FilmDrunk](#) discovered Austin-based director [Bob Ray's](#) over-the-top commercial for the local attorney online and it's been gaining in popularity this week. One of Reposa's clients is [Chad Holt](#), the subject of Ray's documentary *Total Badass* ... and you can also catch Reposa in that film. The [video](#) is embedded below.



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