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Slackery News Tidbits: December 16, 2013

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Here's the latest Austin and Texas film news.

- Austin City Council has approved 99 community places for free access to the high-speed Internet service Google Fiber (Chip's article). Locations include the Austin Film Society, the Austin Theatre Alliance -- which means the Paramount and Stateside Theatres, local film-fest venues like the ZACH Theatre and the Long Center, the Austin Convention Center, channelAustin and 23 Austin Public Library branches. The Google Fiber "Community Connections" program will provide these locations with service through 2023.
- Austin-based entertainment site Spill is being shut down at the end of this month
 by its parent company Hollywood.com. As a result, Spill founder Korey Coleman
 has started a Kickstarter entitled It Ain't Going Down Like That to fund a new site
 along the same lines. In three days, the campaign has raised more than \$75,000,
 more than doubling its \$30K goal. The campaign ends Jan. 12.
- Lots of Austin and Texas movie release-date info. First of all, DFW-area filmmaker
 David Lowery's Ain't Them Bodies Saints (Jette's review) will be released on
 DVD and VOD, including Amazon Instant and iTunes, on Tuesday. The movie
 premiered at Sundance earlier this year.
- Austin filmmaker Dano Johnson's animated Flatland series, Flatland: The Movie and Flatland 2: Sphereland (Debbie's review), based on Edwin A. Abbott's Flatland: A Romance of Many Dimensions, is available on DVD and digital download. Kristen Bell (Veronica Mars) voices mathematician-heroine Hex, whose world gets turned upside down when she begins to think outside of the box. Martin Sheen and former AFF programmer John Merriman also voice characters in the series.
- Finally, Drafthouse Films will release The Act of Killing (Elizabeth's review), a
 documentary that sees former Indonesian death squad leaders reenacting their
 real-life mass killings, on Blu-ray and DVD January 7.

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