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Slackery News Tidbits, July 2

By [Jordan Gass-Poore](#) on July 2, 2012 - 10:00am in [Slackery News Tidbits](#)

Here's the latest in Austin and Texas film news.

- Thanks in part to actress Jessica Alba's Twitter feed, the film website [Collider](#) has shared some set photos from Austin-based director Robert Rodriguez's latest movie *Machete Kills*, currently filming in the Austin area. The sequel to the 2010 action flick, *Machete*, about an ex-Federales hellbent on revenge, stars Austin native [Amber Heard](#), Edward James Olmos, Mel Gibson and, as reported by Rodriguez himself [on Twitter](#), Charlie Sheen as the U.S. President. [Danny Trejo](#) and Alba will reprise their roles.
- Renaissance man Ron Deutsch [announced](#) that he will teach his 14th Chef du Cinema class from 6:30-9:30 pm Saturday, August 18. Students will learn to prepare a four-course menu inspired by the Oscar-winning film, *Chinatown*. The neo-noir will be screened -- and food will be eaten-- after the demonstration, which includes orange-ginger Chinese broccoli and shrimp and watercress steamed wontons with orange soy dipping sauce.
- Want your voice heard at SXSW 2013? Now is your chance to submit SXSW Interactive, Music, Film and Education session ideas via the fest's [PanelPicker](#). Through July 20, participants may complete the two-step online process for a chance to have their idea considered and voted in by the SXSW community.
- [Cinema East announced](#) the 7 pm Sunday, July 8 screening of Austin filmmakers [David](#) and [Nathan Zellner's](#) second feature film, *Kid-Thing (Don's review)*, which premiered this year at Sundance. A director Q&A will follow. And before the feature, you can watch Kat Candler's short film *Hellion*, back in Austin after a film-fest circuit that included Sundance, SXSW and recently Los Angeles Film Festival. The Cinema East summer outdoor film screenings continue through mid-August at a new location, Yellow Jacket Track Field (1156 Hargrave St.).
- Get a new "leash on life" at Fantastic Fest 2012. The local film festival [announced](#) that *Frankenweenie* will have its premiere as the fest's opening-night movie on Sept. 20. Directed and co-produced by [Tim Burton](#), *Frankenweenie* tells the story of Victor, a boy who is forced to "pick up the pieces" after his beloved dog Sparky unexpectedly dies. The 3D black-and-white, stop-motion animated film features the voices of Catherine O'Hara (*The Nightmare Before Christmas*), Martin Short (*Father of the Bride*), Martin Landau and Winona Ryder (*Edward Scissorhands*), among others. *Frankenweenie* will be released in U.S. theaters on Oct. 5.

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