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Here's the latest Austin and Texas film news.

- The [Texas Filmmaker's Showcase](#) is now accepting entries to its annual short movie contest until April 1. Filmmakers whose projects are selected to participate in the showcase will be flown to Los Angeles in June for a screening of all chosen works and will have opportunities to meet various industry professionals.
- Gravitas Ventures has acquired the rights to Austin-based Hammer to Nail magazine editor and filmmaker [Michael Tully's](#) feature [Ping Pong Summer](#), [Indiewire](#) reports. The coming-of-age comedy, based on Tully's own childhood experiences, premiered at Sundance ([Debbie's review](#)) and is scheduled for an early summer theatrical and digital release.
- KLRU will air [One Square Mile: Austin](#), an episode of the documentary television series [One Square Mile: Texas](#), on Thursday at 8 pm.
- Dallas actor Barry Nash, star of the DFW area-shot movie [Bob Birdnow's Remarkable Tale ...](#), won the Mississippi-based [Oxford Film Festival's](#) Special Jury Prize for Best Performance in a Narrative Feature for the drama.
- Janet Pierson, head of SXSW Film, provided some insight into this year's movie lineup on [Indiewire](#). Although programmers received an increase in submissions from last year, the lineup will include fewer movies because of the Alamo Drafthouse South Lamar renovation.
- Alamo Drafthouse has teamed up with Action Pack for an inaugural [Happy Gilmore](#)-themed [charity golf tournament](#) on March 22 at Onion Creek Golf Club. The tournament, featuring [Christopher McDonald](#) AKA Shooter McGavin, will be followed by a quote-along screening of [Happy Gilmore](#) at Alamo Slaughter and a Q&A with McDonald.
- In more Drafthouse news, the theater chain has partnered with the Film Noir Foundation for the inaugural [Noir City: Austin](#) festival from Feb. 28-March 2 at Alamo Ritz. This three-day event features rare 35mm film noir screenings.
- Finally, tickets to [RTX 2014](#), a three-day festival celebrating Internet culture and gaming, are now on sale. The fourth annual event will take place July 4-6 at the Austin Convention Center. Austin-based Rooster Teeth Productions will premiere an episode from the second season of its anime series [RWBY](#) at the festival.

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