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Slackery News Tidbits: September 16, 2013

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Here's the latest Austin and Texas film news.

- Austin Film Festival has been awarded a \$25,000 TexTreasures Grant to preserve five years of its audio and video collection, North Dallas Gazette reports. The collection will then be housed at Texas State University in San Marcos. The grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Among many other awards, the commission also approved a \$49,500 grant to the Round Rock Library System for a "makerspace" collaboration to benefit middle-school students with STEM and art projects.
- Breaking Bad's Aaron Paul is starring alongside Juliette Lewis in Austinite Kat
 Candler's Hellion, according to Deadline. The indie feature drama, currently in
 production around Central Texas, stemmed from Candler's award-winning short
 film of the same name, about a seven-year-old who falls prey to his older
 brother's mischievous ways in a small Texas refinery town. Fellow Austinite Jonny
 Mars, who appeared in the SXSW 2012 short, is returning for the feature, along
 with Austin producer Kelly Williams. Other local connections include executive
 producers Jeff Nichols (Mud) and Sarah Green (The Tree of Life).
- The Austin Chronicle reports that the Texas Book Festival (Oct. 26 and 27 at the State Capitol Building in Austin) has announced its 2013 lineup. Film-related connections include Austin filmmaker Owen Egerton (Everyone Says That at the End of the World), Lynda Obst (Sleepless In Hollywood: Tales from the New Abnormal in the Movie Business), SXSW Film Producer and Senior Programmer Jarod Neece (Austin Breakfast Tacos: The Story of the Most Important Taco of the Day) and screenwriter/author Stephen Harrigan.
- Stateside Independent will screen Terms and Conditions May Apply this
 Thursday at 7 pm, followed by a Q&A with the film's director Cullen Hoback. The
 documentary aims to expose what information governments and corporations are
 legally taking from the general public through websites' terms and conditions.
- PBS will air Brooklyn Castle, a 2012 SXSW and Dallas International Film Festival selection, at 10 pm on Monday, Oct. 7, according to IndieWire. The documentary follows members of an inner-city middle school's champion chess team.
- Finally, a note from Jette (Jordan doesn't know I'm adding this): Last week, The Austin Chronicle announced its annual Best of Austin awards. The critics picks included a new Thea Williams Memorial Award for distinguished interns -- one of whom is current Slackerwood contributor and former Chronicle intern Jordan Gass-Poore'. Congratulations, Jordan!

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