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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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