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'WHO DAT, WHO DO DAT?' HE SAID

BALLAD OF BILLY



Mark Slade of "The High Chaparral" is also a fine cartoonist.

Mark Slade is one young actor who never needs to worry about unemployment.

"When I was 18," Mark recalls, "I flipped a coin to see whether I'd be an actor or an artist—I was really hung up on both. It came to heads . . . instant actor! But I still work at painting and cartooning."

He does work hard, not only appearing weekly on "The High Chaparral" series (10-11 p.m., Sundays, Channel 4), in which he plays Billy Blue, but also working weekends on

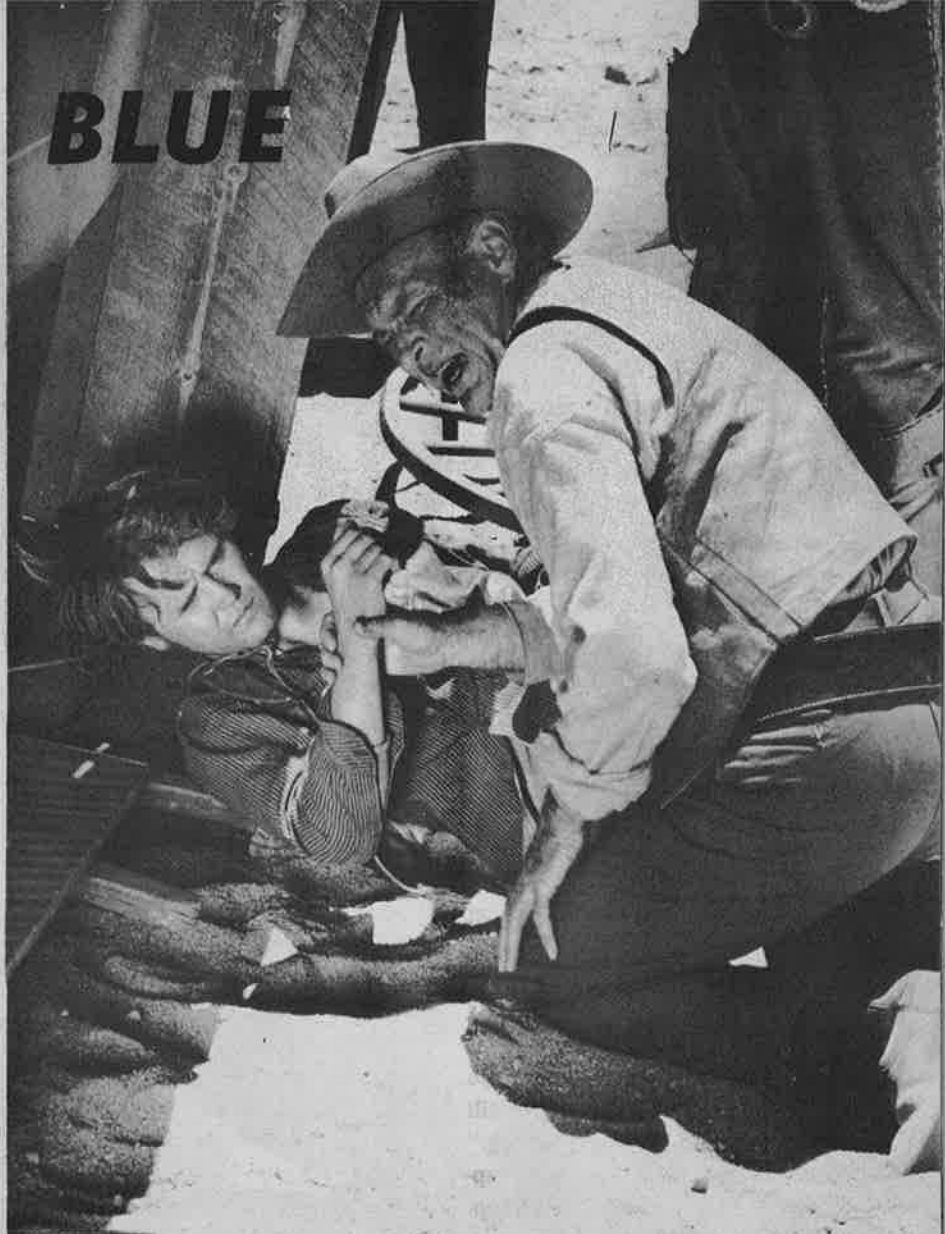
a projected cartoon series for TV.

"I just can't seem to give up the pad and pencil. The thing I don't want to do is split myself in half, not that I ever will. Acting is still 'heads' with me."

Acting began for Slade in a school play while attending Worcester Academy in Massachusetts.

After graduation, he studied at New York's American Academy of Dramatic Arts, toured for nearly a year, and hasn't stopped working since coming to Hollywood.

BLUE



Wounded by Apaches, Slade is seen here in an action scene with Leif Erickson. The show is aired Sundays, 10-11 p.m. on Channel 4.