

GUIDE'S COUNTDOWN TO THE WEEKEND

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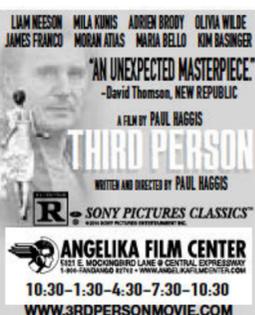
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City of Wylie

Bluegrass on Ballard features plenty of opportunities to experience music.



Wylie hosts a bluegrass street party

Enjoy live bluegrass music in downtown Wylie during Bluegrass on Ballard, including Grammy winner Brad Davis performing with Texas & Tennessee. There'll also be jam sessions that the public can take part in, a 125-vehicle car show, arts and crafts, pony rides and a chili cook-off. The event runs from 3 to 10 p.m. Saturday (arts and crafts vendors will be onsite in Olde City Park beginning at 10 a.m.) in downtown Wylie, South Ballard Avenue and Olde City Park. Free admission. wylietexas.gov/bluegrass.

Dena Hill

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

AMC to air 'Breaking Bad Binge'

AMC will fill its Sunday night schedule for nearly two months with reruns of Breaking Bad, the popular series that starred Bryan Cranston and aired its last original episode last September. Every episode will be shown during the network's Breaking Bad Binge.

Episodes will air from 4 p.m. to midnight every Sunday night, from Aug. 10 through Oct. 5.

AMC will add some extras, including interviews with cast and crew members prior to each episode.

The Associated Press

Split for Jewel and husband

Singer Jewel and husband Ty Murray are divorcing after a 16-year relationship.

She posted on her website that they want their separation "to be nothing less loving than the way we came together." Jewel and Murray lived on a Stephenville ranch and have a son named Kase.

The Associated Press

CAROLYN HAX

WASHINGTON POST WRITERS GROUP

While I'm away, readers give the advice.

On the anguish of the prompt who fall in love with the tardy:

As a punctual person who has spent an enormous amount of time in the last four decades waiting for the chronically tardy, I can attest to the fact that the same people who ran late 40 years ago are the same people who run late now. The chronically late generally fall into one or more of the following categories:

The truly lacking in executive skills required to show up on time. These folks deserve some sympathy, especially if they put effort into strategies to improve.

The controllers — as in, "I'm here, now you may begin."

The self-centered, whose activities are always more important than your discomfort, even if the reason for the delay is a video game.

The overloaded with responsibility, as in a single parent taking care of multiple kids and aging parents while trying to run a business.

Punctual people should consider which category their chronically tardy loved ones fall into, as it may give them previously unnoticed insight into negative aspects of their basic personalities.

On Time Too

On wedding plans from the guest's perspective:

Having been to many weddings over the years, I find that I don't remember the centerpieces or favors, but I do remember how the bride and groom treated their guests.

I remember the couples who arranged transportation after an open bar, had special



Frank Ockenfels/The Associated Press

allergy-free cupcakes for a favorite aunt, and had baby sitters so parents could easily attend their adult-only wedding.

These were the couples who went out of their way to make their guests feel special and part of their day. You left the wedding feeling like the couple was so wonderful and family-centered, as opposed to weddings that are more self-centered.

Shuttle buses and hotel blocks may seem frivolous during planning, but not being able to get a hotel in the area or having to drive a far distance late at night (especially after a few drinks) is the difference between a wedding I look forward to and think fondly of and one I dread going to.

E.

On discovering that friends won't automatically dash to your side when you need them:

Lying in an emergency room on a sunny August Sunday afternoon after a car accident, I was painfully aware that I needed to have a "no matter what happens" person come to my aid and talk to doctors on my behalf.

The first five people, including my sister, friends and co-workers, would/could not come. In the end, it cost me a longer-than-necessary recuperation time, a more permanent injury to my body, a higher bill and a transfer to another hospital.

It's a live-and-learn world. Not only did I have conversations with my closest cousin and friends after that, but I strengthened my power of attorney for health. And I changed my will to reflect those who thought I was worth something, not just those I was related to as siblings.

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DEAR ABBY

By JEANNE PHILLIPS UNIVERSAL UCLICK

Reader in the Southwest

Dear Abby: He's a friend, right? And you're only a reader, not a literary critic whose credibility will suffer if you don't point out every flaw. Find something you liked about the book and mention that on the Amazon page. You could call it a "page turner" because you had to turn from Page 1 to Page 2, didn't you?

In a case like this, less is more. And remember, you're doing this in the capacity of being a friend, not an English teacher.

Dear Abby: Can you settle a dispute for me? When you go up to a house with two doors — a regular door and a screen door — and there is no doorbell, is it proper to open the first door and knock on the second door or is it considered rude?

Knock, Knock, Dear Knock, Knock: Because in the absence of a doorbell the only way you can make your presence known would be to knock, open the screen door and knock. Then step back and close the screen door so you're not intruding on the space of the person who answers it.

Frankly, I think it's too late to say anything negative because the book has already been printed. I also don't want to cause hurt feelings because I know how long he worked on this project and he's proud of it. How do I handle this?

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