

# Show

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and maybe died bad, too. From a TV perspective, stasis is preferable because it means the hit show can return year after year. Flux implies an endpoint.

Gilligan made his hero/anti-hero a chemistry teacher slogging through one whale of a midlife crisis — bereft, broke and facing a terminal illness (lung cancer, even though he had never smoked). And even though Gilligan knew nothing about chemistry, that would be the guiding metaphor.

“Chemistry is growth, then decay, then transformation!!!” White enthusiastically told his students in the series’ opener. They sniggered, then turned away. Walter then decided the universe, and God, had sniggered and turned their backs on him, too.

There are comic as well as cosmic touches here, in a “the gods must be laughing” kind of way. But Gilligan always had a tragedy in mind, and a puzzle he didn’t have a solution to: Was Walter born bad or did he become bad through the choices he made? Gilligan and his stable of writers knew from there it was just a short hop to one of the enduring puzzles of the nature of evil. Do people “break” bad — or are they born bad?

“I can’t ultimately tell you what the point of it all is,” says Gilligan. “But we do strive to keep him recognizable despite how dark he is. With each episode we chip a little more away at his soul. But we always try to make him human. Maybe it’s a cautionary tale, or a ‘there but for the Grace of God’ one, but he’s a character who has fascinated me from day one.”

Does even Walter White’s creator know how he will meet his end? Gilligan won’t — or can’t — say.

# Songs

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Minutemen’s “Double Nickels on the Dime.” Only vinyl can break your heart.

12. “Springsteen,” Eric Church. Country bad boy Eric Church is at least as slick as he is tough, and smart enough to keep this name-dropping No. 1 hit relatively understated as it mentions song titles by a guy from New Jersey whose melodies bring back memories of bygone glory days.

13. “Sixpack,” Jeff the Brotherhood. Speaking of Nashville, these Southern garage rockers are loaded up with ice, brewskis, and fuzz guitar hooks.

14. “Ruin,” Cat Power. Chan Marshall, aka Cat Power, is coolness incarnate on this keyboard-driven departure from the old-school soul moves of her last proper album, 2006’s “The Greatest.” From Sun, due Sept. 4.

15. “No One Like You,” Best Coast. Classic girl-group yearning from songwriter Bethany Cosentino, whose band is often mischaracterized as “surf-rock.” Summery, but not conducive to hanging 10.

16. “Under the Westway,” Blur. Lovely and languorous piano rumination by the much-loved, reunited ‘90s Brit-pop band fronted by Damon Albarn. It’s one of two new songs debuted Beatles-style on a London rooftop earlier this month. Please, sirs, can we have some more?

17. “Next to Me,” Emeli Sande. Black Scotswoman Emeli Sande’s first name is Adele. Fitting, since the big-voiced belter seems well suited to step into the void left by the Grammy-dominating singer’s forthcoming maternity leave.

18. “Come Into My Head,” Kimbra. Angular funk from New Zealand singer who’s also heard on her Belgo-Australian buddy Gotye’s megahit “Somebody That I Used to Know.”

19. “Heaven,” the Walkmen. Hortatory title track to the excellent sixth album by the three-fifths Philadelphia indie band fronted by Hamilton Leithauser.

20. “Psychotic Episode,” Royal Headache. One among many two-minute doses of friendly fury from this Aussie quartet’s winningly aggressive debut album.

21. “Younger Us,” Japandroids. “Remember saying thing like ‘We’ll sleep when we’re dead’? And thinking this feeling was never going to end?” Young Vancouver duo remembers what it was like to be younger still. From the aptly titled “Celebration Rock.”

22. “Tallulah,” Allo Darlin’. A ukulele-plucked song references the Go-Betweens’ “Tallulah,” in which Elizabeth Morris thinks about how much she loves pop music and worries that she’s already heard all the songs that will tell her who she is. From the altogether fab sophomore release Europe.

23. “Sweet Dreams,” Rhett Miller. Roots-pop songwriter nods to Patsy Cline, and kisses a could-have-been love affair goodbye as it strolls off into the summer sunset.

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FRIDAY PRIMETIME/LATE NIGHT																JULY 20, 2012												
	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30						
BROADCAST STATIONS																												
PBS KUSD 2 8 (2)	Arthur (DVS)	WordGirl (DVS)	Wild Kratts	The Electric Company	Fetch! With Ruff Ruffman	Nightly Business Report	PBS NewsHour (N) (In Stereo)	Washington Week (N)	Need to Know (N)	McLaughlin Group (N)	Market to Market	Homecoming: Kansas City Symphony-DiDonato	Dakota Life	BBC World News	Charlie Rose (N) (In Stereo)	Tavis Smiley (N)	America's Heartland	Homecoming: Kansas City Symphony-DiDonato										
KTIV 4 4 (4)	Extra (N)	Cash	Ellen DeGeneres	News 4	News	News 4	Ent	Whitney (DVS)	Community (DVS)	Dateline NBC (N) (In Stereo)	Dateline NBC (N) (In Stereo)		News 4	Jay Leno		Jimmy Fallon	C. Daly	News 4	Extra									
NBC KDLT 5 5 (5)	The Doctors	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	KDLT News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	KDLT News (N)	The Big Bang Theory	Whitney (DVS)	Community (DVS)	Dateline NBC (N) (In Stereo)			KDLT News (N)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N) (In Stereo)	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon (N) (In Stereo)	Last Call With Carson Daly	According to Jim	Paid Program										
KCAU 6 6 (9)	Dr. Phil		The Dr. Oz Show	News	ABC	News	Inside	Shark Tank		Primetime: What	20/20 (N)		News	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	My Pillow	Inside	Paid	Paid									
CBS KSEL 11 3 (11)	Dr. Phil (In Stereo)		The Dr. Oz Show Looking and feeling one's best after 40.	News	CBS Evening News	News	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Undercover Boss Budget Blinds CEO Chad Hallock	CSI: NY "Kill Screen" The CSIs investigate a murder.	Blue Bloods Jamie starts working with a new partner.			News	Late Show With David Letterman (In Stereo)	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson (In Stereo)		News	The Insider (N)	Weather NOW									
ABC KSFY 13 7 (13)	Jeopardy! (N)	Be a Millionaire	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (In Stereo)	KSFY News at 5	ABC World News	KSFY News at 6 in HD	Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank Body jewelry, organic skin care.	Primetime: What Would You Do? (In Stereo)	20/20 (N) (In Stereo)	KSFY News at 10 in HD		Nightline (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (In Stereo)	Free Money		Extra (N)	Paid Program	Paid Program									
KMEG 13 13 (6)	Nate Berkus		The Doctors	KMEG 14	CBS	Jeopardy	Wheel	Undercover Boss	CSI: NY		Blue Bloods		News	Letterman	Ferguson			Paid	Paid									
FOX KTTW 21 9 (7)	Swift Justice	Swift Justice	Anderson Julianne Moore, Jack Hanna. (In Stereo)	America's Funniest Home Videos (In Stereo)	How I Met Your Mother	How I Met Your Mother	House The team treats an Army veteran.	Bones A blue corpse is found in a landfill.	The Office	The Office	Friends	Friends	Excused	Excused	New Adv/Old Christine	New Adv/Old Christine	Hates Chris	Hates Chris										
KLKN	The Dr. Oz Show	Ellen DeGeneres	First Four	Jeopardy	News	ABC	News	Ent	Shark Tank	Primetime: What	20/20 (N)		News	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Paid	Ent	Paid	Daryl's									
KOLN	Million.	Judge B.	Jdg Judy	Jdg Judy	Big Bang	Two Men	Big Bang	Two Men	House	Bones			News	30 Rock	Office	Office	Mother	Mother	Friends	Raymond	Raymond							
KPTH	S Ade	Winston	Children	Drenda	Zola Lev	Creflo D.	Dr. Nasir	J. Hagee	Parsley	Joni L.	Celebration		Van Impe	Franklin	J. Osteen	Copeland	Life To	J. Meyer	Sound	EVO	Master	Celebra						
KSCB	Arthur	Martha	Wild	WordGirl	Curious	PBS NewsHour (N)	Inside	Wash.	Iowa Pr's	Market	Plea	Pioneers, Television		Business	Keep Up	Lark Rise			(Off Air)									
KXSN 99 (12)	Curious	Martha	Arthur	WordGirl	Wild	Electric	PBS NewsHour (N)	Stories	Omaha	Wash.	Need	Homecom		Homeland Vi		Served?	Served?	(Off Air)										
PAY CHANNELS																												
HBO 17 (40)	** "The A-Team" (2010, Action) Liam Neeson, Bradley Cooper. (In Stereo)				*** "Men in Black" (1997) Tommy Lee Jones. (In Stereo)				Adrien Broner	The Newsroom Will lands in the tabloids.				*** "X-Men: First Class" (2011, Action) James McAvoy. (In Stereo)				Adrien Broner	** "The A-Team" (2010, Action) Liam Neeson, Bradley Cooper. (In Stereo)				** "American Wedding" (2003) Jason Biggs. (In Stereo)					
HBO2	Life				** "Major League II" (1994)				*** "Field of Dreams" (1989)				REAL Sports				True Blood				*** "Unstoppable" (2010)				Taxicab Confess'ns			
MAX (42)	** "In & Out" (1997) Kevin Kline. (In Stereo)				** "Fast Five" (2011, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. (In Stereo)				*** "Die Hard" (1988) Bruce Willis. A New York policeman outwits foreign thugs in an L.A. high-rise.				Strike Back				MAX on Set				Femme Fatales							
MAX2	Mobsters				*** "Inception" (2010) Leonardo DiCaprio.				*** "The Debt" (2010) Helen Mirren.				*** "Rise of Planet of Apes"				*** "The Art of War" (2006) (In Stereo)				*** "Return of the Living Dead" (1985)							
SHOW 18 (43)	"Big Bad Love"				** "Reality Bites" (1994) Winona Ryder.				*** "Fright Night" (2011) (In Stereo)				*** "Drive Angry" (2011)				Open				Boxing Miguel Acosta vs. Art Hovhannissyan. (N) (Live)							
SHOW2	"Constant Gardn"				** "Made" (2001) Jon Favreau.				*** "The Italian Job" (2003)				Fran				Web				The Real L Word							
TMC	Get Well				** "The Missing Person" (2009)				"Fatal Secrets" (2009)				*** "Suicide Kings" (1997) (In Stereo)				** "Rumble Fish" (1983)				"Direct Contact" (2009, Action)				"Visions of Passion" (2003)			
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CABLE STATIONS																												
A&E 57 (41)	The First 48				The First 48				Cajun	Cajun	Cajun	Cajun	Cajun	Cajun	Cajun	Cajun	Cajun	Cajun	Cajun	Cajun	Cajun	Cajun	Cajun					
AMC 41 (54)	** "Heartbreak Ridge" (1986, War)				*** "Dirty Harry" (1971)				*** "Magnum Force" (1973) Clint Eastwood				** "The Enforcer" (1976)				*** "Sudden Impact" (1983) Clint Eastwood				*** "American Wedding" (2003) Jason Biggs. (In Stereo)							
ANPL 19 (43)	The Haunted				North Woods Law				Whale Wars				Whale Wars (N)				Louisiana Lockdown				Whale Wars							
BRAVO 25 (55)	Million Dollar Listing				Housewives/NJ				Housewives/NJ				*** "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" (2000)				Louisiana Lockdown				Whale Wars							
CMTV 38 (77)	CMT Music Awards				Behind the Music				Redneck Vacation				*** "Smokey and the Bandit" (1977) (In Stereo)				** "Smokey and the Bandit II" (1980)				*** "Under Siege" (1992) Steven Seagal							
CNBC 53 (52)	Closing Bell				Options				Mad Money (N)				The Kudlow Report				American Greed				Porn: Business							
CNN 33 (49)	The Situation Room (N)				E. B. OutFront				Anderson Cooper				Piers Morgan				Anderson Cooper				Piers Morgan							
COM 45 (61)	Futurama				Tosh.0				Futurama				Kevin Hart				John Oliver				Chris Rock/Scared							
CSPAN 49 (17)	Politics & Public Policy Today				Politics & Public Policy Today				Politics & Public Policy Today				Politics & Public Policy Today				Politics & Public Policy Today				Politics & Public Policy Today							
DISC 34 (44)	Flying Wild Alaska				Flying Wild Alaska				Flying Wild Alaska				Flying Wild Alaska				Flying Wild Alaska				Flying Wild Alaska							
DISN 64 (36)	Good Gravity				Phineas & Good				ANT				Phineas & Gravity				Tron				Kickin' It							
DISXD 65 (163)	Young Kings				Suite Life Kickin' It				*** "Tarzan" (1999) Glenn Close				Zeke Zeke Zeke Zeke				Phineas Phineas Kings Suite Life Kickin' It				Deck							
EITV 51 (62)	Kardashian				Kardashian				El Ent. The Soup				El Ent. The Soup				Chelse				Chelse							
ENC (48)	Friends				** "Fear" (1996) Mark Wahlberg				** "Are We There Yet?"				*** "The Living Daylights" (1987)				*** "Dazed and Confused" (1993)				** "Wild Things" (1998) Kevin Bacon.							
ESPN 28 (24)	2012 British Open Golf Championship				SportsCenter (N)				2012 British Open Golf Championship				Baseball Tonight (N)				SportsCenter (N)				SportsCenter (N)							
ESPN2 29 (25)	ATP Tennis				NFL32 (N)				ATP Tennis				Boxing				ATP Tennis				Baseball Tonight (N)							
EWNT 74 (65)	Cross				Church				Daily Mass				Life on the Rock				The Women				Daily Mass							
FAM 62 (40)	'70s				** "The Haunted Mansion" (2003)				** "The Pacifier" (2005) Vin Diesel				* "Wild Hogs" (2007) Tim Allen				The 700 Club				Prince							
FX 23 (56)	Mother				Mother				Two Men				*** "Batman Begins" (2005) Christian Bale, Michael Caine.				** "X-Men: The Last Stand" (2006, Action)											
FXNS 50 (48)	Neil Cavuto				The Five (N)				Special Report				The O'Reilly Factor				Hannity				Greta Van Susteren							
FOXSP 35 (27)	World Poker Tour				Billiards				Action Sports World				Fame				Twins				Live							
GOLF 55 (31)	PGA Tour Golf				Live				Live				Live				Live				Live							
HALL 22 (33)	The Waltons				The Waltons				Little House/Prairie				Little House/Prairie				Frasier				Frasier							
HGTV 54 (34)	Income				Income				Property				Property				Hunt Int'l				Hunt Int'l							
HIST 45 (42)	To Be Announced				American Pickers				Picked Off				American Pickers				American Pickers				Picked Off							
KAUN 15 (28)	Naked City				Route 66				I Spy				Highway to Heaven				Starky and Hutch				Police Story							
KWSD 12 (14)	Paid				Paid				Browns				King				Supernatural				Cops							
LSF 58 (29)	Mother				Mother				Amer. Most Wanted				Amer. Most Wanted				Amer. Most Wanted				Amer. Most Wanted							
MNBC 66 (50)	Martin Bashir (N)				Hardball Matthews				PoliticsNation (N)				Hardball Matthews				The Ed Show (N)				Rachel Maddow							
NICK 32 (37)	Sponge.				Sponge.				Sponge.				Victo				Figure It				Figure It							
RFDTV 31 (31)	Wilburn				Country				RFD-TV Live				Farm				California				Sturr							
SOAP (62)	Beverly Hills, 90210				Veronica Mars				Veronica Mars				Young & Restless				Days of Our Lives				General Hospital							
SPEED 32 (28)	Rolex Sports Car Series Racing Watkins Glen.				Truth in 24				PassTime				Lucas Oil Off Road				Tor Off Road Jam Chicago. (N) (Live)				UFC 149							
SPIKE 30 (60)	Gangland Chicago.				Gangland				Gangland				Gangland				*** "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004, Action) Dennis Quaid.				*** "Needful Things" (1993) Max von Sydow.							
STARZ	** "Kill the Irishman" (2011)				** "The Recruit" (2003) Al Pacino.				* "The Roommate" (2011)				Spartacus: Sand				Spartacus: Ven.				Spartacus: Ven.							
SYFY 44 (46)	*** "Casino Royale" (2006)				** "The Fifth Element" (1997) Bruce Willis.				WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)				Lost Girl (N)				Eureka (DVS)				Lost Girl							
TBS 36 (57)	Friends				Friends				Friends				King				Seinfeld				Seinfeld							
TLC 76 (53)	*** "Gypsy" (1962) Rosalind Russell.				*** "Sex and the Single Girl" (1964)				*** "Shogunm"				*** "Ten Cents a Dance"				*** "Illicit" (1931, Romance)				*** "Forbidden" (1932) Barbara Stanwyck.							
TCM 43 (45)	Four Weddings				Four Weddings				Toddlers & Tiaras				Randy Rescue				Say Yes				Say Yes							
TNT 37 (59)	Law & Order				Law & Order				Law & Order				Law & Order				*** "The Dark Knight" (2008) Christian Bale.				*** "DVS"							
TOON 42 (48)	Gumball				Johnny T				Regular				Gumball				Adven				NinjaGo							
TRAV 24 (32)	Food				Food				No Reservation				Bizarre Foods				Ghost				Ghost							
TRUTV 52 (42)	Police				Police				Bait Car				Bait Car				Cops				Cops							
TUVN 56 (31)	Contessa				Contessa				Cooking Paula				Diners				Diners				Diners							
TVLND 47 (39)	Gunsmoke				Gunsmoke				M*A*S*H				M*A*S*H				M*A*S*H				Home Improvement							
UNI 49 (33)	El Gordo y la Ylaca				Primer Impacto (N)				Casa				Notic.				Un Refugio para el Amor (N) (SS)				Abismo de Pasión							
USA 31 (58)	Law-SVU				Law & Order: SVU				Law & Order: SVU				Law & Order: SVU				*** "National Treasure: Book of Secrets" (2007)				Common Law (N)							
VH1 39 (76)	Saturday Night Live				Saturday Night Live				Single Ladies				Love, Hip Hop				40 Funniest Falls (In Stereo)				"Tenacious D in: The Pick of Destiny"							
WG 16 (38)	Ghost Whisperer				Ghost Whisperer				Charmed				Charmed				*** "Two Weeks Notice" (2002) Sandra Bullock.				*** "Two Weeks Notice" (2002) Sandra Bullock.							
WE 30 (10)	Walker, Tex. Ranger				Law Order: CI				30 Rock				30 Rock				MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals. (N)				News							