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THE END FOR TADRADEN

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HEN "MAD MEN," AMC'S FLAGSHIP DRAMATIC SERIES THAT DEBUTED JULY 2007, RETURNED IN APRIL FOR ITS FINAL ARC OF SEVEN EPISODES, IT HAD A WHOLE DECADE OF STORY TO CONCLUDE. That decade was the 1960s, and the stories of Don Draper, his family and his co-workers at the Madison Avenue advertising agency that unfolded over that time will come to an end when the series finale, "Person to Person," airs 10 p.m. Sunday on AMC.



When the final episodes that make up the last of Season 7, called "The End of an Era," started to air in April, Penn-Live/The Patriot-News postulated that there were certain conflicts among the show's ensemble cast that "Mad Men" had to address. Here is how much "Mad Men" has done, with six of its seven final episodes having aired, to resolve those conflicts (spoilers ahead):

HOW TO WATCH

"Mad Men" will come to an end Sunday with the series finale, "Person to Person," at 10 p.m. on AMC.

Peggy Olson vs. having it all

Even with the end approaching, Peggy continues to represent the beginning of something just as much as she did on her first day at work in "Mad Men's" pilot. In "Time and Life" Peggy found a

true ally in art director Stan Rizzo when she confided in him about her

decision to give up the chance she once had at motherhood.

In "Lost Horizon," Roger Sterling of all people gave Peggy the push she needed to ditch her inhibitions and forget



about expectations so she could show her new employers what a threat she is.

And her fun, minimally frustrating date in "Severance" also hints that she is bound for no small amount of significant romance in the near future. If her headhunter's predictions come to pass, her finances in the next few years will be looking gangbusters.

Peggy seems to be in a position to have "it all", and this is the single most

satisfying glimpse viewers have of a "Mad Men" character's future as the show ends.

Of course, there is still a whole episode left — some clouds could creep into the crystal ball after all.

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TAKE IT OUTSIDE

The weather is heating up, and so is alfresco dining. Tell us which restaurant you think has the best outdoor dining space. We're looking for suggestions in Dauphin, Cumberland, Lebanon, Lancaster, York and Perry counties.

Maybe it's the atmosphere or the beautiful views, or maybe it's just the great menu and friendly servers. We want to know. Email Sue Gleiter at sgleiter@pennlive.com with what you love about your favorite spot.





o plant rewards a gardener more than the tomato, which explains why it's usually the No.1 pick when newbies

try to grow their first edible.

Much can go wrong, though: bugs, deer, disease and weather woes. But overcome the troubles, and you'll be rewarded with fruits that "can move you to tears," as Craig LeHoullier describes it.

LeHoullier doesn't just love tomatoes. He's a tomatophile who's grown more than 1,200 kinds of tomatoes over 35 years and who just wrote a

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tomato tell-all called "Epic Tomatoes: How to Select and Grow the Best Varieties of All Time" (Storey Publishing, 2015 paperback).

That's right — 256 pages devoted to growing a single plant, the delectable tomato, which is something LeHoullier believes we all should do.

There is simply no excuse to not grow your own to demonstrate what a culinary marvel a tomato can be," he said.

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