

# Just 7 more episodes of 'Mad Men' as its creator looks back

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NEW YORK — How time flies in this very mad world! It seems like only yesterday that the 1960s were dawning for Don Draper, his family and his comrades at the Sterling Cooper advertising agency. Now, as if in the blink of an eye, the '60s are waning as "Mad Men" nears the end of its glorious run.

When the series begins its final stretch Sunday at 10 p.m. on AMC, the passage of time will be palpable for all concerned — the series' characters, its audience and, oh, by the way, "Mad Men" mastermind Matthew Weiner.

"I'm out of work," cracks Weiner, who wrapped shooting last July, finished postproduction last October and, in December, vacated his office of seven years.

He is excited about what the last lap will bring, but,

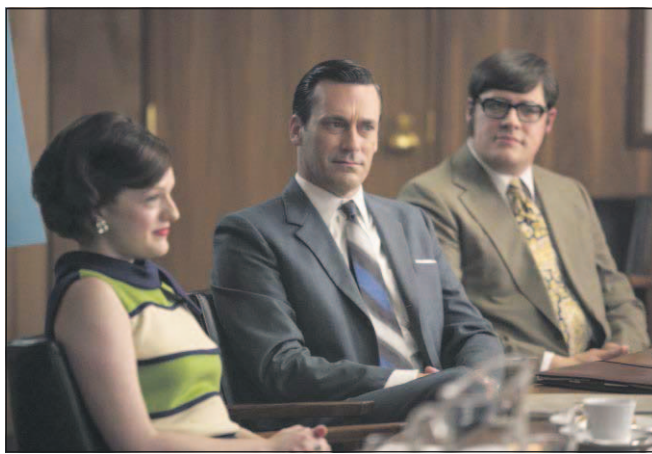
during this recent conversation, was customarily tight-lipped.

"We deal with the consequences of material success," he says, only hinting at what lies ahead for the agency's newly well-to-do partners. "The incredible windfall they got at the end of last season wasn't just a plot device. It is propelling them into these last seven episodes: Once all your material needs are met, what else is on your mind?"

In an interview a few weeks before "Mad Men" premiered in July 2007, Weiner explained why he had placed his ambitious new drama in the 1960s.

"By talking about that era," he said, "I can talk about everything right now that I care about." Things like civil rights. Sex. Gender roles. The nature of adulthood.

And that he has done, season after season, with a drama of modern society as viewed



In this image released by AMC, Elisabeth Moss, from left, Jon Hamm and Rich Sommer appear in a scene from "Mad Men." The final season premieres Sunday at 10 p.m. on AMC.

through the prism of modernity as it was a half-century ago.

Weiner centered the action on Draper, whose gift for image-making, seduction and strategic chicanery was perfectly suited to the advertising game. Meanwhile, Draper, like the '60s, was sufficient-

ly removed, but not too far removed, from the present day to lend it fresh perspective — what Weiner calls "the quotidian reality of everyday behavior and desire and aspiration and frustration" — with startling currency, not to mention retro chic.

Even so, Weiner's choice of time frame was remarkable, since he, now 49, fell short of membership among the usual custodians of '60s lore: baby boomers. And his chosen hero, Draper, born in the 1920s, was significantly older than the boomer crowd.

"The story has been told mostly through the baby boomers," Weiner says. "They got their hands on the wheel and they've been taking us on a tour of the quote-unquote 'Turbulent Sixties' ever since. But that way, we see it through the eyes of a child. I wanted to focus on what an adult was during that period."

When "Mad Men" began, Draper was already in his mid-30s, and increasingly he has viewed that decade through wary eyes.

"Matt used a lot of incredibly resonant 1960s touchstones," says Jon Hamm, who under his guidance brought Draper to life. "But it's in

a very wise way, because he's never leaned on them. It's never been a travelogue through the '60s or a history lesson. It's just been about these people who came out of Matt's mind and have been working through their lives in this tumultuous, tricky time. We navigated those incredibly choppy waters with his characters."

The autobiographical, historical and imagined commingle in a series that has always been fiercely formula-averse. The tale unwinds at times with crystalline specificity, at times like a half-remembered dream. Things that go unsaid become as forceful as the show's most penetrating dialogue. Episodes are densely packed and yet, somehow, meditative. Sometimes hard-edged, sometimes mystical.

"In a weird way," says Weiner, "what happens is not as important as how it happens."

## Television > Today's highlights



Eric Stonestreet stars in "Modern Family"

### Total Blackout

Contestants face their fears in total darkness in a marathon of this game show. Jaleel White hosts as players go head-to-head in a series of challenges and nerve-wracking games. There are no lights and no blindfolds -- just complete and utter darkness.

### Arrow

After Ray (Brandon Routh) is critically injured during an attack on the mayor's office, Donna Smoak (guest star Charlotte Ross) shows up at the hospital to offer her support, which pleases Felicity (Emily Bett Rickards).

### American Idol

It's time for the top eight finalists to perform for America in this two-hour edition. The journey will end for one of the singers once the results of voting are revealed. Ryan Seacrest hosts this search for America's next singing star.

### The Mysteries of Laura

Laura (Debra Messing) keeps herself busy with the investigation into a sailor's murder and manages to dodge her birthday. Meanwhile, Billy (Laz Alonso) must work with a naval investigator. Kathie Lee Gifford guest stars.

### Modern Family

Join the Pritchett-Dunphy-Tucker clan for some April Fool's Day laughs in this new episode. Featuring the antics of a large, blended family, the sitcom holds a record for five consecutive Emmy Awards for Outstanding Comedy Series.

### Chicago P.D.

When the team investigates a drug robbery, evidence suggests a link between Voight (Jason Beghe) and someone with ties to a double murder. Also, the real reason behind Halstead's (Jesse Lee Soffer) brother's (guest star Nick Gehlfuss) arrival is revealed.

### Restaurant: Impossible

Seven years ago, Ken decided to open Cocomodora, a French bistro that included an event space and chocolate boutique. Unfortunately, he's failed to attract a following and is now deeply in debt so chef Robert Irvine tries to help him out.

### House Hunters

Chris and Lindsey are tired of renting so they've decided to buy a home in Buffalo, New York. However, they can't seem to agree on what they want: she wants a Craftsman style fixer-upper, while he would like a move-in ready Colonial.

## Talk shows

7:00 a.m. **19 KEPR KOIN** CBS This Morning  
**25 KNDU KGW** Today Show Ryan Reynolds on "Woman in Gold."  
**42 KVEW KATU** Good Morning America  
**ESPN2 ESPN** First Take  
9:00 a.m. **19 KEPR** The Meredith Vieira Show  
**25 KNDU KGW** Today Show II "Long Island Medium's" Teresa Caputo on Today.  
**42 KVEW** Live! With Kelly and Michael Mark Consuelos co-hosts, Jon Hamm is here as well as Vanessa Hudgens.  
10:00 a.m. **25 KNDU KGW** Today Show III Mark Burnett and Roma Downey on "A.D.: The Bible Continues."  
**42 KVEW KATU** The View  
**HALL** Home and Family  
**WPX** The Bill Cunningham Show Guests confront their racist family members about their racist opinions.  
11:00 a.m. **11 KFFX** The Real  
**25 KNDU** Steve Harvey  
**KATU** Live! With Kelly and Michael Mark Consuelos co-hosts, Jon Hamm is here as well as Vanessa Hudgens.  
**WPX** The Bill Cunningham Show  
Noon **KPTV** The Real  
**31 KTNW** Charlie Rose  
**42 KVEW KATU** The Chew  
**HALL** Home and Family  
**WPX** The Steve Wilkos Show A man finds out he has a child but denies being the father; a woman wants a DNA test.  
1:00 p.m. **KPTV** The Wendy Williams Show  
**19 KEPR KOIN** The Talk  
**59 OPB** Charlie Rose  
**WPX** The Steve Wilkos Show Today, we'll recap some of the more raw, shocking and memorable stories of stalkers.

2:00 p.m. **KOIN 42 KVEW** The Doctors  
**KGW** The Dr. Oz Show Dr. Oz shows you ways to rev up your nutritional, mental, and physical energy in 10 days.  
**KATU** The Meredith Vieira Show  
3:00 p.m. **19 KEPR KOIN** Dr. Phil  
**25 KNDU** The Dr. Oz Show Dr. Oz shows you ways to rev up your nutritional, mental, and physical energy in 10 days.  
**KGW** The Ellen DeGeneres Show Guests include Dwayne Johnson; Ashley Benson; Charlie Wilson.  
**42 KVEW** The Rachael Ray Show  
**KATU** Steve Harvey  
4:00 p.m. **25 KNDU** The Ellen DeGeneres Show Guests include Dwayne Johnson; Ashley Benson; Charlie Wilson.  
9:00 p.m. **HBO3** Last Week Tonight With John Oliver  
11:00 p.m. **31 KTNW** Charlie Rose  
**TBS** Conan Guests include Ringo Starr, Rob Corddry, and Waters.  
11:30 p.m. **HBO** Real Time With Bill Maher  
11:35 p.m. **19 KEPR KOIN** The Late Show With David Letterman  
**25 KNDU KGW** The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon  
**42 KVEW KATU** Jimmy Kimmel Live  
Midnight **FNC** Red Eye With Greg Gutfeld  
12:30 a.m. **TBS** Conan Guests include Ringo Starr, Rob Corddry, and Waters.  
**HBO** Last Week Tonight With Bill Oliver  
12:35 a.m. **25 KNDU KGW** Late Night With Seth Meyers  
**19 KEPR KOIN** The Late Late Show With James Corden Jeremy Piven and Olly Murs visit James tonight.  
1:35 a.m. **25 KNDU KGW** Last Call With Carson Daly

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## WEDNESDAY MORNING

STATION	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
<b>FOX</b>	<b>11 KFFX</b> 11 AgDay	Paid	The Office	Paid	Eco Co.	Paid	Paid	Paid	Friends	Paid	The Real	
<b>KPTV</b>	3 Good Day Oregon		Good Day Oregon					The 700 Club		Paid	Better	
<b>CBS</b>	<b>19 KEPR</b> 2 News	News	CBS This Morning					Meredith Vieira	The Price Is Right		Young & Restless	
<b>KOIN</b>	19 KOIN 6 News at 6 a.m.		CBS This Morning					Let's Make a Deal	The Price Is Right		Young & Restless	
<b>NBC</b>	<b>25 KNDU</b> 6 4:30 WakeUp North		Today Show Ryan Reynolds, Martha Stewart (N)					Today Show II (N)	Today Show III (N)		Steve Harvey	
<b>KGW</b>	8 KGW News at Sunrise		Today Show Ryan Reynolds, Martha Stewart (N)					Today Show II (N)	Today Show III (N)		Paid	Million..
<b>ABC</b>	<b>42 KVEW</b> 4 Northwest	Northwest	Good Morning America (N)					Kelly and Michael (N)	The View		Quincy, M.E.	
<b>KATU</b>	5 4:30 KATU News		Good Morning America (N)					AM Northwest	The View		Kelly and Michael (N)	
<b>PBS</b>	<b>31 KTNW</b> Stretch	W.L.Yoga	Cat/ Hat	Thomas	D.Tiger	SuperWI	Peg + Cat	Peg + Cat	Sesame Street (N)		DinoTrain	Sit and Fit
<b>59 OPB</b>	13 Yoga/Yoga	Wild Kratts	George (N)	C.George	D.Tiger	Shalom	Sesame Street (N)		DinoTrain	DinoTrain	Peg + Cat	SuperWI

## AFTERNOON

STATION	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
<b>FOX</b>	<b>11 KFFX</b> 11 Pat. Court	Pat. Court	Divorce	Divorce	Judge Mathis		The People's Court	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	M&M	M&M	
<b>KPTV</b>	3 The Real		Wendy Williams		TMZ Live!		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	5 O'Clock News	
<b>CBS</b>	<b>19 KEPR</b> 2 NameGame	Bold & B.	The Talk		Let's Make a Deal		Dr. Phil				News at 5	News
<b>KOIN</b>	19 News	Bold & B.	The Talk		The Doctors		Dr. Phil			KOIN 6 News at 4 p.m.	News	News
<b>NBC</b>	<b>25 KNDU</b> 6 Hot Bench	Paid	Days of Our Lives		TMZ	Minute	The Dr. Oz Show		Ellen DeGeneres (N)		News	NBC News
<b>KGW</b>	8 KGW News	Paid	Days of Our Lives		The Dr. Oz Show		Ellen DeGeneres (N)		KGW News		KGW News	NBC News
<b>ABC</b>	<b>42 KVEW</b> 4 The Chew		General Hospital		The Doctors		The Rachael Ray Show		Queen Latifah		News	News
<b>KATU</b>	5 The Chew		General Hospital		Meredith Vieira		Steve Harvey		KATU News @ 4		KATU	News
<b>PBS</b>	<b>31 KTNW</b> Charlie Rose		Paint (N)	F&Porter	Greener	One Plate	George (N)	C.George	Arthur	Odd Sqd	Wild Kratts	Business
<b>59 OPB</b>	13 Paint	Joanne	Charlie Rose		Thomas	Sesame St.	Cat/ Hat	Arthur	Speaks	WordGirl	Odd Sqd	Wild Kratts

## EVENING

STATION	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
<b>FOX</b>	<b>11 KFFX</b> 11 Modern Family "Up All Night"	Modern Family "Me? Jealous?"	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	American Idol "Top Eight Perform"	The Top Eight will perform live and one finalist will go home. (N)			FOX News First at Ten	:35 Hot In Cleveland "Blow Outs"	:05 Hot In "That Changes Everything"	:35 Anger Management
<b>KPTV</b>	3 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	Am. Idol "Top Eight Perform"	The Top Eight will perform live and one finalist will go home. (N)			10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	Loves Ray "Tissues"
<b>CBS</b>	<b>19 KEPR</b> 2 News at 6 p.m.	Inside Edition	The Big Bang Theory	The Simpsons "The Parent Rap"	Survivor Castaways from different backgrounds compete to see who will be the ultimate survivor.		<b>42 KVEW</b> The Dovekeepers "15, Dra) Rachel Bronsahan, Cote De Pablo. A group of women lives intersect in a fight for survival at the Siege of Masada. 2/2 from March 31				Action News at 11:00 p.m.	:35 The Late Show With David Letterman
<b>KOIN</b>	19 KOIN 6 News at 6	Evening News	Ent. Tonight	Extra	Survivor: World		<b>42 KVEW</b> The Dovekeepers A group of women lives intersect in a fight for survival at the Siege of Masada.				KOIN 6 News/ 11	:35 David Letterman
<b>NBC</b>	<b>25 KNDU</b> 6 Local News	..Be a Millionaire?	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Mysteries Laura Laura dodges her birthday while probing the murder of a sailor. (N)		SVU A television host interviews a college student who says she was raped on campus.		Chicago Intelligence responds to a drug robbery gone wrong with ties to Voight. (N)		Local News	:35 The Tonight Show
<b>KGW</b>	8 KGW News	Trail Blazers	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers at Portland Center -- Portland, Ore. (L)				Trail Blazers Site: Moda		Chicago P.D. "Get Back to Even" (N)		KGW News	:35 Tonight
<b>ABC</b>	<b>42 KVEW</b> 4 The Middle "Orlando"	Local News at 6:30	Entertainment Tonight	The Insider	Middle "Operation Infiltration" (N)	The Goldbergs "The Adam Bomb" (N)	Modern Fam "Grill, Interrupted" (N)	Black "Sex, Lies and Vasectomies" (N)	Nashville Rayna refuses to let Deacon wallow in his condition, but her support only frustrates him.		Local News at 11 / :05 Extra	:35 Jimmy Kimmel Live
<b>KATU</b>	5 KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Middle (N)	Goldberg (N)	Modern Family (N)	Black-ish (N)	Nashville "I Can't Keep Away From You" (N)		KATU News	:35 Jimmy Kimmel
<b>PBS</b>	<b>31 KTNW</b> PBS NewsHour		BBC World News	America's Heartland	Nova "Alien Planets Revealed"		Cancer Scientists are now excited to harness the human immune system to defeat cancer. (N)				Charlie Rose (N)	
<b>59 OPB</b>	13 Start Up	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Nova "Alien Planets Revealed"		Cancer Scientists are now excited to harness the human immune system to defeat cancer. (N)				No Evidence of Disease (N.E.D.)	

STATION	PEN	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
<b>A&amp;E</b>	52	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Shipping Wars (N)	Shipping Wars (N)	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
<b>AMC</b>	60	5:30 <b>42 KVEW</b> Fool's Gold A married couple rekindle their romance on an adventure to find a treasure.				<b>42 KVEW</b> Body of Lies ("08, Act) Leonardo DiCaprio. A CIA agent has his girlfriend taken hostage while attempting to implicate terrorists.						<b>42 KVEW</b> Sahara Matthew McConaughey	
<b>ANPL</b>	24	To Be Announced	FoolGold	FoolGold	FoolGold	FoolGold	FoolGold	FoolGold	FoolGold	FoolGold	FoolGold	FoolGold	FoolGold
<b>CMT</b>	43	5:00 Spark of Insanity		Jeff Dunham: Arguing With Myself		Jeff Dunham: Spark of Insanity				Cops		Raising	Raising
<b>CNBC</b>	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		American Vice		American Greed: Scam		Paid	Paid
<b>CNN</b>	68	Anthony Bourdain		CNN Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		Anthony Bourdain		CNN International		CNN International	
<b>DISC</b>	51	Dual Survival		Dual Survival		Dual Survival (N)		Dual Survival (N)		Survivorman:Bigf (N)		Dual Survival	
<b>DISN</b>	26	Liv Maddie	Liv Maddie	KC Under	Girl	<b>42 KVEW</b> Radio Rebel	Debby Ryan.	:40 Austin	:05 Liv/Mad	Jessie		I Didn't	StarWars
<b>ESPN</b>	33	H.S. Basketball	All-American Game	Boys Site: United Center -- Chicago, Ill. (L)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
<b>ESPN2</b>	34	4:00 ATP Tennis	Miami Open (L)			Grantland Basketball		NBA	Baseball T.	30/30 "I Hate Christian Laettner"		30 for 30	
<b>FAM</b>	32	Boy-World	Boy-World	Daddy	Young	Young (N)	FreakOut	<b>42 KVEW</b> Dude, Where's My Car? Ashton Kutcher.		The 700 Club		The 700 Club	
<b>FNC</b>	66	The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		On the Record	
<b>FOOD</b>	61	Diners, Dr.	Diners, Dr.	Diners, Dr.	Diners, Dr.	M. Diners	M. Diners	M. Diners	Diners (N)	Restaurant (N)		Food Fortunes	
<b>FX</b>	65	M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M	<b>42 KVEW</b> The Call ("13, Thril) Halle Berry.				The Americans (N)		Americans "Stingers"	
<b>GOLF</b>	88	LPGA Golf		BigBreak "Final Four"		Golf Central		LPGA Golf		BigBreak "Final Four"		PGA Tour	Learn
<b>GSN</b>	76	The Chase		Baggage	Baggage	Idiotest		Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Baggage	Baggage	Baggage	Baggage
<b>HALL</b>	87	The Waltons		The Waltons		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls
<b>HGTV</b>	62	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		H.Hunt (N)	House	Property Brothers	
<b>HIST</b>	50	American Pickers "Duke of Oil"		American Pickers "Pinch Picker"		American Pickers "The Einstein Gamble"		American Pickers "Enter the Negotiator"		American Pickers "The Pickin' or the Egg"		:05 American Pickers "California Gold Mine"	
<b>LIFE</b>	29	Little Women: LA		Little Women: NY		Little Women: LA		Little Women: LA (N)		Little Women: NY (N)		Little Women: NY	
<b>NICK</b>	27	The Thundermans		100 Things to do		Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	:35 Friends
<b>ROOT</b>	37	Beyond the Lights		Mariners All Access		MLB Baseball Spring Training Chicago White Sox vs. Seattle Mariners Site: Peoria Stadium -- Peoria, Ariz.				Beyond the Lights		Poker Heartland Tour	WPT Poker
<b>SPIKE</b>	42	Cops	Jail	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops "War on Drugs"		Cops	Jail
<b>SYFY</b>	67	Blackout	Blackout	Blackout	Blackout	Blackout	Blackout	Blackout	Blackout	Blackout	Blackout	Blackout	Blackout
<b>TBS</b>	59	Seinf. "The Calzone"	Seinf. "The Wait Out"	Seinf. "The Invitations"		Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Ringo Starr, Rob Corddry, Waters (N)	
<b>TCM</b>	56	5:00 <b>42 KVEW</b> Viva Zapata Marlon Brando.		:15 <b>42 KVEW</b> Zorba the Greek An aimless Englishman learns life lessons when he meets a Greek man with a lust for life.				:45 <b>42 KVEW</b> Lust for Life A passionate biography of painter Vincent Van Gogh, whose genius drove him mad.				600-lb "Chay's Story"	
<b>TLC</b>	47	Yes Dress	Yes Dress										