

NEWEST 'WEST WING' STAR IS PREGNANT

MARY MCCORMACK is about to take on two big roles — as the newest member of the cast on "The West Wing" ... and as a first-time mom!

The producers and cast members on the show were so pleased by Mary's four-episode portrayal of Kate Harper, the brash new Deputy National Security Advisor, that they've pegged her to be a permanent cast member in the upcoming 6th season.

But just as Mary, 35, finished shooting her guest spot, she learned she was expecting a child with her director husband Michael Morris.



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"The show is on hiatus now but it's set to resume taping this summer," Mary told *The ENQUIRER* in an exclusive interview. "And that's when my pregnancy will really be showing!"

"I'm due in September, so it'll be really hard to hide my stomach. I don't think the producers and writers have quite worked out how to deal with my pregnancy, but they're a talented group and I'm sure they'll come up with something."

Mary, who played Howard Stern's wife Alison in his autobiographical movie "Private Parts," married British stage director Morris last July at the legendary Old Vic Theatre in London.

"Mary waited a long time to find her soul mate — and she and Michael are a perfect couple," a source close to the actress declared.

"They've been living part-time in New York and Los Angeles but now are settling into a nice L.A. home.

"Mary is at the perfect time of her life to settle down into a regular TV series. Working on "The West Wing" means she won't have to travel. What more could a young mother want?"

— **ROBIN MIZRAHI**