

“MARY HARTMAN MARY HARTMAN”

There are two versions of this episode guide. First there is the episode by episode description. After the final episode, number 325, there is a four-episode-at-a-time synopsis that was used when the Museum of Television and Radio (now known as the Paley Center for Media) held a marathon of the show’s first season episodes in 2000. The museum ran four episodes per day, hence their four-episode format.

Storylines

#0001: “It’s just incredible; Grandpa Larkin, the Fernwood Flasher, mass murders, goats, chickens and my floor has a waxy yellow buildup,” declares Mary Hartman in the premiere episode of Norman Lear’s innovative soap opera with a comedy bent.

#0002: The Fernwood Flasher is exposed. Mary confronts Tom on the sad state of their love life and meets Sergeant Foley, who is very pleasant and helpful.

#0003: Heather may know something about the mass murders. Mary and Tom talk about growing up. The Fernwood Flasher returns to the police station.

#0004: Grandpa Larkin is released into Mary’s care, pending psychological counseling. Mary arouses Tom’s ire, but little else.

#0005: Tom attempts to prove his manhood to Mary. Mary receives a very upsetting phone call. Grandpa Larkin is set to see a social worker. F.A.T.S.O. takes on the local supermarket.

#0006: Mary journeys to the library for some books she hopes will save her marriage. The social worker takes on Grandpa, who questions her motives. Heather locks herself in the closet.

#0007: Mary is panicked. Heather has been followed and knows

about the Lombardi murder. All is not lost, however, Sergeant Foley is as pleasant as ever.

#0008: Heather's newfound notoriety wins her a date. Mary experiences frustration in the laundry room. It's the biggest night ever for Charlie and Loretta Hagers.

#0009: Charlie is beaming as Loretta cuts the record of her dreams. The Hartmans share in their excitement. But, celebration soon turns to tragedy.

#0010: Tom yearns for the good old days and lends a helping hand to a damsel in distress. Martha's life seems to be falling down around her. Loretta visits the doctor after a fainting spell in the studio. Grandpa makes amends with his social worker.

#0011: Tom awakens in a strange bed and takes static from George. Mary blames herself for the tragedies around her. Martha still has trouble on all sides. Grandpa gets an unexpected visitor at the worst possible time.

#0012: Loretta gets some happy news and makes a decision on her trip to Nashville. Cathy turns a new leaf when she finds the man for her. There's terrific news for Mary.

#0013: Pandemonium reigns supreme. Mary must face the mass murderer. George meets Steve (Cathy's dream come true). Grandpa comes home from a date. Now there's Tom and Mae.

#0014: Mary is the prisoner of the mass murderer. Tom is feeling guilty, but his explanation makes still more trouble. Mary hears the mass murderer's story, while the police attempt to save her.

#0015: Mary's life is in danger. Loretta has an inspiration. David (the mass murderer) negotiates his escape with a car salesman.

#0016: The tension steadily mounts as the mass murderer's demands cannot be met. Sergeant Foley volunteers for a daring

rescue.

#0017: A reluctant Reverend Standfast is Mary's last hope. Tom and Mae rendezvous and plot to make him "volunteer." The mass murderer gets his way.

#0018: Mary is safe. The Hartmans, Shumways and Hagers are jubilant, but Tom and Mary have some things to discuss.

#0019: Mary makes the front page. Mary tells Tom she knows about Mae. Tom says goodnight to the sofa.

#0020: Mary plays hostess to Conway and Twitty. Martha and Mary have a heart to hands talk. Tom visits his past for advice.

#0021: Mary and Sergeant Foley are in his apartment. Charlie and Loretta set out for superstardom. Martha confides in her plants. Tom worriedly searches for Mary.

#0022: Mary is reduced to tears by a jealous Tom, who wants to know if she "got even." The Hartmans and Shumways bid the Hagers goodbye and good luck. Charlie and Loretta meet some natives along the road.

#0023: Mary is served with a summons by Sergeant Foley, along with a much more personal invitation. Blanche and Leroy discuss the Hartman's problems. Grandpa has his day in court.

#0024: Tragedy strikes the Hagers in the form of a station wagon full of nuns. Mary does her best to comfort Charlie. Neither Tom nor Mary can get any sleep.

#0025: Charlie and Loretta are in for some catastrophic news. Tom visits Mae with something important to tell her.

#0026: Tom has something to discuss with Mary. Tom moves in with Charlie. Loretta is sinking fast.

#0027: Mary makes a trip to the library. Martha insists that being miserable is the only key to happiness.

#0028: Tom and Mary visit the doctor and it's not for a liver ailment. Cathy gets a new job. Charlie gets still more bad news.

#0029: Mary says Tom shouldn't go to waste. Cathy's magic fingers make their debut.

#0030: An irate George gets arrested while saving Cathy's reputation. Tom turns to a counselor, who has a perfectly human reaction.

#0031: Tom rescues Heather from a liver dinner. Loretta attempts a valiant stand. Sergeant Foley visits Mary, who threatens to call the police.

#0032: Martha is on the floor. Cathy and Steve try to help. Meet the all new, all now Roberta Walashak.

#0033: George says no to Cathy and Steve, but his words fall on deaf ears. Charlie and Loretta swap exciting news. The Shumway house is a battleground. Tom cooks his way back into Mary's heart.

#0034: Loretta and Charlie wheel their way home. Grandpa helps Roberta, who insults her way into a sale. Tom and Mary learn the wonders of Dorelda Doremus! Then the truth.

#0035: Loretta invites the Hartmans to her healing. Charlie looks for miracles of his own.

#0036: (Review show)

#0037: Mary makes a discovery about Heather. The Hartmans make a parental decision. Tom and Mary get high for the Lord.

#0038: Dorelda Doremus' "healing" falls flat. George faces up to facts and says yes to Cathy and Steve. Tom and Mary reach new highs in bed.

#0039: Tom and Mary owe Heather an explanation. Loretta is

still looking up. The Friendly Loan Company drops in on the Hagers. Mae drops – in the Hartmans' house.

#0040: Tragedy makes strange bedfellows. Mae spends the night with Tom and Mary. Steve has something to show Cathy. Martha finds Mae in Tom's bed.

#0041: Mary keeps Mae from suicide, for the sake of her bathroom. Charlie and Loretta get a not so friendly letter. Mary and Mae have a nice woman to husband's former mistress talk.

#0042: Mary finds a match made in heaven, in her own kitchen. Roberta hopes Grandpa can forget. Mary finds new meaning in her life.

#0043: Leroy is worried sick. Mae talks to Tom about Mary. Leroy Fedders gets into his last bowl of chicken soup.

#0044: Mary's chicken soup makes the evening news. The time has come for Steve to gesture goodbye. Mary's guilt gets Leroy a Cadillac.

#0045: George gets a "visitor" and then a "surprise." The Hartmans get a call from Tom's ex's ex. George returns home in a panic.

#0046: Mary plays hostess to a funeral and eulogizes the late Leroy Fedders. Tom and Mary make plans for the hypothetical. Tom has a surprise for Mae.

#0047: Mae's reunion is a big headache for Tom and it's all Mary's fault. Loretta and Charlie get some not so friendly news. Loretta makes a spectacular comeback, in more ways than one.

#0048: The Shumways get a surprise "love" letter. Mary gets some familiar houseguests. Steve's TV appearance is no fun for Cathy.

#0049: Tom learns about the "diamond" from Mary. Mary learns the secrets of happiness from Grandpa.

#0050: Mary continues the search for her “thing.” Cathy anticipates Steve’s return. Tom’s actions are embarrassing George.

#0051: Charlie has a run in with the police and commits the ultimate crime. Tom and Mary continue communicating. Cathy anticipates Steve’s return. Charlie and Loretta hear a voice from their past.

#0052: Cathy and Steve are reunited. Tom gets sent home from work. Mary meets Mona McKenzie. George grumbles through another breakfast.

#0053: Cathy is in premarital bliss. Loretta signs on the dotted line. Mary and Mona start the search for skyrocketes and trains.

#0054: Cathy throws a wet blanket on the plans for her shower. Martha is a failure as a mother. Mary’s newfound communication skills make their debut.

#0055: Loretta makes a regional breakdown. George feels betrayed by Tom, who asks for his support. Mary takes a stand with Tom and gets a call from Mona.

#0056: Mary makes a pie without pineapple. Loretta gets a call from Charlie’s past. Mary hopes for a better future. Mona comes to work on Tom’s performance.

#0057: Mary and Tom have a surrogate. Loretta gets a non obscene phone call. Mary leaves Tom alone with Mona.

#0058: Charlie talks to Loretta about Muriel. Cathy and Dennis return from a night together. Loretta prepares for her predecessor.

#0059: Mrs. Hagers meets Mrs. Hagers. Sergeant Foley waits with Mary. Mary is shaking and it’s not from the cold. Charlie and Loretta rekindle old flames.

#0060: Mary is not nervous, as Mona drops by. Cathy has no need to be jealous. Tom learns the wonders of performance anxiety.

#0061: Mary wonders about Tom's sudden burst of cooperativeness. Charlie tells Loretta the story of Muriel. Cathy has found the perfect man - again.

#0062: Mona has a perfect record so far. Loretta and Mary tackle each other's problems and talk about "the scar!"

#0063: Loretta gives a farewell performance. Cathy plays hard to get and says yes to two dates. STET gets another non total person.

#0064: Tom has some good news. Mary's not in touch with herself and witnesses the wounding of the Lackawanda Institute.

#0065: Martha confides in Mary and tells her about the ozone. Mary talks to Heather about love and slaps her in the face.

#0066: The Shumways are warned about Sergeant Foley from the one he loves. Mary tells of the meaning of STET and loses more than her arm. Muriel talks of Charlie's "base instincts."

#0067: Mary feels awful and Roberta says "great." Mary tells Dennis he must forget Cathy. Mary confides in Cathy, who hates her.

#0068: Mary wonders about international conspiracy and makes the morning meal. Cathy and Dennis play games. Mary gets a gift from Dennis, but has nothing to give him, except maybe one thing.

#0069: Tom is surprised. Mary can't get out of bed. Muriel gets breakfast from Loretta and an ultimatum from Charlie. Muriel's extortion scheme falls flat off her face.

#0070 Modern medicine triumphs. Mary thinks she feels great.

Charlie and Loretta share another announcement. Muriel wants sympathy – and five thousand dollars.

#0071: Mary's breakfast is a failure. Loretta's career is a success. Mary attempts to save Cathy from tragedy with a reading from *TV Guide*.

#0072: Sergeant Foley tries the two timer two step. Loretta warms up for her Hollywood debut. Charlie counts toes and ends up a father.

#0073: The Hagers say "hooray for Hollywood." Mary denies her sister's wedding day wish for the sake of cholesterol. Charlie makes plans for a VIP tour. Mary wonders if Loretta will forget.

#0074: Mary has hopes for Loretta's success. Mary's emergency is a job for Otto Fuerbach. Charlie and Loretta are in a room that's not green.

#0075: It's Loretta's big day on the *Dinah* show and all goes great until...

#0076: Loretta's TV coverage is more complete than expected. Mary really needs her doctor so she gets put on hold. Martha makes a confession. Tom gets an unexpected escort.

#0077: Mary and Cathy are going crazy. Roberta has no need to scream when Dennis gives back the key. Sergeant Foley threatens to set a date, if Mary won't.

#0078: Mary urges Tom to read bumper stickers for the sake of his family. Dennis invites Roberta to an open marriage. Mary calls the police, but doesn't want to get involved.

#0079: Charlie and Loretta return to Fernwood, but today is Thursday and Mary can't face her friend.

#0080: Charlie is excited he was called a new name. Mary kisses Dennis and swears to it. Charlie and Loretta salute "President Timmy."

#0081: Mary returns home from the Italian cinema. Charlie explains the joys of parenthood. Tom gets an explosion out of "Pop." Sergeant Foley anticipates another undercover(s) assignment.

#0082: Cathy demands to know why Mary is wrecking her life. Charlie allows Muriel visitation hours. Cathy despairs for a future in Albuquerque.

#0083: Mary and Tom disagree with the Bible. Muriel talks Clyde Muncie into waiting with the bad news. Charlie is off to the airport. Muriel says goodbye.

#0084: Dennis maneuvers himself into one more week. The Hartmans and Shumways find conflict in the kitchen. Charlie and Loretta find love at rock bottom.

#0085: Cathy discovers Mary's true interest in her marriage. Dennis wants Mary to be more honest. Mary tries to save herself with a story of vertical lifesaving.

#0086: Loretta gets a visitor with a "la la la" in the night. Mary takes a walk and explains her role as a kissee. Mary is sure Loretta won't understand.

#0087: Sergeant Foley talks his way into a family. Cathy is appeased. Mary makes an unfortunate slip of the tongue.

#0088: Cathy meets a new neighbor and plays cards to see her future. Loretta starts knocking on doors for the Lord. Tom comes to state his case - and takes a backseat to a Bicentennial bumper sticker.

#0089: Cathy buries the hatchet in Dennis' overflow. Mary is warned about blonde men and fools, then goes to the station again for the first time.

#0090: Mary forgets more than Tom's lunch. Tom and Charlie call a truce in the lunchroom. Tom finds he has in laws in high

places.

#0091: Mary and Martha make their musical requests. Betty does her best to battle Mary's twelve compound. Ed and Howard have a "family" squabble.

#0092: Mary and Tom have a goodnight fight. Loretta gets a new sign, to Charlie's delight. Dennis' ratings are up, but he doesn't seem too happy.

#0093: Mary vows to put an end to something. Tom bowls alone and makes a friend. Charlie's good news waits for the "good news." Dennis complicates a "no" with the truth.

#0094: Tom is out of the overflow, but Mary is getting more than her share. Mary has someone new to trade troubles with. Tom and Mary talk - almost.

#0095: Grandpa offers some philosophy and gets a lift to the supermarket. Tom's dejection breeds rejection and Dennis' feelings come straight from the heart.

#0096: Mary's attention while ironing helps save a life. Tom and Cathy look for a fiancée and a wife. Mary is trying to get picked up.

#0097: Mary makes a confession, which Dennis is awake to hear. Cathy and Tom find the evidence (you don't need bandages for a heart attack). Mary gets help in return for the truth.

#0098: Tom says that it's different. Loretta makes a generous offer. Misery gets company and a lecture on sore feet.

#0099: Mary's father lends a confusing lecture. Sergeant Foley gets put in traction and straightens things out with Cathy. Tom's refuge is the scene for more fighting.

#0100: Mary vows to compose her thoughts, while Loretta cleans house for the Lord. Mary makes some important

decisions and talks to Dennis of flexible straws and love.

#0101: Mary admits to a beautiful moment in one of the seven positions. Cathy's application to nunhood is rejected. Tom goes for a walk and gets some timely advice.

#0102: Charlie and Loretta turn on "Fernwood Tonight." Mary makes plans to cut out the middleman. Jimmy Joe Jeeter is on his father's knees. Mary goes to the clergy for comfort and ends up playing softball.

#0103: Loretta visits Mary with absolution and a new brand of floor cleaner. Howard and Ed disagree over plans for the future. Mary comes face to waist with the Reverend Jimmy Joe Jeeter.

#0104: Loretta entertains a dinner guest and gets a direct line to the Lord. Cathy has some church dealings of her own. Mary talks to Howard about the only sensible thing to do, then takes a journey through his childhood.

#0105: Mary can't see eye to eye with Loretta's child minister. Tom makes a dinner date for his 100th chicken fried steak. Mary should have worn her blue chiffon.

#0106: Mary makes a phone call in search of a terrific answer. Cathy answers a call from "TV land." Loretta has a holy supper at the International House of Pancakes.

#0107: Tom gets a boost from his thermos. Mary gets a Help Line of her own. Martha finds out she didn't help her parents' marriage.

#0108: Charlie gets jealous of Jimmy Joe Jeeter. Cathy may become Fernwood's kitchen cookie. Martha begins her search for identity. Howard tries his hand at counseling Tom.

#0109: Mary has some pamphlets and Sergeant Foley has some ideas. Cathy is in something. Tom makes some decisions.

#0110: Mary finds out about the classics and some information

about Howard and Ed. Cathy's conversion plans go up in holy smoke. Mary finally tells Dennis what he wants to hear.

#0111 : Martha searches for her past in the palm of her hand. Cathy gets a new job and her first go fer. Ed sets the record not straight with Mary.

#0112: Tom agrees to some moral support. Mary practices some perfect discipline, but gets no good reasons from Dennis. Loretta's blessed recording session has one visitor too many.

#0113: Mary takes the day off from the Help Line. Sergeant Foley finds a spot with no poison ivy. Cathy gets some sunshine and goes out for just dinner. Dennis, Heather, and Mary sing for their supper.

#0114: Merle Jeeter offers a solo spot to Loretta. Cathy holds no grudges and announces her new career. Tom asks Grandpa for the meaning of life. Howard gets some good news, then bad news, from Mary.

#0115: Still another couple appears to be splitting up. Cathy is encouraged to stick with her job. Tom and Ed make some other engagements.

#0116: Mary and Dennis talk of past, present and future. Ed talks to Tom about being a jerk. Mary and Howard have sympathetic vibrations. Heather worries about being in the way of her mother's affairs.

#0117: Jimmy Joe Jeeter looks to Loretta for guidance. Clete talks about his favorite subject himself. Mary is ravaged by Gasid indigestion of the head. Loretta must answer the call and meet Merle in his motel room.

#0118: Mary counts her disconnections. Martha learns of her clouded ethnic background. Clete gets some "fatherly" advice. Merle tells of his cheap (\$1.75) and sinful ways.

#0119: Loretta makes a misprint in *Billboard* and is worried

about her iffy chances. Tom has some good news, but Mary has to cancel. Mary interviews for the typical American consumer.

#0120: Dennis bares his soul, but he won't be able to leave. Cathy and Clete have an announcement for Frank. Ed's announcement bowls Tom right over.

#0121: Mary learns of Howard's latency and craves some popcorn and a slurpee. Martha's pa meets Martha's pa. Tom returns home in a stupor.

#0122: Mary has a perfectly normal, ordinary, typical morning for national TV. Loretta saves a sinful soul and gets second billing. Mary's kitchen is out of sync.

#0123: Mary and Tom promise to start fresh. Grandpa Twelvetrees performs some miracle curves. Mary wants to help Tom; she kicks him out of the house.

#0124: Betty talks about straightening Howard out. Mary feels guilty about "helping" Tom. Jimmy Joe Jeeter is promised a new mother. Tom gets some straight talk from Charlie.

#0125: Betty wants Mary to open doors for the truth. Mary has water in her eighth house and may have Howard there, too. Cathy goes to be converted, but Father DeMarco can't do the job.

#0126: Mary gets a non obscene call from David Susskind. Cathy tells Clete to have his own children. Ed takes a walk. The Help Line gets cut off and it's all Mary's fault.

#0127: Martha vows to squat for fishing rights. Howard says yes to living the truth. Loretta wants to expose herself in Chicago and Charlie says yes.

#0128: New York gives Mary a welcoming mug. Frank visits Cathy with something he just has to tell her. Martha returns to a tragedy with a tragedy.

#0129: Merle gets ready for Loretta's visit. Mary has a dream of what might have been and rehearses for her television debut.

#0130: Mary finds coping with life as "America's Typical Consumer Housewife" beyond her grasp. An incomparable performance in an unforgettable episode.

#0131: Forty eight hours after she has been admitted to Fernwood Receiving following her nationally televised mental breakdown, Mary retreats to a corner, strives to be respectable and becomes a member of a very special family.

#0132: Cathy "Smith" waits for the results. Loretta hides the awful truth from her ailing "Baby Boy." Tom returns home with a new job and a new life.

#0133: Mary says she just needed a rest and she mustn't think of herself as not free. Cathy tells the one who is most understanding, who does not want to hear. Mary opens up and makes some new friends.

#0134: Introducing Loretta Hagers and what's left of her husband Charlie. Martha searches for her walk away George. Mary does her best to be good in a group. Jimmy Joe Jeeter trades forgiveness for a TV.

#0135: Jimmy Joe fuels up for tomorrow's sermon. Chester tells Mary that she is easy to talk to and that he's going to blow up Columbus. Tom visits Charlie and faces up to his problems. Jimmy Joe Jeeter takes a bath with a flash.

#0136: Tom visits Mary in disguise. Mary doesn't understand and wants God to be more like Bill Cullen. Loretta promises never to reveal Charlie's shame.

#0137: Merle does not hold television responsible. Cathy talks to Clete about his plans for the future. Merle turns down twenty dollars and returns to his roots.

#0138: Mary does not tell Chester to have a nice day. Mary

opens her fan mail and answers a call from Rome. Mary is taken back to her friends.

#0139: Martha worries over her missing husband. Mary asks for a pass and gets sent to a sex counselor. Merle returns to Fernwood, to begin the Condos for Christ.

#0140: Charlie gets involved in the adventures of his roommate. Mary begs to return to her normal life. Heather whips up an exotic breakfast. Charlie returns to a house full of memories.

#0141: Charlie's misery gives birth to "moaning in the night." Cathy searches for her past in a hotel register. Merle tells Loretta he is a re-born politician.

#0142: Loretta is a friend that Mary can lean on. Detective Johnson performs his duty as a policeman and asks Martha out. Tom and Mary recapture a night of rapture.

#0143: Mary wonders about her childhood and hears from Loretta what no one should know. Merle visits Charlie and begs forgiveness. Heather wonders about being crazy and asks Mary what it's like.

#0144: Mary makes a decision and will go back to being crazy. Loretta goes looking for a job. Merle misses some implications. Wanda complains about Genghis Khan.

#0145: Mary talks to Chester about leveling Ohio. Charlie hopes for an operation that will end his need for magazines. Tom gives a certain woman some personal attention.

#0146: Tom makes a non date with an older woman. Cathy calls Father De Marco for guidance. Mary brings out Tom's protective side.

#0147: Mary's fellow patient is driving her crazy. Tom agrees to visit Annie Wylie. Mary is told to expect the worse. Tom hears a musical version of Charlie's shame.

#0148: Tom introduces Tippeytoes to Loretta. Mary talks about fame with Gore Vidal. Charlie fears his injury has been exposed.

#0149: Mary's release is in the hands of "the big enchilada." Mary gets some bad news from a good friend. Loretta tries a different kind of charm on Charlie.

#0150: Cathy searches the want ads and considers a business deal of her own. Mary does a portrait of Gore Vidal in fingerpaint. Grandpa kindles a spark.

#0151: Mary talks to Gore about a lunch box in the future. Loretta asks the Lord for a sexy sign. Commissioner Rittenhouse gets his just reward.

#0152: Tom and Heather talk about handles and braces. Mary tries to save Ohio with a used lunch box. Gore Vidal tells the story of the lady and the pin.

#0153: Merv Griffin makes a request of Gore Vidal. Gore gives Mary a book she can relate to. Mary calls Tom with some special news. Charlie makes an important call to New Jersey.

#0154: Mary is coming home, and Cathy hopes she won't throw up. Wanda gives Merle a suggesting talk. Charlie meets the son of a friend who is following in his father's skid marks.

#0155: Mary is as recovered as she feels. Chester has more worries than performance anxiety. Mary isn't so excited about Annie's many offers.

#0156: Dr. Fermin puts a price on Americans. Mary and Tom enjoy a TV test pattern. Mary understands that it's time to move on. Cathy becomes a member of the Addams family.

#0157: Tom does his best to be more relaxed. Mary is surprised, but she would rather have been pleased. Merle only wants to help people.

#0158: A puffy Cathy has a tooth pulled. Wanda gives Mary a

hand with her laundry. Mary is encouraged in her literary pursuits.

#0159: Mary attempts to cope with being a sex object. Loretta waits for a friend in drag. Wanda hopes for a relapse of Merle's past.

#0160: Pat's limp is nothing really. Mary helps Charlie return to his Alpha. Mary remembers some soap operas that may save Loretta's life. Mary decides to be happy.

#0161: Pat drops in with Garth for some of Mary's first aid. Grandpa is after a job for which he is eminently qualified. Loretta's latest plan only makes Charley mad.

#0162: Charley needs some cash and may get it from Jody. Merle wants to fix Fernwood, while Wanda looks at Washington. Mary gives Annie a special welcome home.

#0163: Charley calls New Jersey for some special spare parts. Cathy is staying in "The Pits." Merle's reputation gets a boost from Annie's bedroom files.

#0164: Mary has a plan for Cathy's baby. Merle makes another offer to Loretta. Tom and Heather talk about sex and the single teenager.

#0165: Cathy suspects the Addams of more than the most obvious problems. Merle offers the unthinkable to Charlie. Mary makes sure her guests play games.

#0166: Loretta creates another would be smash. Wanda begins her wait for Merle's special favors. Tom learns about the subliminal meaning of recreational vehicles.

#0167: Martha practices rape with Detective Johnson in the living room. Charlie gets a send off and a song. Mary tells Tom about her plans for a baby.

#0168: Mary makes a mess with her new no stick cookware.

Annie talks to Tom about being buddies. Mary tries to help Cathy escape, but Cathy invites Mary to stay for lunch.

#0169: Grandpa visits Cathy and talks about his futures. Martha worries about George, problems and cupcakes. Mary gets an international kiss.

#0170: Pat tears up more than her grocery list. Charlie discovers he will make medical history. Loretta sings through an important phone call.

#0171: Charlie is in jail it could happen to anybody. Tom doesn't believe the change in Merle. Now Loretta has even less than half a man.

#0172: Mary brings a letter to the lovey dovey couple. Loretta urges Tom to remember Jimmy Carter. Pat cannot bring herself to tell Garth of their son's terrible problem.

#0173: Martha talks to Annie about circulation. Detective Johnson thinks Cathy has a different kind of new job. Mary wants to be a father.

#0174: Tom shows Cathy his latest outfit. Heather finds out what is great about a son. Charlie has a cellmate named Sue. Mary warns the librarian not to tamper with religion.

#0175: Loretta begs for her "baby boy" to come home. Mary wishes for enzymes. Annie makes a case for friendship.

#0176: Mary talks to Tom about electricity and baseball. Charlie spends Christmas with a buddy named Sue. Grandpa interrupts Martha and her favorite regular.

#0177: Martha does her best to cope with the initials. Annie gets cited from 1916. Mary agrees to the impossible to try to sell more books.

#0178: Brian says he's the logical one to assist. Merle chooses color and a waterbed. Charlie returns to Fernwood and leaves a

vague address.

#0179: Tom tells Brian off and leaves them alone. Loretta and Jody find out there's someone uglier than the Godfather. Mary talks to Merle of politics and pleasure.

#0180: Mary implies that she saw Charlie. Detective Johnson says he would pay money for Martha. Mary writes about the disgustingly interesting for the sake of her book. Mary takes notes from Annie on how to bake a cake.

#0181: Merle meets with the local press. Wanda visits Annie and gets some help through the rough spots. Merle visits Mary during an important phone call.

#0182: Mary meets Pat's almost perfect son. Merle fires Garth and thanks Pat for a lovely party. Mary says goodnight to her honor.

#0183: Mary urges Loretta to watch soap operas. Bob Gilroy makes his first housecall. Charlie goes for some special alterations. Tom apologizes to Garth and discovers prostitution in Fernwood.

#0184: Cathy gets an honest answer from Mary. Mary and Martha create a new team and go to apply for a different sort of job.

#0185: Pat cleans up the livingroom under fire. Merle says it's over with Annie and modulates with Big Honey. Mary plays hostess to another important event.

#0186: Wanda and Merle are married in a circle of truth. Cathy teaches Christine how to walk. Merle goes to share himself with certain citizens of Fernwood. Wanda visits Annie and gets very embarrassed.

#0187: Merle makes the very personal acquaintance of a surprising Big Honey. Tom and Mary help return slumber to the slumber room. Merle is called perfect for politics.

#0188: Martha says yes to Detective Johnson and then goodbye. Garth gives gifts no one wants to receive. Heather makes a date and gets a call from the right Grandpa.

#0189: Mary says Heather doesn't want a new freezer. Tom checks on an old friend. Mary and Martha share their X rated Christmas cards. Mary learns of a Christmas miracle.

#0190: Mary's kitchen is overflowing with holiday cheer. Mary says a special merry Christmas. Loretta has a new song for a very special audience.

#0191: Loretta's man is Riz. Mary does it once, for Heather. Martha makes a musical request. Tom asks for a little credit.

#0192: Tom loses out to a Seville and a mortgage. An upper class Wanda sees a no class psychologist. Reverend Standfast gets some advice from the cloth. Charlie saves water by showering with a friend.

#0193: Tom gets the bad word from the friendly Mr. D. Cathy gets sick and it's not in the morning. Mary gives an answer to number seventeen.

#0194: Charlie returns to the plant and Loretta to the road of superstardom. Martha welcomes an expert in reprogramming. Mary gives Pat a hand with Garth. Loretta misses more than her bus to Dayton.

#0195: Loretta makes over more than her face. Wanda tells Mary of her electrical dreams. Mary does her best to say "Happy New Year."

#0196: Mary tells Tom he's better than money. George trades a confession for a ho ho. Charlie talks to Garth about some idle rumors. Lulu hits the road with a picture of her father.

#0197: George Shumway is back again for the first time. Tom succumbs to the force of habit. Mae Olinski returns to

Fernwood. Mary and Pat trade giggles over Garth.

#0198: Mae gets hustled after Mary fills out a questionnaire. Mary resorts to blackmail, but it's for a good cause. Lulu gets a job and two friends for "company."

#0199: George finds out he should have stayed away. Cathy accuses Mary of caring more for soap operas. Little Garth aims for the father's eye.

#0200: Tom gets turned down. Foreplay is Fairplay gets the First Lady's support. Pat goes home to try it again.

#0201: George says no to a budding old businessman. Cathy delivers and avoids the dotted line. Charlie and Tom do their best to console. Lulu gets some money and misses the state trooper.

#0202: Charlie remembers the past and asks Merle for a favor. Cathy gets a contract with her contractions. Merle is interested in the Olinsky, but not the report. Christine goes too far, but for the last time.

#0203: Little Garth and Heather get intimate with oranges. Mary begins a jump for fitness. Garth threatens Pat over a five minute talk.

#0204: Garth blames Pat for his lousy childhood. Tom is reintroduced to a couple of old friends. Lulu threatens to step up in the world.

#0205: Mary's confused in her garbage garden. The men of Fernwood will fight the Olinsky Report. It's too quiet at the Gimbles. Lulu gets a proposition.

#0206: Charlie visits Mrs. Haggles. Tom decides not to get involved. Mary gives Pat the name of a local collective. Mae stands her ground for the ladies of Fernwood.

#0207: Pat travels 30 miles, but it doesn't seem to help. Lulu

hangs onto her two men and bumps into a part of Fernwood. Merle kisses his first campaign baby. Mae gets raided by a friend.

#0208: Tom and Mary argue while a breakfast square melts. Tom visits Loretta, who brings him to his knees. Mary cleans house, while Pat cleans up her life.

#0209: Tom is upset with fights over his relations. George Shumway claims what is rightfully his. Merle offers more than Baskin Robbins. Lulu gets a special bottle of wine.

#0210: Tom takes refuge with his old enemy. Garth does a little redecorating. Loretta waves hello to Mary and Bobbi. Tom misses Lou's latest entertainment.

#0211: Martha gets good vibes, while Grandpa meets a doll. Heather and little Garth come out of the dark. The county surprises Pat with a nightgown. Tom was too drunk to remember.

#0212: Mary gets a feeble excuse. Mary draws George a diagram, but he'd rather be doing it instead. Charlie gets a sign from the Lord and a note from a mummy.

#0213: Merle tries to touch Mary's ruffles. Tom has to run he'll explain later. Tom meets Lulu and says he will trust her. Mary takes a stand for the arrested Mae.

#0214: Pat's lawyer plays the devil's advocate. Wanda rallies Mae for the nightly news. Charlie congratulates Mac on his upcoming wedding. Mae gets bleeped for the sake of all women.

#0215: Tom has his wife walking the straight and narrow. Pat's mother pays her an understanding visit. Charlie talks to Mary who is late for a date. Tom is caught with still another woman.

#0216: Charlie is thankful for a miracle from the Lord. Pat sits in a cell that's neither plush or a rat hole. Lulu's back in town and heading down the aisle. Tom swears to God he won't have

to visit the microwave oven.

#0217: Mary doesn't hold her peace. Pat ponders murder three and a whole new identity. Merle meets Lila, who doesn't have to do floors. Mary's got a casserole, so Loretta waves goodbye.

#0218: Charlie is fuming as Loretta can't remember what he wants to forget. Reverend Standfast is comforted by a group of growing people. Pat spends a pleasant afternoon at a funeral.

#0219: Grandpa takes his own advice and makes a reservation for two. Mae has dedicated her life to love and the men of Fernwood hate her for it. Mary gets a new job and consults the sheets.

#0220: Mary tries again, but gets caught in a cigarette break. Wanda hits Merle with a quote from the past. Mary is flamboyant in her drabs. Pat has a terrible nightmare.

#0221: George wants to know what's going on. Mary is crying and Tom wants to know why. Pat begins a new life with a half a bar of soap.

#0222: The Shumways save their lives by sending out for doughnuts. Mary interviews as a disruptive influence. Loretta makes an at home debut. Pat must confess she doesn't like camping.

#0223: George gets a lesson in old age and morality. Heather goes to an expert to talk about sex. Mary makes a grown man cry. There's a little excitement at the Capri Lounge. Pat fails again.

#0224: Charlie and Mac talk about things in common. George is definitely the last visitor of the famous Marquette rock. Mary orders a round for her friends. Tom gets a headache.

#0225: Cathy gives Mary a lesson in timing. Heather sleeps over with a very good friend. Wanda ignores Merle after the VFW. Cathy gets courted.

#0226: Tom goes to do what he has to do. Charlie invites a part of Loretta's past. Merle misses Wanda and then gets the point.

#0227: Mary and Tom will be proud of Heather. Merle deals with love at home. Loretta signs while a pizza gets cold. Mary has a party with the guys.

#0228: Mary merges for the sake of her husband. Mary gets a visit from the men in blue. Merle makes a policy decision with Wanda.

#0229: Tom and Mary lose a son and a daughter. George and Martha redecorate the kitchen. Mary saves a dejected Merle by giving the unmentionable. Pat dances and discovers a true friend.

#0230: Cathy brings her suitcase to a romance. Loretta goes fishing with a song. Mary answers a call for help and helps Merle sing for his life.

#0231: Merle misses out on a statement to Fernwood. Mary communicates with the guys. Heather is ready to take the veil. Mary brings Pat some well balanced Twinkies.

#0232: Lila gets a promise from Wanda. Mary has a meeting with management. Charlie discovers a new best friend. Grand Baron comes to the plant lounge.

#0233: Mary says she's sorry if Cathy is. Merle meets Mary where she's less nervous. Cathy lays the ground rules for her latest arrangement. Tom and Mary discover a doctor who's sick.

#0234: Pat's lawyer gets an accurate story. Lila talks woman to woman about a man. Loretta has a good time as one of the guys. Pat hears a call from a gypsy judge.

#0235: Charlie and Loretta have breakfast for three. Martha visits Baby and says she doesn't like his name. Merle and Wanda are not nearly alone. Baby makes an escape with a pile of

laundry.

#0236: Cathy loses a lot more than her laundry. Godza and Zorrina hit the road to Toledo. Grandpa fills a loveless space with a peanut butter sandwich. Mary is thankful for the worst happening in her life. Merle and Wanda should have checked the closet.

#0237: Mary fights fasting with a pop tart. Howie will find Baby, through the miracle of radio. Mary hostesses a party and gives a rousing cheer for Moses.

#0238: Tom makes a date with one of the brass. Merle records a very short interview. Pat says a tearful and messy goodbye.

#0239: Tom joins a club with T-shirts. Mary makes music for morale. George remembers why he can't say goodbye to Grandpa. Merle and Wanda entertain the Hartmans.

#0240: Martha pours a practice beer. Cathy and Mary make a terrible discovery. Lila tells Wanda about a very interesting book. Tom and Charlie join the G.G.G.

#0241: Tom tries to be included while George feels left out. Mary makes a big production, but saves her mother's job. Howie dreams of the big time in Austin. Lila shows Merle who's giving the orders.

#0242: Texas can't forget "Roots." Mary gives Loretta a quick cheer up. Mary talks to George about an illegal sickness. Loretta and Mary make lousy matchmakers. Lila tries not to take advantage.

#0243: George is a stranger in his own house. Martha asks a sinking man if he wants brandy. Cathy is still the way that she is. George visits Merle and gets the wrong idea. Fernwood dons muumuus for the good of America.

#0244: Mary gets an important assignment, while Tiny gets softer hands. George begins calisthenics with a bang. Mary and

Tom try to act Catholic. Howie gets some feedback through his window.

#0245: Mac likes things just the way they are. Mary wants to know if she's grownup. Merle puts an end to Lila's party. Mary makes a grievance about safety.

#0246: Vernon and Texas find an excuse for the noise. Tom panics while Vernon plans. Cathy gets some hostile advice.

#0247: Mary remembers the movies. Merle kneels in the purest feelings. Merle moves his office to the scene of the disaster. Fernwood gets another public servant.

#0248: Tom and Martha remember what never was. Merle leads a prayer while Cathy finds her type. Texas pledges support for Fernwood's finest.

#0249: Tom is furious with Merle and requests an electric can opener. George wants a hamburger. Tiny wants a woman. Mary looks forward to better future relationships. The SWAT Team arrive in an M.G.

#0250: Merle has little faith in little people. For Martha, the best things in life are free and someone else's. Mary hopes that Tiny will go to sleep. Wanda wants to go to Miami.

#0251: George has strange cravings, while Mary thinks of Christmas. Vernon can help George and Mary if they're not dead already. Lila tests Wanda to see what she knows. Mary gets a protein bar and gets to go home.

#0252: Tom is looking at everything, while Mary says goodnight. Mary takes the day off, to spend with her toast r oven. Lila and Texas find out Martha is sick. Mary has fun that's more adult than summer camp.

#0253: Charlie offers Howie the support of the G.G.G. Mary has Martha Punch for her health. Howie makes a deal to get destroyed. George tries not to shoot Mary by accident.

#0254: Loretta Hagers is back on the track. George talks about women, not his daughter Cathy. Wanda says Lila is driving her crazy. Mary believes that Howie is honest.

#0255: Mary and Cathy keep Martha from her cure. Cathy gets jilted for the local police. The G.G.G. gets down tonight.

#0256: Martha, Wanda, Mary, and Merle welcome back Fernwood's crusaders. Mary and Tom try not to feel guilty. Wanda and Merle make Wanda feel not at home. George gets a little shock.

#0257: Tom tries to find out about "EVIL." Lila tries to retrieve Wanda's diary. Mac and Cathy get to know each other better. Merle and Wanda take the G.G.G. to their local TV.

#0258: Mary talks to Wanda and admits some bad news. Loretta answers a call to TV stardom. Wanda tries to find the perfect poster person, but is hampered by a cold. It looks like Howie might have the diary.

#0259: Cathy says it's half over with Howie. Vernon gets a disguise and sets up a meeting with Howie. Howie's interview with Merle ends up in hot water. The press finds the key to an important discovery.

#0260: Cathy gives Howie a key for the keys. The lights go off for Loretta, as the Hagers get ripped off. The telethon begins. Mary wheels in a friend.

#0261: Loretta tries to stir up donations, while Mary hides her secret act. Lila starts to whimper and looks over her wardrobe for a snack. Martha tap dances for the ten percent.

#0262: Loretta keeps the telethon from being a bomb. The Amazing Shumway refuses to be duped. Mary goes over the line, with Dewey and Shakespeare.

#0263: Mary can't believe that Dewey is a thief. Cathy can't

face Howie, who's on his way to Los Angeles. Mary says that Martha means it: Charlie and Loretta get a surprise visitor.

#0264: Mary gets an order from the G.G.G. Martha wants to move in with Cathy. Dewey pays a friendly visit and says he won't come by again. Martha pretends that no one is there.

#0265: Mary returns Merle's toys. Lila insists on a date for three. Loretta is left alone and in terror. Lila makes an announcement to the folks at the Capri Lounge.

#0266: Loretta rearranges her furniture, while fearing for her life. Howie comes in out of the cold and Mary leaves out Dewey. George makes a call with his little black book. Howie has one last dance.

#0267: Lila says her good-byes, while Merle opens up a surprise. Loretta discovers her biggest fan. The G.G.G. meets to protect Fernwood. Mary gets a late night visit from a very grown up Merle.

#0268: Mary celebrates "You and Me Day." Merle offers her an unimportant personal job. Martha plays hostess for an up to day wake.

#0269: Martha makes herself right at home. Dewey lays it on the line with Vernon. Wanda finds a leftover slip. Tom protects Mary from anything he can.

#0270: Charlie leaves for the G.G.G., while Loretta entertains. Mary's daddy makes sure that she's safe. Tom has no part of the G.G.G.'s latest theme.

#0271: Tom gets framed by the G.G.G. Mary is relieved by some bad news. Martha is less embarrassed by murder. Mary and Merle do their best to help Tom.

#0272: Charlie and Loretta get acquainted with a friend. Wanda gives Mary a present. Howie, Mary's mayor, helps out with the trash.

#0273: Loretta's cooking doesn't satisfy her guest. George gets elected Grando Mysto. Mary and Tom try the latest thing. Mary tries a memorial service that has no last name.

#0274: George hears the latest about Martha. Mack and Martha watch a film with a film with a plus. Mary gets some advice on sleeping alone.

#0275: Merle visits Tom with a petition to sign. Merle makes a call for Mary and rejects an apology. Loretta and the doctor watch her special child. Tom is guarded by a policeman from his past.

#0276: Sergeant Foley returns to Fernwood. The Grand Mysto does his best to save Tom. There's something that Wanda isn't saying. Mary sorts for charity.

#0277: The G.G.G. turns to Nat Dearborn. Sergeant Foley drops in on the Haggars. Mary feels like it's breakfast at home. Mary would never do it again.

#0278: Mac shows some wildlife to Martha and Mary. George gives Sergeant Foley a second chance and a jump. Mary and Cathy try to receive a dream.

#0279: Merle attempts to launch his presidential campaign. Wanda cooks a special dinner for two or three. Loretta and Charlie plan a party with a splash.

#0280: Charlie and Loretta are visited by the authorities. Tom is told to lie down. Mary's purse gets picked up by Sergeant Foley.

#0281: Mary drinks her Shirley Temple and stops acting like a child. Loretta takes a crack at disciplining her son. Vernon and Texas talk about Tom's defense with Nat Dearborn. Mary does her best to brighten Tom's cell.

#0282: Mary makes breakfast for two and gets a call from a cop

who cares. Mary visits the Hagers with a name for their boy. Mac visits to reap Martha's harvest. George finds out he'll just have to wait.

#0283: Foley then Merle visits Mary in her kitchen. Tom meets with his lawyer, but it does him no good. Merle leaves Wanda to do the cities' business. Mary talks to Grandpa about failing her family.

#0284: George invents a whole new meaning for his life. Texas drives in the Capri Lounge. Tom gets some special comfort from Wanda Jeeter.

#0285: Charlie and Loretta try to look good for the social worker. Vernon throws a wrench into Tom's plans to tell all. The great Tom Hartman murder trial gets under way.

#0286: Mary tries to get used to Tom's twenty years. Johnnie Doe suffers from a little homesickness. Tom begins his journey up the river, but is stopped by a voice that may save him.

#0287: Vernon and Texas get their due. Tom goes out to celebrate, while Sergeant Foley comes in to remember. Wanda and Merle burn up old memories together. Tom, Charlie and George drink a farewell toast to the G.G.G.

#0288: Mary tells Tom that Dennis helps her understand. George joins the ranks of unsuccessful investors. Wanda says she's sorry to half of the perfect couple. The Shumways have an unexpected visitor, who has come to die in their kitchen.

#0289: Heather decides she is not Mary's child. Loretta and Charlie save Johnnie Doe from Heather's babysitting. Mac asks Martha her reasons for not having an affair. Mary makes a date to meet Sergeant Foley's parents.

#0290: Charlie and Loretta discover a hidden talent in Johnnie Doe. The Shumway's houseguest says her time has come. Merle makes a phone call to his mother for votes. Mary meets Dennis' parents, who seem to like her a lot.

#0291: Martha returns home for the day and finds Standing Cow lying on the kitchen table. Mary feels patriotic with her less than perfect family. Merle introduces the Fernwood Press to America's new favorite Grandma.

#0292: Tom insists that there is nothing to talk about. Charlie and Loretta say goodbye, as Johnnie Doe heads for a day at the zoo. George celebrates his latest invention. Mary discovers Sergeant Foley's latest fan.

#0293: Martha hears Standing Cow's touching last words. A new Johnnie Doe returns to the Hagers. Mac arrives at the Shumway's with an ultimatum for Martha. Dennis wants to talk about the tension.

#0294: Martha says that she will share her treasure with George. Johnnie Doe says his first word. Mac finds out one of Martha's little faults.

#0295: Mary calls for help while the Jeeters are on live. Dennis tells Tom his master plan. Tom goes to Merle and Wanda, the only ones he can trust. Mary kisses Dennis' family, "hello."

410296: Dr. Fermin leaves the picket lines for a mission of mercy. Merle hopes for support from the Republicans and intends to do Tom a favor. Cathy and Tom do some remembering with Wanda. Mary's friend Merle gives her a lecture on Dennis.

#0297: The Hagers get some news on the ailing Johnnie Doe. Tom brings Mary a very large surprise. "Homewrecker Mac" wants to help Tom save his marriage. Mary tries to convince Tom that there is no problem.

#0298: Cathy twirls to change her life. Mary tries to convince the Foleys that she's not from a broken home. Tom finally decides what to do about Foley. Martha fears the worst for her future with Mac.

#0299: Dennis tells Mary that he can improve her life. Merle saves some sinners for fun and profit. Mary suggests an innocent meeting to Tom. Martha finally makes up her mind.

#0300: Charlie and Loretta decide what's best for Johnnie Doe. The party representatives choose their candidate. Martha predicts the worst will come true. Mary discovers the truth about the Foleys.

#0301: George is reunited with the love of his life. Tom, Mary, and Heather have a nice breakfast-less breakfast. Charlie learns about survival of the fittest.

#0302: Wanda gets her first major endorsement. George's dreams are smashed on the counter. Mary gets some sensible advice from Cathy and Cathy tells Tom to shape up or lose Mary.

#0303: Mary meets Heather's "date." Wanda writes her platform and gains some more support. Tom turns to Wanda for more than a shoulder to cry on. Charlie and Loretta help Johnny Doe return home.

#0304: The Shumways are in the dark as George continues his work. The men of Fernwood get worried about George. Charlie and Loretta talk to Dennis about Mary. Tom spends some money to be romantic.

#0305: Wanda surprises Merle with her surprise announcement for Fernwood. George Shumway is overcome by emotion. The Hagers say goodbye to Johnny Doe.

#0306: Loretta loses herself in the throes of creativity. Martha has a premonition of something terrible and she may be right. Merle pictures his face on the nickel. Politics makes for some strange bedfellows. Is Mary really a nymphomaniac?

#0307: George is sinking fast. Dr. Joyce Brothers makes a Hartman house call. Dennis and Mary arrange a romantic rendezvous. George sees stars. Tom and Mary make it through

the night.

#0308: Mary cagily plots her escapade, but can't keep it a secret. George announces his new million dollar idea. Cathy makes a desperate attempt to save Mary. Everyone's protecting Tom almost.

#0309: It's Tom versus Dennis, but it's no contest. Charlie, Loretta, Merle and Wanda do all they can for a trance-like Tom, but he may be beyond help. Mary tries to get out while Dennis tries to get in.

#0310: Dennis takes Mary by surprise. Merle is shaken by a mysterious phone call. Mary tells Tom all about last night. Dennis leaves Fernwood, leaving Mary behind to make the most important decision of her life - alone.

#0311: Tom wonders if it's all in Mary's head. Merle questions if brotherly love includes sisters in law, too. Mary convinces Tom of her fidelity, but has trouble convincing herself.

#0312: Mary plans her high school reunion, but has another one in mind. Merle must decide whether blood is thicker than money. Barth Gimble's arrival at the Capri Lounge shocks everyone in Fernwood, but the biggest shock will soon be his. George's wrestling promotions draw more than he bargained for.

#0313: Mary still can't decide if she wants more out of life than a frost free refrigerator. Charlie and Loretta open their hearts and home to Barth, but keep their mouths shut. Mary asks Martha for help, but the answer comes from Grandpa. Mac unknowingly meets his next opponent and it's love at first sight. Barth learns the truth from Mary and can't control his true emotions.

#0314: George and Martha are at odds over their bookie operation. Mary gets some unwanted legal advice. Can lovers do their wrestling in a ring? Tom offers Mary a dream.

#0315: Merle and Wanda get an unexpected political

endorsement that could mean the end of their campaign and much more. All's fair in love and wrestling, as Mac and Svetlana enter the ring. Mary makes last minute preparations for the high school reunion, while Dennis persists in preparing her for another. The high school reunion may have been a dud, but the bomb that's about to drop is sure to explode the worlds of everyone in Fernwood.

#0316: George's future rests in the ring, but Mac and Svetlana can hear only bells. Cathy could have more troubles than those in Martha's head. More than Merle and Wanda's political lives may be in jeopardy following their shocking TV appearance. Tom makes a vital decision, but did he make it in time?

#0317: Is Cathy really doomed? Wanda's mercy mission doesn't quite turn out the way she planned. Dr. Fermin makes a startling diagnosis. Mary may be Cathy's only hope, but where is she?

#0318: Barth is heating up the anger of both the Hagers, but Loretta does some unexpected frying of her own. Could Tom be on the right track to Mary's whereabouts? Barth makes Loretta an offer that could change the rest of her life. Cathy reviews her life and discovers something new.

#0319: Tom, Martha and Charlie figure out all the answers, but it could be too late for the questions. Merle and Wanda try to clean up their reputations, but the dirt could be thicker than they think. Tom and Heather look for a way to live without Mary, but find something else they need instead. There's a new Loretta performing at the Capri Lounge, but Charlie may prefer the old one.

#0320: Barth invents a winner with "Born Losers" and the Shumways want to play. Merle and Wanda's new home may need a lot of sweetening. As the search for Mary comes up short, Cathy makes a frightening request.

#0321: Cathy's chances for survival get slimmer as Tom's bright idea seems to be fading. George and Martha stroll down memory

lane and run into a comedienne. Everyone loves Cathy's new way of making people happy, but a new development in her case may not be a laughing matter for Loretta.

#0322: More than Loretta's career may be at stake as she makes a seven year decision. Merle prepares to make his big move. Will Tom's misery improve with company? Charlie makes Loretta a promise he can't afford to break.

#0323: Could there be another woman waiting in Tom's wings? A high school crush matures into grown up proposition, forcing Tom to make a quick decision. Tom's search for solace leads him to the stove. Martha comes to the rescue, but is she in time?

#0324: Is Barth's lifesaving offer genuine or just good publicity? Merle plans to do something politically startling. Tom considers taking a plunge and may get a push from his less than sober friends. Cathy stands in the way of nobility.

#0325: Will Mary come home? Can Tom ever be happy? Does Loretta make it to the top? Will Cathy make it at all?

The Museum of Television and Radio Four-Episode Synopses

EPISODES 1—4

Meet Mary Hartman, a Fernwood, Ohio, housewife concerned with waxy yellow buildup on her kitchen floor, the shocking mass murder in her neighborhood, her troubled marriage to Tom, her insolent daughter Heather, and her Grandpa Larkin, "The Fernwood Flasher." Also meet the rest of Mary's family and her neighbors Loretta and Charlie Hagers, who are planning Loretta's future as a country-and-western singer.

EPISODES 5—8

Mary receives an anonymous phone call about Heather, who may have seen the mass murderer. Heather is assigned a bodyguard. Tom tries unsuccessfully to make love to Mary, and Mary consults library books for sex advice. Grandpa Larkin's social worker, Roberta Wolashak, falls in love with him.

EPISODES 9—12

Loretta finally records her demo record. Heather disappears. Tom stays the night with Mae, a coworker. Mary blames herself for her family's troubles. Cathy thinks she's found the man of her dreams. Heather returns home – temporarily.

EPISODES 13—16

Mary takes Heather's place as a hostage of the mass murderer. Tom can't perform with Mae. Cathy introduces her parents to her deaf and dumb boyfriend. Mary's friends and family gather outside the Chinese laundry as the police, including Sergeant Foley, are ineffective in ending the hostage situation. Mary tries to reason with the mass murderer.

EPISODES 17—20

Sergeant Foley's rescue attempt fails, but he and Mary grow closer. A reluctant Reverend Standfast is Mary's last hope, and Mae knows the way to ensure that he intervenes with the mass murderer. Mary is freed and returns home. She confronts Tom about Mae and says that the marriage is over. Charlie and Loretta prepare to leave for Nashville.

EPISODES 21—24

Mary spends time with Sergeant Foley in his apartment, and Tom is worried about where she is. Charlie and Loretta encounter trouble on the road to Nashville. Grandpa Larkin and Miss Walashak start dating. Mary becomes more and more confused about Sergeant Foley and her crumbling marriage.

EPISODES 25—28/29

Mae tells bad news to Tom, who tells it to Mary. Charlie and Loretta's dreams are shattered at the hospital, and Loretta's prognosis is not good. Mary visits Loretta in the hospital and takes out new library books. Tom moves in with Charlie. Tom, Mary, and Mae go to the doctor. George decides to run for union office. Cathy goes to work at a massage parlor.

EPISODES 30—32

George goes to the massage parlor to defend Cathy's reputation and gets arrested. Roberta loses her job because of her relationship with Grandpa Larkin and becomes a door-to-door cosmetics salesperson. Charlie gets more bad news about Loretta, who is convinced she can walk. Sergeant Foley makes Tom jealous by pursuing Mary, who gets good news from the doctor.

EPISODES 33—36

George does not want Cathy to marry Steve. Loretta and Charlie put their hopes in a faith healer, Dorelda Doremus. Tom prepares a romantic dinner for Mary that leads to his moving home, but they continue to fight. Loretta leaves the hospital, and Charlie tries to get a loan. The package concludes with an episode reviewing what's happened so far.

EPISODES 37—40

Mary and Tom get high on Heather's marijuana, attend Loretta's faith healing, and uncover Dorelda Doremus as a fake. Martha gets an unsettling call about George, who is increasingly unhappy about Cathy's relationship with Steve. Steve gives Cathy a ring. Charlie and Loretta may lose their house and want to move in with the Hartmans. Mae turns to the Hartmans for help when she attempts suicide.

EPISODES 41—44

Mary talks Mae out of committing suicide, and they befriend each other. Steve is invited to New York by a publisher, and Cathy feels inadequate and worries she'll lose him. The Hagers receive an eviction notice. Mary's homemade chicken soup has an unexpected result for flu-ridden Coach Fedders, leaving Mary wracked with guilt. George's business trip worries Martha.

EPISODES 45—48

George is caught in a compromising situation in his hotel room, and returns home in a panic. Mary is depressed and contemplates life and death—and a funeral parlor job. Coach Fedders's funeral is held in Mary's kitchen. Mary and Tom arrange an unsuccessful reunion between Mae and her ex-husband. Loretta stages her comeback and a miracle

occurs. Steve's behavior on a television talk show angers Cathy. Martha gets an envelope with pictures of George in the hotel along with a note that discourages George from running for union office.

EPISODES 49—52

Mary's concern that something is wrong with her life continues to grow. Grandpa Larkin talks with Mary and tells her that happiness is doing your "thing"—what you do well—but Mary doesn't know what that is. Loretta tells Mary her "thing" is communication. Charlie and Tom get in trouble at the plant. Loretta gets a record deal. Steve and Cathy are reunited. Mary meets sex therapist Mona McKenzie.

EPISODES 53—56

Tom and George argue about the union election. Mary starts working with sex therapist Mona McKenzie. Cathy finds Steve in bed with another woman. Mary relishes her new role as a communicator, and counsels Cathy after she breaks up with Steve. Sergeant Foley and Cathy go out on a date. Loretta makes it to *Billboard* magazine and gets a surprising phone call.

EPISODES 57—60

Loretta tells Mary about Charlie's first wife, Muriel. Mona McKenzie visits the Hartmans at home, explains her work to Tom, and makes Mary very uncomfortable. Muriel arrives at the Haggers' home, seeking revenge on Charlie. Dennis continues to date an eager Cathy, but still shows great interest in Mary.

EPISODES 61—64

Mary and Tom both finally understand Mona's role as a surrogate and fire her. Mary tries to convince Cathy not to get involved with Dennis. Charlie explains why Muriel hates him, but the scheming Muriel drives a wedge between Loretta and Charlie. When Mary asks Roberta for help, Roberta urges Mary to join STET (Survival Training and Existence Therapy). Roberta tells Mary she is still dating Dennis. Tom wins the union election.

EPISODES 65—68

Mary has more and more problems she is unable to cope with and talks things out at a STET meeting. Muriel continues to stir up trouble between Loretta and Charlie. Loretta receives a paltry royalty check. Mary tries to get her parents to forbid Cathy to go out with Dennis, tells Dennis to leave Cathy alone, and tries to get Cathy to see the real Dennis. Dennis explains the reasoning behind his behavior to Mary; they have their first kiss.

EPISODES 69—72

Mary's mental state deteriorates. Cathy announces that she and Dennis are engaged. Charlie uncovers Muriel's scam, but she surprises him with news that they have a son. Dennis juggles Cathy, Roberta, and Mary, all at the same time. Loretta is asked to perform on Dinah Shore's television show.

EPISODES 73—76

Charlie and Loretta prepare for their trip to Hollywood and Loretta's appearance on Dinah Shore's show. Mary refuses to have anything to do with Cathy and Dennis's wedding. Mary is happy for Loretta, but worries that she will lose her best friend to fame and fortune. Tom and Mary's individual needs continue to be at cross-purposes. Loretta makes her television debut, but causes a furor by making an anti-Semitic remark. Roberta confronts Cathy, and union thugs confront Tom.

EPISODES 77—80

Tom comes home late having been beaten. Roberta and Cathy argue over Dennis, who won't set a wedding date until he meets with Mary, and who doesn't plan to stop seeing Roberta. Muriel lies, telling Loretta that the record company wants to sign her to new contracts. She also arranges for a friend's child to pretend to be Charlie's son "Timmy." Charlie talks to "Timmy" on the phone. In return for one night with Mary, Dennis promises not to marry Cathy, but their deal falls through.

EPISODES 81—84

Mary has to lie about where she has been. Tom has more problems at work. Cathy blames Mary for the postponement of

her wedding. Charlie can't wait to meet his son Timmy. Muriel gets her money from Loretta and Charlie and makes a quick escape. Tom and Mary discuss fidelity. Dennis continues to string Cathy and Roberta along. Charlie and Loretta hit rock bottom when they realize the truth about both Loretta's career and Timmy.

EPISODES 85—88

Cathy catches Dennis and Mary kissing, and no one believes Mary's explanation that it was vertical mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Loretta has a dream that she thinks means she should become a missionary. Mary makes an unfortunate slip of the tongue when she's with Tom. Dennis sweet-talks his way back into Cathy's good graces. Cathy and Martha meet their new fortune-teller neighbor, Betty. Tom gives proof of union corruption to the candidate for D.A., who promptly informs the union official.

EPISODES 89—92

Cathy and Mary make up. Mary has her tarot cards read by Betty, whose family has a mysterious past. Mary talks to Dennis about why he strings women along. Tom's charges against the union bring results. Dennis stirs up trouble between Mary and Tom when he stops by Cathy's bridal shower. Charlie worries that Loretta's service to eight-year-old Reverend Jimmy Joe Jeeter will keep her from becoming a singing superstar.

EPISODES 93—96

Loretta introduces Charlie to Merle Jeeter, Jimmy Joe Jeeter's father. Charlie continues to urge Loretta not to completely abandon her singing career for religious work. Dennis tells Mary that he loves her. Mary and Betty's son Howard have a friendly talk about their respective problems. Tom confronts Dennis and warns him to stay away from Mary. Dennis has a heart attack during his long-awaited tryst with Mary, and they rush to the hospital.

EPISODES 97—100

Mary admits how special Dennis makes her feel. Tom and Cathy confront Mary with the evidence of her infidelity. Despite his

affair with Mae, Tom is unforgiving and moves in with Howard and Ed, who turn out not to be brothers. Merle Jeeter's interest in Loretta becomes clearer. Dennis tells Cathy the truth. She forgives Mary and decides to become a nun. Dennis and Mary consummate their relationship in his hospital bed.

EPISODES 101—104

Mary feels guilty about her tryst with Dennis and talks to the plant psychologist and a priest about it. Loretta gets Mary to talk to the Reverend Jimmy Joe Jeeter. Loretta promises to give her "Vitamin L" royalties to his ministry for its "Condos for Christ" project. A priest discourages Cathy from becoming a nun. Howard encourages Mary to reconcile with Tom.

EPISODES 105—108

The plant psychologist tells Tom about Mary's infidelity. Tom is devastated and turns to drinking. The Hagers invite both Mary and Tom over for a chicken-fried steak dinner, but the evening does not go as planned. Mary finds fulfillment as a counselor on the telephone help line. Clete Mizenheimer says he'll help Cathy launch her television career. Grandpa Larkin tells Martha that she was adopted.

EPISODES 109—112

Martha wants to find her biological parents. Tom continues to drink too much and asks Mary for a divorce. She turns to Dennis and finally tells him what he wants to hear. Cathy is infatuated with Father DeMarco. Clete continues to take an interest in Cathy and her television career. Loretta begins preparing three thousand bicentennial Christmas trees for the Jeeters, and her recording session takes a bizarre turn. Mary learns that Ed and Howard are gay.

EPISODES 113—116

Tom is fired from his job. Loretta is offered a choir solo by Merle. Charlie is suspicious about Merle's motives. Cathy enters Mary in a contest search for a typical American consumer housewife. Howard and Ed talk about getting married. Cathy tells Father DeMarco she loves him, but he tells her this is unrealistic. Mary becomes very upset and confused when

Dennis says he does not intend to marry her. Heather thinks she's getting in the way of her mother's affairs.

EPISODES 117—120

Reverend Jimmy Joe Jeeter tells Loretta his father has been sinning, and Loretta feels compelled to help Merle, despite what Charlie says. Mary is anxious about everything, including the new airplane flight patterns. Mary is chosen as the typical American consumer housewife. Martha learns that her biological father is a full-blooded Choctaw Indian. Dennis breaks up with Mary. Father DeMarco is wary of Cathy and Clete's engagement. Ed tells Tom that he's gay.

EPISODES 121—124

Mary is nervous about being filmed. Betty believes Howard is a latent heterosexual and wants Mary to sleep with him. Martha's father Grandpa Twelvetrees arrives, making Grandpa Larkin jealous. Tom returns home drunk, and Mary throws him out. The camera crew films Mary's daily life, and the airplanes are more and more disturbing to her. Loretta keeps saying no to Merle's pleas that she go to Chicago with him, even though she doesn't see his real motive.

EPISODES 125—128

Betty convinces Mary to help Howard, and Tom walks in on them kissing. The kiss convinces Howard he is gay, and he vows to live truthfully and marry Ed. David Susskind invites Mary to be on his show. Cathy and Clete argue about career and family. Father DeMarco confesses his feelings to Cathy, and Cathy leaves home. Mary and Loretta fight before their respective trips to New York and Chicago.

EPISODES 129—130

Mary imagines what a perfect life would be. In the final episode of the first season, Mary has an unforgettable appearance on "The David Susskind Show." Charlie rescues Loretta in Merle's hotel room, but is shot accidentally. The episode concludes with an appearance by series creator Norman Lear.

The Museum of TV and Radio ended its marathon at this

episode, but the series continued until EPISODE 325. The series “Forever Fernwood,” a continuation of the “MH2” characters’ storylines (minus Mary Hartman and Dennis Foley, who had run off together), ran for an additional season.

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