

Ask Deanna! Is an advice column known for its fearless approach to reality-based subjects!

Dear Deanna!

My husband and I separated because of finances. While separated, he met someone else and had a child. We are now talking about getting back together, but I want to adjust to having a stepchild and dealing with another woman. He's moving too fast, and I think he's up to something. He's having arguments with this woman and there are whispers of child support issues. How do I tell him I don't want to be in this mess?

Jeanna T.

Birmingham, AL

Dear Jeanna:

Regardless of your decision, you'll have a cheater, confusion and "baby momma drama" if you take him back. Your husband having a baby by another woman didn't show he wanted to get back with you for the right reasons. He's looking for a place to stay and help with child support. He needs to work out his issues. You need to feed him with a long handle spoon, and watch him like a hawk before taking him back.

Dear Deanna!

I think my girlfriend is cheating. She's changed and only wants to spend time with her friends and gives me no attention. Intimacy is almost invisible. The only time she perks up and gets a light in her eyes is when she's going out with her girlfriends. I've noticed her hair has changed, her perfume is different and she has new lingerie. I'm not getting the benefits of these things. How do I ask if she's cheating?

James

Charleston, SC

Dear James:

Time to connect with your feminine side and maximize your sixth sense. If it looks like a cheating woman, then it is a cheating woman. She's happy to go out with her friends because that's a cover up to meet her other man. There's nothing to ask because the evidence is in your face. You have two choices: Be a fool and sit and watch it happen with your crushed heart on your sleeve; or man up, address the issue, and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

I've managed to turn my life of sex, drugs and sin around, and I'm so happy. The only thing missing is a relationship. I admit that I'm a Christian but keep slipping each time I get with a man. I feel bad about giving up my body and then the relationship doesn't work out. How can I remain saved and still date without losing the man because of physical contact?

Linda

Orlando, FL

Dear Linda:

You're a grown woman and can control everything that goes in, on or around your body. There's no excuse other than weakness, skinny faith and low self-esteem that causes you to sacrifice your temple. Stop dealing with men that aren't Godly and in sync with your commitment of faith. If you date a Godly man and he kicks vou to the curb for holding out, then he wasn't who he claimed to be. God should occupy your mind, and when it's time for a physical mate, he'll send you one.

Ask Deanna! is written by Deanna M. Write: Ask Deanna! Email: askdeannal@yahoo.com or 264 S. LaCienega Blvd. Suite 1283 Beverly Hills, CA 90211 Website: www.askdeanna.com

Judge adjourns Brown's case

NEW YORK (AP) - Rapper Foxy Brown is almost totally deaf, her lawyer said Monday.

Attorney Joseph Tacopina disclosed Brown's hearing problem after a question about why they exchanged notes while waiting in Manhattan Criminal Court for her case to be called on an unresolved 2004 assault charge.

"She's pretty much totally deaf now," Tacopina said. "She can't hear me. We have to write things back and forth. Anything I have to communicate with her now has to be written."

Brown, 25, revealed during a court appearance in September that she would soon undergo surgery to try to correct her hearing. Obviously straining to hear questions, she refused to discuss the possible cause of the problem.

Tacopina said Monday the prognosis from that surgical procedure is still undetermined, but "hopefully it (the condition) is reversible. She has to undergo another surgery."

Meanwhile, Judge Melissa Jackson adjourned Brown's case until Dec. 23 when, Tacopina said, he expects it will be resolved. Brown, whose real name is Inga Marchand, is charged with mis-



Rapper Foxy Brown exits Manhattan criminal court on Monday in New York.

demeanor assault, attempted assault and harassment.

Brown has rejected at least two misdemeanor plea deals that would have let her avoid any jail time for allegedly assaulting two nail salon workers on Aug. 29, 2004, in a fight over payment for a manicure at Bloomie Nails in expected to be released soon.

Manhattan's Chelsea district.

Prosecutors alleged that Brown, with a cell phone clutched in her closed fist, attacked and kicked one worker, and hit a second worker in the face.

Under the proposed plea deal, Brown would have pleaded guilty to misdemeanor assault and served 10 days of community service.

"I'm innocent," Brown said at the time. "I feel like I'm being railroaded."

Tacopina said they rejected the offer because he wanted Brown to plead guilty to a disorderly conduct violation, an offense less serious than a misdemeanor.

Tacopina said in September that the complainants in the case, the nail salon workers, "don't want to proceed. This is a waste of their time, her (Brown's) time, and the public's time."

However, he said Monday that he also did not want to expose Brown to an easy civil lawsuit by allowing her to plead to assault. "We're concerned about the motives of others," he said. "She's been seen as a bull's-eye for a quick payday."

Brown's latest CD, "Black Rose," is

Central to show Chappelle sketches

NEWYORK (AP) - Dave Chappelle's dangling status Chappelle is back on Comedy Central - well, kind of. The wildly popular comedian, who last spring walked off his show just weeks before its season premiere, will be on view in four episodes' worth of sketches he filmed before his startling exit, the cable channel announced Monday.

The four half-hours of "Chappelle's Show" will premiere in weekly showings next April, May or June, the network said.

A 2 1/2-minute preview of this never-before-seen footage will be included in "Comedy Central's Last Laugh '05" special, which premieres Sunday, 9 p.m. EST.

Still to be determined is how the sketches will be packaged, since Chappelle's on-stage introductions were never produced. A full season would have been between 10 and 13 episodes.

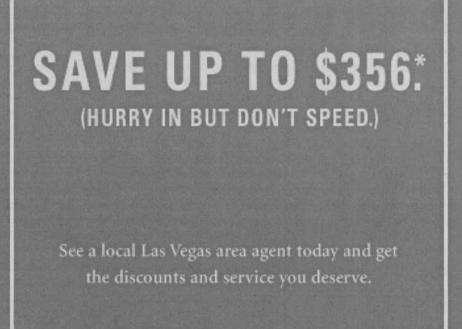
"It's great material, and we think our audience is hungry for it," said Comedy Central President Doug Herzog, noting that the last original episode of "Chappelle's Show" aired in May 2004. "Chappelle's Show," a raw, satirical comedy show that was both a critical and popular hit, was one of the network's most valuable properties.

The announcement resolves --- well, kind ofat Comedy Central, with whom he signed a deal in August 2004 reportedly

worth \$50 million for a third and fourth season. But last May, with the premiere date looming for that third season,

Chappelle stunned his fans by ditching the show in midproduction.

(See Chappelle, Page 8)





LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR, STATE FARM IS THERE."

statefarm.com²⁰