

CHANGING HER 'TOONS

I just did the voice of a skunk in *Over the Hedge* and a cow in *Barnyard*. I'm worried. I'm starting to think maybe people would rather hear me than see me. And a skunk and a cow...not too flattering, huh? Either I stink or I weigh a couple of tons.

THE SECOND FIDDLE

I learned from my Fox sitcom *Wanda at Large* that it'll be a while before I try another of my own. It's too much work for the way it gets treated and

how much of it is out of your control. Doing *The New Adventures of Old Christine* is a cakewalk for me. I love the people, and it's nice to walk in, do the show, and leave everything there. I'm not at home tossing and turning. "What are we gonna do about this episode?"

CRACKED REAR VIEW

Curb Your Enthusiasm fans are notorious for quoting lines, and they always f--- 'em up, too. The line Larry David says to me is "I'd know that tush anywhere,"

but people always say, "I'd know that big ass anywhere!" I'm like, That's not the line, but okay. Then again, maybe it has nothing to do with *Curb* at all. Maybe people are just yelling "Look at your big ass!" at me.

JUST BEING HERSELF

I took a couple of acting classes when I was first doing comedy in New York. Then I thought, Is this messing with my stand-up? It just felt like I was being too actor-y on stage, so I stopped. And now it's

great because people don't really cast me to act. They just want me to show up and be me, which is perfect. I wouldn't want to play someone else. That'd be too much work.

THAT FOUL MOUTH

People ask me to leave a phone message for their boyfriend and curse them out. I'm like, "Get the f--- out of here, what's wrong with you? I'm not doing that." And even then, they go, "Ha-ha! She told me to get the f---

outta here, she's so funny!" I can't win.

A REST STOP

I've been working non-stop for over a year and a half, and I'm looking forward to a break. I've even thought about a little hospital stay. Nothing major, just something where they have to hook me up to an IV. If I say I'm gonna take a vacation, people will still bug me about stuff, because they don't respect the vacation. But if you're in a hospital, they'll leave you alone for a little bit.



What's on My Mind

WANDA SYKES

With *My Super Ex-Girlfriend*, *Clerks II*, and *Barnyard* out this summer, and *Old Christine* on this fall, she's the hardest-working wiseass in the biz. So stop asking her to prank-call your boyfriend! By Josh Wolk

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