

Hollywood Exclusive: Ask Stacy "Jon and Kate Plus Eight"™ Gosselin family drama, personality c

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DEAR STACY: In the show "Jon and Kate Plus Eight," why is Kate being such a witch to Jon? She is always yelling at him and talking down to him. The man is such a great and easygoing guy. Not many husbands would do what he does, helping with all eight children. All she does is yell out orders. This show will not last if she keeps this up. -- Mrs. T.T., Lynbrook, N.Y.

DEAR MRS. T.T.: Many viewers find Kate Gosselin's personality difficult. Perhaps it wasn't surprising, then, when reports of marital strife between Kate and Jon recently surfaced (and were denied), along with photos of Jon enjoying himself with female college students at a bar near his mother's Pennsylvania home. DEAR STACY: Whatever happened to Veatrice, the black female security guard on "The Jimmy Kimmel Show"? -- Margaret C., Brooklyn, N.Y. DEAR MARGARET: Veatrice Rice died of cancer this past January, and a tribute to her ran on the show the following night. The nurse-turned-security guard, who got lots of laughs in sketches like "Black Sarah Palin," left her husband of seven years, John, and two sons. DEAR STACY: Please give some information about Paget Brewster of "Criminal Minds." Where from? Married? I like her, and I know I've seen her on other shows. -- K.H., Brooklyn, N.Y. DEAR K.H.: The 40-year-old actress, who plays FBI Special Agent Emily Prentiss on CBS's "Criminal Minds," hails from Concord, Mass., and attended a New England boarding school where her parents were teachers. She has an eclectic background. She attended Parsons School of Design for a year, sang with a rock band, headed off to San Francisco where she became a popular local TV personality with "The Paget Show," moved to Los Angeles and landed a recurring role on "Friends." Her first starring role in a series was in CBS's "Love & Money." Other credits include indie films and the series "Huff" and "Andy Richter Controls the Universe." Paget, who is single, says she loved "Criminal Minds" even before joining the cast. "I'm obsessed with serial killers -- it's probably the only reason I got the job," she jokes. DEAR STACY: I have a bet with a co-worker regarding Tommy Rettig, who was on "Lassie." She says he died of a drug overdose as a young adult. I believe he lived to middle age. -- Brandy W., Chattanooga, Tenn. DEAR BRANDY: Rettig died of heart failure at age 54 in 1996. Your co-worker is probably confused by the fact that the one-time child star got into trouble with the law over growing marijuana as a young man. He was a respected software developer for the last 15 years of his life. DEAR STACY: Can you tell me what ever happened to Michael T. Weiss of "The Pretender"? -- Carol A., Spokane, Wash. DEAR CAROL: Lately he's been busy performing on Broadway in the new Michael Jacobs play, "Impressionism" along with Jeremy Irons and Joan Allen, Marsha Mason and André De Shields. Weiss, whose post-"Pretender" credit sheet includes such fare as a recurring role in "Crossing Jordan," is also a playwright himself, and a mixed-media artist. DEAR STACY: Please settle a trivial question. We know about Elvis' concert specials and musical appearances on TV. Did he ever act on the tube? -- B.L., Casper, Wyo. DEAR B.L.: No. DEAR STACY: I noticed that Owen Wilson has been in many of Ben Stiller's movies, but was not in "Tropic Thunder," instead they had another actor. I was curious as to why he was not in that movie. He would have been perfect. -- Catherine D., Massapequa Park, N.Y. DEAR CATHERINE: Wilson, long-time close pal of Stiller, dropped out of "Tropic Thunder" following his August 2007 breakdown and apparent suicide attempt, and Matthew McConaughey came in to replace him. DEAR STACY: What happened to "Women's Murder Club," the series based on the James Patterson books? -- Maria, Brooklyn, N.Y. DEAR MARIA: The Angie Harmon series was cancelled last May.

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