



aware how consistent I used to be. Where work ended and life began was a very fuzzy line for me. And now I think it's demarcated quite clearly. I've already spoken too much. *[Laughs]*

PERRETTE: It's imperative to my survival and my life that the two never fade into each other at any time. Because especially in the past 10 years, I've dealt with so many horrific personal struggles that my escape is playing Abby. I put the ponytails in, and it's like, "Abby doesn't have that problem." So literally, for Pauley's own survival, I have to keep Abby completely separate. Because if I don't, I have no place to hide. All of my freedom lives in Abby.

WEATHERLY: It is fun, still, right? People ask, "Are you tired of it? It's a decade. Do you want to do something else?"

MCCALLUM: I have fun every minute of the day.

WEATHERLY: *[To Carroll]* Do you ever bring Leon home?

PERRETTE: Yeah, your character is so different from your real personality.

ROCKY CARROLL: No, it doesn't really work at home. You know that shopping cart with the wheels that lock when you take it past the yellow line in the parking lot? That's kind of what it's like.

I was going to ask who's least like his or her character, and it sounds like the consensus answer is Rocky.

MCCALLUM: And also Jimmy Palmer and Brian. Brian's not a blithering idiot.

DIETZEN: I'm not?

PERRETTE: *[To Weatherly]* I get asked about you all the time—

WEATHERLY: I'm much thinner in person.

PERRETTE: When people early on knew we were really good friends off-set, especially women would holler at me, "How can you be friends with him? He's such a misogynist. I don't know how you can hang out with that guy." I'm like, "Do you mean Michael Weatherly? Because he's actually not DiNozzo in real life."

WEATHERLY: Although I have to say, it's kind of fun to play a total dinosaur in terms of sexual politics, somebody who doesn't give a flying f---. The shallow end of the philosophical pool is obviously where Tony paddles around.

DE PABLO: However, I have to say this, because my character has feelings for you—

WEATHERLY: I'm sorry.

DE PABLO: No, there's something deeper about that character. We always talk about the superficial element and the things that make us laugh. But he wouldn't be doing what he does if he wasn't really good at it. It's a complex character, and that's why people love it.

WEATHERLY: I've been really happy about Season 10. I don't know how everyone else feels about it.

DE PABLO: Ducky's alive.

WEATHERLY: That's a bonus. And I had a great time watching McGee after he got the initial

"There was not a lot of promotion in the beginning," recalls Perrette. "There were no scandals, so we would make up stories that Cote and I were having an affair." Continues de Pablo, "It didn't happen, but our work got the attention."