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Starr Report

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Spike TV — Jolie's 'GDL' chat ends abruptly

Yes, that was "Tomb Raider" star **Angelina Jolie** you saw on yesterday's "Good Day Live" — but only for about 45 seconds before Jolie's handlers apparently pulled the plug over a "personal" question asked by **Dorothy Lucey**.

According to a "GDL" spokesman, co-hosts Lucey, **Steve Edwards** and **Jillian Barberie** were told by Jolie's "people," about 30 seconds before airtime, not to ask Jolie any personal questions — a strange request in itself, considering Jolie has made her life an open book, including last Friday's no-holds-barred interview with **Barbara Walters**.

After a few innocuous questions from the "GDL" group, Lucey alluded to the bisexuality Jolie discussed openly in her Walters interview.

"Okaaaayyyy," Jolie said hesitatingly, glancing to her left — and then, just like that, her mug was replaced by color bars. End of interview.

Lucey, Edwards and Barberie didn't know about the "no personal questions" edict, says the show spokesman, because there had been no ground rules when the interview was booked last week — and there wouldn't be any now.

"Whatever the rules are we will abide by them, and when [Jolie] was booked last week we would have said, 'Thank you very much' if she only wanted to talk about 'Tomb Raider,'" he said. "We've passed on a bunch of these interviews when the rule is 'no personal questions.'"

But "Tomb Raider" producer Paramount denies that anyone spiked the interview.

"Angelina had been answering personal questions all weekend long, so there must have been a technical error," said a Paramount spokeswoman. "We certainly wouldn't have pulled the plug."



LUCEY

Last, but not least . . .

★ Want to audition for "**American Idol 3**"? Producers will be here Monday, Aug. 25 — time and place to be determined (with the date subject to change). We'll keep you posted.

★ Ex-White House press secretary **Ari Fleischer** and **Beyonce Knowles** visit Thursday's "Late Show" (11:35 p.m./ Ch. 2).

★ **Jake Tapper** has been named an ABC News correspondent.

★ Hampton Sheet editor/publisher **Joan Jedell** dishes every Monday (7:48 a.m.) on WRTN (93.5 FM) and WVOX (1460 AM) simultaneously — and will be on Ch. 2 this Sunday (8:45 a.m.).

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