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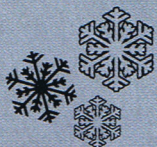
THE 50-YARD BUTTERFLY may seem unlikely preparation for a reporting career, but Fox News anchor—and Buckhead native—**Laurie Dhue** says she still uses the lessons she learned as captain of her Westminster High School swim team when she's interviewing Hamas terrorist leaders.

"Swim team taught me discipline," she says. "I was a B student, but athletics really gave me a chance to excel."

At age 27, Dhue was one of the youngest anchors at CNN before moving on to MSNBC. Now, as host of *Fox Magazine* and *The Fox Report*, she is the only woman to have anchored for all three cable news networks.

Dhue fondly remembers the city where she got her start: "There is nothing like an Atlanta spring." —JOHANNA ANDERSON

By the Numbers



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THE LAST TIME
ATLANTA
HAD A WHITE
CHRISTMAS

OUR★TOWN

MODERN MANNERS

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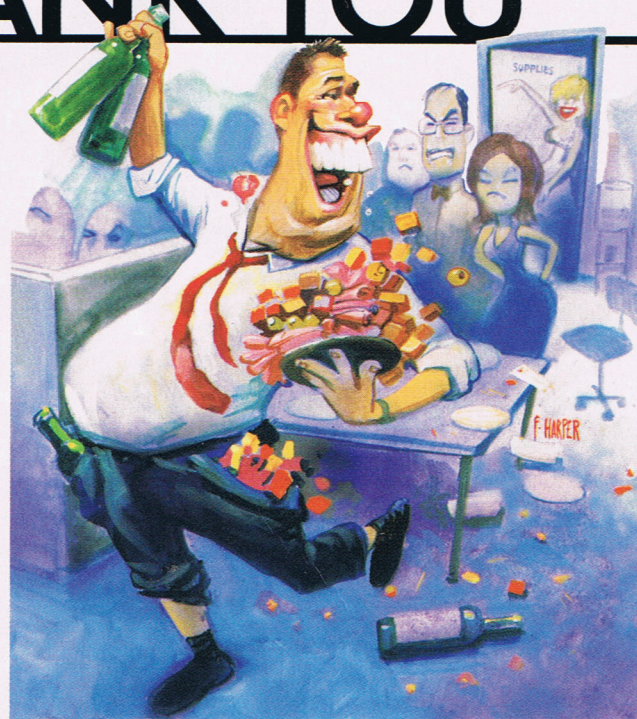
You're never too
old to learn **GOOD**
MANNERS.

By Chandra R. Thomas

WE'RE ALL FAMILIAR WITH the concept of kids having etiquette training, but adults? Local certified etiquette and protocol consultant Jacqueline Caffey teaches etiquette refresher courses to everyone from college grads starting their careers to CEOs and professional athletes.

Through customized hands-on seminars like "Dining With Diplomacy" and "Outclass the Competition," Caffey says her pupils improve their social skills, excel in their careers and avoid embarrassment at social gatherings.

So why the demand for manners? Are people just more rude these days? "Every day that I open my eyes, I know I've got job security," Caffey laughs. She says, these days, people are more concerned with being technologically or athletically brilliant, and lose sight of the importance of social grace, especially in business.



Basic introductions are where people make the biggest mistakes, she says.

"People forget to use 'Mr.' or 'Mrs.' or 'sir' or 'ma'am' ... instead it's like, 'Hey John!'"

With the holiday party season approaching, it's an especially important time to mind our manners, Caffey says. Whether it's a formal soiree or that dreaded office party, she offers these tips to help us walk the line between being tactful and tacky:

MAKE PROPER INTRODUCTIONS

If you're the host, your job is to facilitate mingling. Introduce guests to each other by first and last name. At company gatherings, the highest-ranking guest should be introduced first.

NEVER ARRIVE EMPTY-HANDED

Whether it's a bottle of wine, a plant or flowers, always bring something for the host. "But nothing too personal," Caffey warns. "Cash is not an option."

NEVER DRINK TOO MUCH

Don't assume that because alcohol is available, it's safe to go bottoms-up, especially at

How are your manners?
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protocol quiz.

office parties. "Don't get wasted," she advises. "You still have to work with these people!"

BEWARE OF THE BUFFET

With all that food around, it's easy to go overboard, but that's a no-no according to our expert. The amount of food on your plate should not be higher than the width of the plate, Caffey says. "If food is piled on top of food, you've got too much."

LEAVE EMPTY-HANDED

Don't be rude by taking food home with you or asking to take the centerpieces, unless they're offered. "Leave with what you came with, less the gift," she says.

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Ask Atlanta Magazine

What's the deal with the Pink Pig?

ACCORDING TO MICHAEL BRUBAKER of the Atlanta History Center, the Rich's Pink Pig first appeared in 1953 as an elevated monorail at the downtown Rich's store. In the mid-sixties, a second pig was created and the two were named Priscilla and Percival. After brief stints at the Festival of Trees and the Atlanta History Center, it moved to Lenox Square in 2003, where it remains a children's ride outside of Macy's. —J. HECKERT

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OUR★TOWN

DULY NOTED

OH, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE

Notable Atlantans dish about their best and worst **HOLIDAY GIFTS**.

Bow Wow, recording artist

BEST My American Express black card.



Sara Blakely, founder of SPANX

BEST A John Travolta fan club membership from Santa when I was 8 years old. It came with a laminated card that I carried around in my Hello Kitty purse. **WORST** A pair of green corduroy pants with blue penguins on them. My grandmother gave them to me when I was in eighth grade, a time when you just had to dress cool. Those were anything but.



Vernon Jones, DeKalb County CEO

BEST I begged my dad for months and he finally broke down and got me this black and tan beagle hound. His name was Duke, and he was so cute . . . one of the best hunting dogs I ever had.

WORST An ugly tie. I was asked to speak at a nonprofit event, and I had to wear it for that person [who gave it to me].



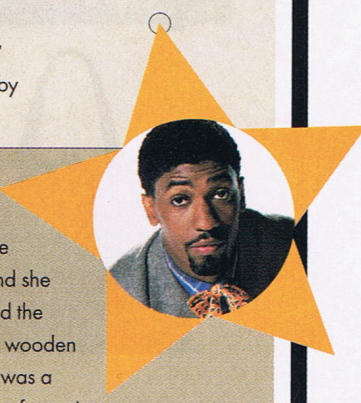
Jenn Hobby, The Bert Show, All the Hits Q100

WORST My granddad used to get me age-inappropriate toys. I was 14 years old, and he gave me gifts for a 10-year-old.



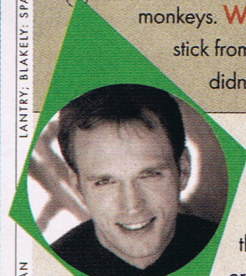
Fonzworth Bentley, actor, producer, Diddy protégé and umbrella-holder

BEST A bottle of Courvoisier XO accompanied by a Lalique crystal brandy sniffer.



Tom Sullivan, Star 94's Steve & Vikki Morning Show

BEST When I was a kid, my mom took me to the grocery store, and outside were Christmas trees. One tree was a Hawaiian Christmas tree. I loved it so much, and she told me I couldn't have it. I went home and cried. I woke up Christmas morning and the Hawaiian Christmas tree was not only in our house, but fully decorated with wooden monkeys. **WORST** My uncle gave me a "yard stick" one time . . . it was a stick from his yard that he had tagged "yard stick" and thought it was funny. I didn't even re-gift that one—I drove by his house and threw it back in his yard.



Ramona DeBreaux, DJ on Hot 107.9

BEST When I was preparing for college, my extravagant-yet-sensible older cousin Crickett, who usually gave me designer digs, gave me a big box. I'm thinking it's something incredible. Turned out to be a laundry basket, new sheets, an iron, hangers and a hot pot. I smiled and said, "Thank you," thinking, "Man, I thought I was gonna be hooked up." But as soon as I got to my new dorm, I needed EVERY single item in that box. **WORST** A green and white plaid shirt with blue polka dots. It was so not cool. —CHARMAINE HENRY



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