

Community Connections welcomes...



The Cookie Channel

Hey, Kids, Cookie LaRue here! Welcome to my little slice of *Community Connections*. Here's the plan. Now I know all of you have some kind of problem. Maybe your girlfriend won't put out, you can't find the right drapes to match your new sofa, or every time you make a box of macaroni and cheese you add too much milk and the powdered sauce loses all of its flavor. Well, folks, your days of whinin' and worryin' are over. I'm here to set your life straight, if you'll excuse the term. Send your problems to me, Cookie LaRue, c/o *Community Connections*. And I, through the process of channeling my spiritual leader, Mitzi, will have you out of that slump and ready to...well, you get the picture. Hey, maybe you don't have a problem and just want to send in a recipe and ask me to bear your children. That's fine, too.

Here we go! One reader writes:

Dear Cookie, you glamorous movie star goddess of all that is, was, or will be:

Please help me! I moved to Asheville three years ago and am still single. I've tried everything from bars to Bent Creek and still can't find "Mister Right." I see my friends getting married left and right and it just makes things worse. Any advice you and Mitzi can give would be great. Sign me--Always a Bridesmaid

Well, Bridesmaid, I consulted Mitzi and she says: "Three years!?! What, is he ugly or something?" Well, I told Mitzi she was rude and psychically slapped her. Here's my advice, Honey. When all else fails, lower your standards. That is, of course, assuming you have them, and from your letter it sounds like yours are far too high. You should see some of the aliens I've been married to over the years. My advice to you is quit trying for "Mr. Right" and go git a "Mr. Right Now." And if that doesn't work, buy a dog.

Dear Cookie,

I am a 28-year old lesbian and am going through a tough decision-making time. I can't decide if I should shave my armpits and legs or let them go au naturale as many other wymin choose. What do you think?--Shave or Braid?

Dear S. O. B.: This is a delicate issue. Lots of wimmin find body hair attractive. Of course, it makes others gag. Let me ask you this: Did Eve have an Epilady? Hell, no, Sister! Stop clear-cutting those subterranean body parts and become one with the universe. And if anyone has anything to say about it, beat the crap out of them--in a positive way, of course.

Hey, Kids! As an extra bonus, here's one of my favorite recipes. Great for entertaining or your next pot-luck dilemma. After all, how many ways can you fix potatoes?

Cookie LaRue's Party Surprise

- 2 boxes Lime Jell-o
- 1 can Vienna Sausages (can substitute VegeLinks)
- 1/2 cup olives
- 1/4 cup whole anchovies
- Whipped cream
- Silver glitter
- Mix Jell-o according to box. Add other ingredients. Pour into a favorite Jell-o mold or bundt cake ring. Chill till firm and unmold. Garnish with whipped cream, glitter, and maybe some of those little drink parasols. Serves hundreds.

Well, that's all for now. Remember to send me your problems and, as always, if you can't change the world, change your wardrobe. ♣

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Even if they did hear about the boycott, many chose not to participate. Locally, Scandals, the Getaway and Cahoots participated in the boycott, but O.Henry's, Trax, and The Hitching Post left the decision up to customers. Art Fryar, owner of Scandals, The Getaway, and Cahoots, said that they began serving Miller beers again about two weeks ago, because the national boycott was officially over.

According to a study by the gay and lesbian market-research firm Overlooked Opinions, only 51% of the gay community honored the boycott. And in Milwaukee, the U.S. beer capitol, even the ACT UP chapter voted against the boycott.

The boycott may have helped local AIDS and gay/lesbian rights movements. In Chicago, a local bar owner said that the boycott has helped their community because it prompted the Miller beer distributor, Chicago Beverage Systems, to renew and increase its commitments to Chicago's gay and lesbian community, according to *Windy City Times*, 6/6/91. Nationally, Phillip Morris claims that the boycott had no economic impact, but brought issues to their attention.

Phillip Morris's Smith said that the promised additional funding will be available immediately and that organizations interested in applying for the Phillip Morris grants should direct them to: Corporate Communications, Phillip Morris Companies, Inc, 120 Park Avenue, New York, New York, 10017.--*Equal Time* (Minneapolis), 6/21/91; 6/2/91 ♣

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