

Best Place to Work Out:
 Burlington's YMCA (even without the pools the place is swimming in family).

Best Restaurants:
 Leunigs and City Market (smoke free and the menus include cappuccino, black bean and tofu everything, and good wine).

Best Vegetarian Restaurant:
 Montpelier's Horn of the Moon Cafe.

Best Coffee House:
 Burlington's Uncommon Ground on Church Street (the latest gay place to see and be seen).

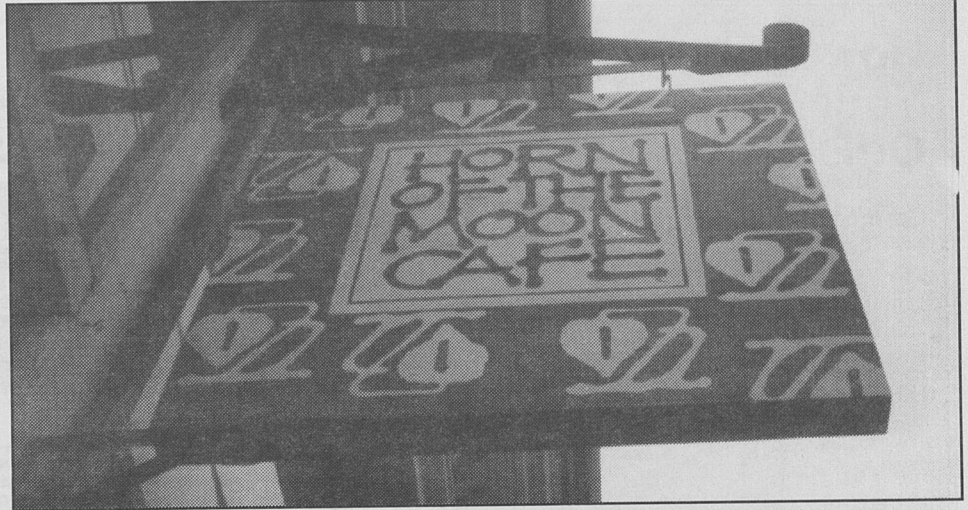
Best Gay Social Event:
 VCLGR's Creating Change/Community Conference (the largest gay social and political event in Vermont history).

Worst Social Event:
 Tea Dances in Vermont (just ask the twelve guys who go).

Best Social Organization:
 Vermont Gay Social Alternatives (VGSA).

Honorable mention:
 Women of the Woods (WOW) (I don't know a thing about them or what they do but I love the name).

Best Places for Sun:
 The Huntington Gorge & Shelburne Point.



Worst Beach:
 North Beach (can you say fecal coliform?).

Stuff Gay Folks Need:

Best Place to Shop:
 Church Street Marketplace and the Spiegel Catalog.

Worst Place to Shop:
 University Mall (This End Up Furniture--need I say more?)

Best Store for Gay Wear:
 Stowe Trading Post (bring the plastic).

Best Store for Day Wear:
 Ralph Lauren Outlet in Plattsburgh.

Best Stores for Bargains:
 TJ Maxx for clothes and Costco for other stuff, however what is a single gay guy going to do with 5 gallons of orange juice and a dozen muffins?
 Baseball caps (we know there's no hair under those hats guys).

Best Shoe Store:
 Cole Haan in Manchester.

Best Health Care Providers:
 Women's Choice for girls and UHC's Dr. Alan Rubin for boys.

Best Movie Theater:
 The Savoy in Montpelier.

Best Fashion Trend:
 Teva Sandals (although they do not go with everything these things are great).

Worst Fashion Trend:
 Baseball caps (we know there's no hair under those hats guys).

Best Bakery:
 Mirabelles in Burlington.

Best Record Store:
 Buch Spieler in Montpelier.

Best Flower Shop:
 Vivaldi Flowers in South Burlington.

Best Nursery:
 Rocky Dale in Bristol.

While trying to avoid the heterosexist slant of Vermont's other "best" lists (although not every individual and/or organization listed is gay and/or gay owned), that's my Vermont gay best and worst list so far. Readers are encouraged to share their additions, or subtractions, by sending them to OITM. ▼

