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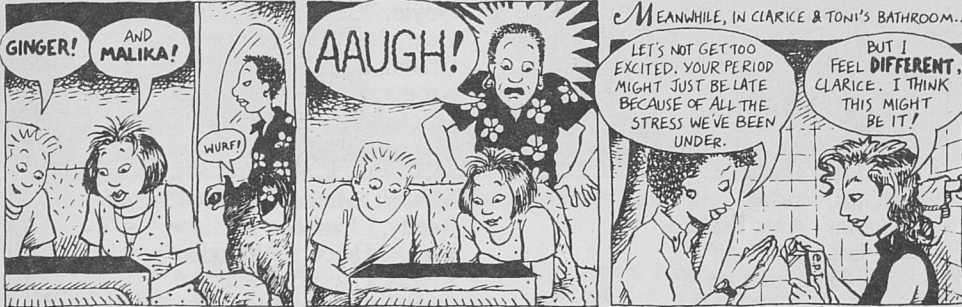
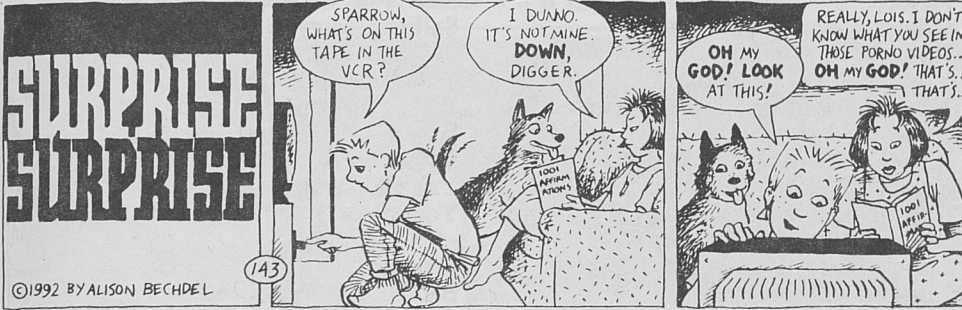
Other Vermont Races

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Senator Patrick Leahy, up for reelection, signed on earlier this year as a co-sponsor of the federal civil rights bill. In addition to that co-sponsorship, he has a long history of votes and vocal opposition to many of Jesse Helms' efforts to include anti-gay language in federal legislation. His Republican opponent, Secretary of State Jim Douglas, has no public position of willingness to sponsor civil right legislation.

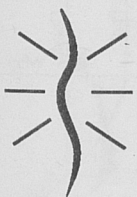
Representative Bernie Sanders is another federal co-sponsor up for reelection this year. His main opponent will either be right-wing Republican activist Tim Philbin, a vocal opponent of civil rights, or Rutland Mayor Jeff Weinberg, a more moderate pro-choice Republican with no history on lesbian/gay issues.

Other statewide candidates have a history of support for lesbian and gay rights. Republican Attorney General Jeff Amestoy backed both the civil rights bill and hate crimes legislation, and is viewed as a heavy favorite for reelection. Burlington attorney Ed Flanagan, the democratic candidate for Auditor of Accounts, serves on the board of Vermont C.A.R.E.S. and is a vocal supporter of civil rights. ▼



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