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Following is a list of major topic areas to be addressed in our news and public affairs coverage. Different items may be substituted depending upon current news events unforeseen at the outset of this quarter.

Examples of specific stories are given to help you identify if the topic fits the issue category.

Issue 1: **VT Yankee Nuclear Plant Closing in December**

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Radio Vermont News

ENTERGY DECOMMISSIONING

12/10/14

LK / JH

ENTERGY CORPORATION AND THE STATE OF VERMONT HAVE REACHED A PARTIAL AGREEMENT ON HOW TO FUND THE DECOMMISSIONING OF THE VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT IN VERNON.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER JOHN HERRICK HAS MORE.

~~(MT1209)~~ 1:17 Q: THIS PLANT

JH/10

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Radio Vermont News

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PROTESTS AT GOVERNOR'S MPR OFFICE BOB WELCH

Arrests came two-by-two LAST night inside the lobby of Governor Peter Shumlin's Montpelier office.

BW1028A

The move came after hours of protesting in the state office building by people rallying against the Vermont Gas pipeline that's in the works from Chittenden County through the Middlebury area.

A Shumlin spokesperson says the governor was not in his office but offered to speak to the protesters by phone and was denied. Some protesters claim that offer never happened.

Protestors say they were disappointed they did not get to confront the governor and vowed to be back.

In-total, state police say about 60 people were arrested Monday night and cited into court.

One question being posed is about how these protesters managed to get into the lobby of the Governor's Office in Montpelier... Channel 3's Keith McGilveray

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VERMONT GAS EXPANSION

11/11/14

LK / MT

VERMONT GAS IS CLAIMING PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATING PROPERTY EASEMENTS WITH
LANDOWNERS ALONG ITS PROPOSED PIPELINE ROUTE FROM COLCHESTER TO MIDDLEBURY.

V-T DIGGER'S JOHN HERRICK HAS MORE.

(JH1111)1:07 q: sort of agreement

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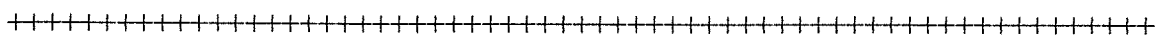
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VT GAS / EMINENT DOMAIN
12/2/14
LK / JH

VERMONT GAS SYSTEMS SAYS THAT, FOR NOW, IT IS CALLING OFF ITS EFFORTS TO SECURE EASEMENTS FROM ADDISON COUNTY RESIDENTS THROUGH EMINENT DOMAIN.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER JOHN HERRICK HAS MORE.

(JH1202) 1:22 Q: THE STATE

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PIPELINE COSTS / SHUMLIN
12/23/14

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GOVERNOR PETER SHUMLIN IS LOOKING INTO THE LATEST COST HIKE FOR A PROPOSED NATURAL GAS PIPELINE.

WCAXTV'S ALI FREEMAN SPOKE WITH THE MORNING NEWS SERVICE.

(ALI1223) :49

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BC-VT--911 Outage,125
Vermont requests investigation into FairPoint

The Vermont Department of Public Service has filed a petition with the state Public Service Board requesting an investigation into FairPoint's service, but the commissioner of Public Service says the recent storm-related outage of the state's E-911 system was not Fairpoint's fault.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER MORGAN TRUE HAS MORE.

(MT1201) 1:19 Q: PROBLEM ANYWAY

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BC-NNE--FairPoint Strike-Pickers Hit, 1st Ld-Writethru,126

Police: 3 FairPoint picketers hit by vehicle

Eds: APNewsNow. Updates with attempts to reach FairPoint.

KEENE, N.H. (AP) - Police say three striking FairPoint workers were struck by a vehicle driven by a replacement worker as they were picketing in Keene.

Keene police say one picketer went to the hospital for an evaluation Tuesday afternoon but did not have serious injuries. The two others refused medical treatment.

Authorities say the replacement worker drove across a picket line Tuesday afternoon and hit the three picketers.

Police are still investigating the incident and have not determined if the driver will be charged.

~~A FairPoint spokesman did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment.~~

More than 1,700 workers in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont have been on strike since Oct. 17.

The North Carolina-based company imposed its best and final offer in August after declaring an impasse.

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FAIRPOINT PROTOCOLS

12/22/14

LK / MT

FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS IS CHANGING SOME OF THE WAYS THAT THEY RESPOND TO SERVICE OUTAGES.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER MORGAN TRUE HAS MORE.

(MT1222) :54 Q: COMPANY

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chamber

Mark Johnson [mark@gmavt.net]

Sent: Monday, December 22, 2014 11:15 AM

To: News Room; Jon Noyes; Joel Najman [najlaw4@aol.com]

The president of the Vermont Chamber says her members are relieved Gov Shumlin is not going forward with health care financing reform.

MJNEWS 1222

Chamber President Betsy Bishop says it would have been too disruptive if the governor had pushed his plan for an 11.5 percent payroll tax and an income tax up to 9.5 percent.

While acknowledging the current financing system is flawed, Bishop says the Governor's plan would have been worse.

Bishop says the state must continue efforts to rein in health care spending. She also said Vermont should spend more money recruiting businesses to come to Vermont to grow the economy, which she said would take some of the pressure off of health care spending, education spending and make smaller some of the budget gaps, like this year's projected gap of 100 million

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Joel 12/19/14 Sanders/single payer from thom hartmann show

VERMONT U.S. SENATOR BERNIE SANDERS SAYS THE NOTION OF A SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE FINANCE SYSTEM IS FAR FROM DEAD IN THE GREEN MOUNTAIN STATE:

SANDERS1219

SENATOR SANDERS MADE HIS COMMENTS ON WDEV FRIDAY DURING HIS "BRUNCH WITH BERNIE " SEGMENT ON THE "THOM HARTMANN SHOW".

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Joel -Mark Johnson Show 12/18/ phil scott / health care financing

VERMONT LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR PHIL SCOTT SAYS GOVERNOR PETER SHUMLIN MADE THE CORRECT CHOICE IN DECIDING NOT TO PRESENT A SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE FINANCING PLAN TO THE LEGISLATURE WHEN IT COVENES THIS JANUARY:

PHILSCOTT1218

1 min 20 sec

THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MADE HIS COMMENTS THURSDAY ON THE MARK JOHNSON SHOW

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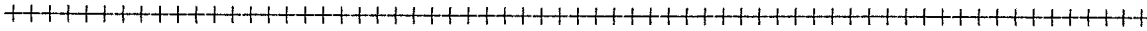
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*6140 AP-VT--Health Overhaul-Vermont, 1st Ld-Writethru,130
Single-payer advocates express anger at Shumlin
Eds: APNewsNow. Restores dropped words to first paragraph.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Supporters of a state-run single-payer health care plan for Vermont left a plate of mostly burnt toast at the door of Gov. Peter Shumlin's Statehouse office to tell him that's what they think his career is.

Demonstrators gathered first on the Statehouse steps and then went indoors to the doorway of the office Shumlin uses mainly during the legislative session. It was closed. Afterward, they marched through downtown Montpelier to a meeting of the Green Mountain Care Board, the panel that has overseen Vermont's efforts to revamp its health care system.

The tone of the demonstration was unusually angry, with demonstrators chanting, "Which side are you on, Shumlin?"

~~The event followed Shumlin's announcement Wednesday that he was scrapping his push for a state-funded universal health system, calling it too expensive.~~

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Mark Johnson <mark@gmavt.net>

independent practices

MT News 12/15

1 message

Mark Johnson <mark@gmavt.net>

Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 11:39 AM

To: news <news@radiovermont.com>, lkittell <lkittell@radiovermont.com>, jnoyes <jnoyes@radiovermont.com>

Will there be any doctors in Vermont that don't work for hospitals. One advocacy group is worried.

Health First is an organization that promotes the importance of doctor in practices independent of hospitals. In Vermont, approximately 75 percent of doctors now work for hospitals.

Amy Cooper of Health First says advantages to the patient for going to an independent practice can be less cost and procedures that can be done in an office and not in the hospital.

Dr Joe Haddock says he's worried in the push for savings and the way independent doctors are paid by insurance, sometimes less than doctors in hospitals, independent doctors will go away. That reimbursement rate has led some private practices to close and doctors signing up with hospitals.

Hospital officials have said having doctors on staff and paying them a salary can save health care costs, but Cooper and Haddock say studies have shown doctors in a practice independent of hospitals care provides some services more affordably.

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VHC PROGRESS
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LK / MT VTD

THE SHUMLIN ADMINISTRATION GAVE STATE LAWMAKERS A PROGRESS REPORT ON VERMONT HEALTH CONNECT, THE STATE'S ONLINE HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE.

~~V-T DIGGER REPORTER MORGAN TRUE HAS MORE.~~

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GOV PLAN./REAX
LK / DIGGER
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REACTION IS COMING IN FROM A NUMBER OF DIRECTIONS AFTER V-T DIGGER PUBLISHED SOME OF THE DETAILS OF GOVERNOR PETER SHUMLIN'S EFFORT TO FUND SINGLE-PAYER HEALTH CARE IN VERMONT.

DIGGER REPORTER MORGAN TRUE HAS MORE.

(MT1208) 1:54 Q: THIS MONTH

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Mark Johnson [mark@gmavt.net]

Sent: Monday, December 01, 2014 11:29 AM

To: News Room; Lee Kittell; Jon Noyes

The chair of the Green Mt Care Board says his group will start working on a benefits package for a new health care system.

MSNEWS1201

Green Mt Care Board chair Al Gobeille says the five-member board will start taking testimony this Thursday on what should be included in the benefits package that would be offered to Vermonters under a new health care system.

Unlike the funding for the new system, there is no role for the Legislature in defining the benefits package. That job is for the Green Mt Care Board, a regulatory body.

Gobeille says he hears the concerns of those who are fearful of a new system, a big change.

On funding, the administration will propose a package of taxes to fund the system. That must be approved by the Legislature and then be reviewed by the Green Mt Care Board.

Gobeille says it will take at least three months to outline what will be in the benefit package.

The board is in charge of defining the benefit package

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Gruber

Mark Johnson [mark@gmavt.net]

Sent: Monday, November 17, 2014 1:31 PM**To:** News Room; Lee Kittell; Jon Noyes

A local advocacy group is pushing for the removal of health care consultant Jon Gruber.

the Campaign for Vermont is calling for Gruber's ouster because of comments he made about how the Affordable Care Act was passed. Gruber said he essentially hoodwinked the Congressional Budget office and the law passed over quote the stupidity of the American people.

Gruber has been hired by the Shumlin administration to crunch numbers, but Cyrus Patten of the Campaign for Vermont said his work should end now. Fellow Campaign for Vermont member Tom Pelham said the work could be done by the state's economists.

Patten said Vermont should demand its money back too.

Lawrence Miller, chief of health care reform, says Gruber's comments were reprehensible but he said the state should continue to work with him until his work is done. He is helping to prepare an economic analysis in connection with the administration's plan to release a financing plan for a universal system in January.

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HEALTH CONNECT RE-BOOT
11/17/14
LK / MT

THE POORLY FUNCTIONING VERMONT HEALTH CONNECT WEBSITE WAS TAKEN DOWN IN AUGUST
AFTER A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT SECURITY ISSUES.

THE RELAUNCH OF THE WEBSITE CAME OVER THE PAST WEEKEND.

MORGAN TRUE OF V-T DIGGER DOT ORG TELLS US HOW ITS GOING SO FAR.

(MT1117) :50 Q: CARE

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Jon Noyes

From: Mark Johnson <mark@gmavt.net>
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2014 11:34 AM
To: News Room; Lee Kittell; Jon Noyes
Subject: shumlin

Gov Peter Shumlin says he will move ahead on his efforts for a universal health care system and that the close election results were not a referendum on reform.

MON NEWS 1114

~~The governor pointed to pockets of opposition on issues including a proposed gas pipeline in Addison County, wind projects in the Northeast Kingdom and a general anxiety over property taxes as the primary reasons he only narrowly came in with more votes than his republican opponent, Scott Milne. Because no one had more than 50 percent, the election will be decided by the legislature in January.~~

In an interview with Radio Vermont, the governor said it was policy issues that people opposed and he dismissed suggestions that some Vermonters do not trust him.

On health care reform, the governor said he planned to outline a plan to the Legislature in January, but he also said he might present more than one plan, but hadn't yet decided. He said he felt there was not a message in the election results to slow health care reform efforts.

The governor said he would do a better job listening to Vermonters and would make himself more accessible. He said over the past four years, he has spent too much time "talking to the same people" and would broaden his public event schedule to talk to more and different people.

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Lee Kittell

From: Mark Johnson <mark@gmavt.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 11:28 AM
To: News Room; Lee Kittell; Jon Noyes
Subject: health care

The chief of health care reform says the insurance web site will be up and running, though not everyone will be able to use it.

MJNEWS 1113

Health Care chief Lawrence Miller says Vermont Health Connect will be up and running on Saturday for the next period where Vermonters can sign up for health insurance, which is called open enrollment. The web site has been shut down because of numerous problem, including security concerns.

However, the website will only be for new enrollees. Those seeking to renew their plans will have to do it by mail and small businesses are supposed to deal directly with an insurance carrier.

One hundred million dollars in federal money has been spent developing the health care website and several separate web sites to be used by the aGency of Human Services.

Miller says that's a good deal.

Miller was highly critical of Jon Gruber, a health care consultant the state has hired who has come under fire for saying he misled the public as an architect of the federal Affordable Care Act. Miller said the state would likely not to business with Gruber, whose statements Miller said were outrageous, after he completes his current work for the state.

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VT HEALTH CONNECT VS. FED EXCHANGE

11/11/14

LK / MT

FRESH OF THEIR FIRST LEGISLATIVE GAINS IN A DECADE, REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATIVES IN VERMONT TOOK AIM AT THE STATE'S POORLY-FUNCTIONING HEALTH EXCHANGE WEBSITE, SAYING THEY WANT THE STATE TO ABANDON 'VERMONT HEALTH CONNECT', AND JOIN THE FEDERAL EXCHANGE.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER MORGAN TRUE HAS MORE ON WHAT THAT CHANGE WOULD MEAN FOR VERMONTERS.

(MT1110) 1:37 Q: BUDGET ADDRESS

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STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH PREMIUMS
10/20./14
LK / MT

THE PREMIUMS FOR STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE PLANS ARE GOING UP SHARPLY.

V-T DIGGER'S MORGAN TRUE HAS MORE.

(MT1020) 1:03 Q: HUMAN RESOURCES

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Lee Kittell

From: Mark Johnson <mark@gmavt.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2014 11:18 AM
To: News Room; Lee Kittell

Governor Shumlin says seniors on Medicare will not be part of the population funding a new health care system.

MJNEWS 1009

Shumlin says seniors on Medicare would not be paying additional income taxes, which are expected to be part of the package of taxes the governor will lay out in January to pay for a new health care delivery system that are not paid for through premiums.

The governor did say, however, that he would like to see Senior get any supplemental insurance they would need through the new state system.

The governor expressed frustration with the problems with the Vermont Health Care web site, but insisted

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VT HEALTH CONNECT

10/7/14

LK / MT

CUSTOMERS OF VERMONT HEALTH CONNECT THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO PAY THEIR PREMIUMS ONLINE ARE RECEIVING NOTICES DIRECTING THEM TO MAKE PAYMENTS ON A WEBSITE THAT HAS BEEN TAKEN OFFLINE.

V-T DIGGER'S MORGAN TRUE HAS MORE.

(MT1007) 1:12 Q: SEVEN NINE SEVEN NINE

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Lee Kittell

From: Mark Johnson <mark@gmavt.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2014 11:31 AM
To: News Room; Lee Kittell; Jon Noyes
Subject: milne

Republican Scott Milne says he should be the next governor.

MJNEWS 1210

Milne finished more than 2,000 votes behind Democrat incumbent Peter Shumlin in the November contest, but now that the race is going to the Legislature, Milne says he should be lawmakers's first choice. He argues more voters than not voted against the governor and that Shumlin's agenda, including an overhaul of the state's health care system, would be bad for Vermont.

Milne says the constitution does not require lawmakers to vote for the top vote getter and in an interview with Radio Vermont, said he would accept the Legislaure not voting him in if he ahd been the top vote getter. Milne said advice he received from former Gov Jim Douglas to concede the race and run another time was aimed to help his Milne's politial future, not necessarily what would be in the best interests of the state.

Because no candidate recieved 50 percnet of the vote, the 180 members of the Vermont Legislature will decide the race when they return in January.

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BC-VT--Election Audit,101

Vermont to audit election results of 6 towns

Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - The Vermont secretary of state's office is going to be auditing the election results from six towns.

On Wednesday, the election's division will conduct the audit at City Hall in Montpelier.

Results of all races from the towns of East Montpelier, Fayston, Manchester, Saint Johnsbury, Westminster, and Wolcott will be audited using new scanning technology. The audit will re-tabulate the ballots to produce an independent count from each town that will be compared to the results reported on Election Day.

Secretary of State Jim Condos says ensuring the election process is honest and accurate is as important as the voting itself.

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ELECTION PACKAGE

IT WAS AN EVENTFUL ELECTION NIGHT IN VERMONT. LEE KITTELL HAS THE HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST NIGHT'S VOTES.

(LK1104) (5:30) Q: RVN

ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL, VERMONT HAD ONE ELECTION ON TUESDAY. DEMOCRAT REPRESENTATIVE PETER WELCH WILL RETURN TO THE U.S. HOUSE AFTER EASILY DEFEATING REPUBLICAN CHALLENGER MARK DONKA.

WELCH WAS ASKED HOW THE REPUBLICANS SHOULD RUN THE U.S. SENATE WITH THEIR NEW MAJORITY...

ATOP THE STATEWIDE TICKET, IT WAS AN UNDERWHELMING VICTORY FOR DEMOCRAT GOVERNOR PETER SHUMLIN. HE RECEIVED MORE VOTES THAN REPUBLICAN CHALLENGER, SCOTT MILNE, BUT FAILED TO GET 50 PERCENT OF THE VOTE. THAT MEANS THE GOVERNOR'S POSITION WILL BE DETERMINED BASED ON A VOTE BY THE DEMOCRAT- CONTROLLED LEGISLATURE.

IN HIS SPEECH TO SUPPORTERS TUESDAY NIGHT, SHUMLIN DOUBLED DOWN ON HIS AGENDA.

THOSE WORDS DID NOT RING WELL WITH REPUBLICAN CHALLENGER, SCOTT MILNE. THE FIRST-TIME CAMPAIGNER DID BETTER THAN MANY PREDICTED, BUT COULD NOT HIDE HIS DISAPPOINTMENT UPON HEARING SHUMLIN'S REMARKS.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR PHIL SCOTT WON AN EASY RE-ELECTION OF DEMOCRAT-PROGRESSIVE DEAN CORREN. THE ONLY REPUBLICAN STATEWIDE OFFICE HOLDER SAYS HE TOOK NOTHING FOR GRANTED IN THIS ELECTION.

IN LOCAL RACES, MOST INCUMBENTS WERE RETURNED TO OFFICE, BUT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY APPEARS TO HAVE MADE SMALL GAINS IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE. VERMONT'S GOP PARTY CHAIR DAVID SUNDERLAND HAS MODESTLY OPTIMISTIC AS THE NIGHT BEGAN.

BC-VT--Vermont Election-Turnout,87
Vermont hits record low voter turnout
Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Vermont's voter turnout appears to have hit a record low in the 2014 elections.

With 99 percent of precincts reporting, The Associated Press calculates that the final turnout figure will be about 193,500.

That's about 43.6 percent of the roughly 443,400 registered voters in the state.

That figure is eight-tenths of a percentage point below the previous low of 44.4 percent of voters who turned out in 1978.

~~In both that year and this year, there was no presidential race and no U.S. Senate contest in Vermont.~~

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BC-VT--Education Funding, 2nd Ld-Writethru,124
Vt. Dems, Milne tackle school funding

Republican gubernatorial candidate Scott Milne has unveiled an ambitious plan to cut per-pupil public school spending in Vermont by a third, and use the savings to pay for the state's young people to attend a Vermont college.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER LARA KRONTZ HAS MORE.

(LARA1015) 1:00 Q: TO CONSOLIDATE

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GOP PAC IN VT
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A REPUBLICAN POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE IS RUNNING A CAMPAIGN IN VERMONT ENCOURAGING VERMONTERS TO SUPPORT THE G-O-P IN LOCAL ELECTIONS.

V-T DIGGER ASSIGNMENT EDITOR THOM BROWN HAS MORE.

(TB1009A) :43 Q: HE SAYS

THERE IS MORE ON THIS STORY ONLINE AT V-T DIGGER DOT ORG.
