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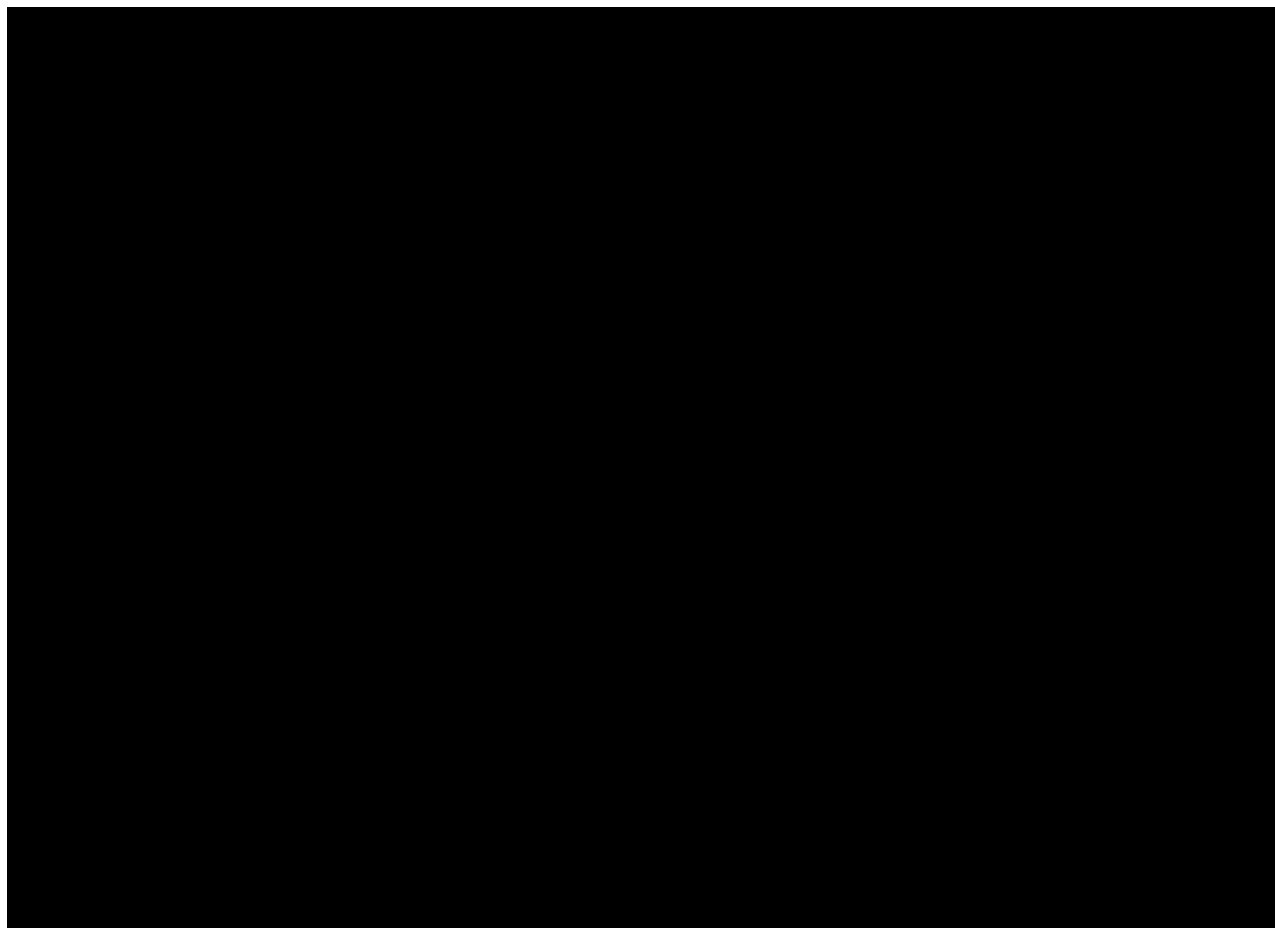
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By Steve Benen

Today's installment of campaign-related news items that won't necessarily generate a post of their own, but may be of interest to political observers:

* VoteVets.org is launching this tough new ad this week, slamming congressional Republicans for shutting down the federal government. It's part of a \$100,000 initial ad buy, which will run on national cable outlets.



* In Virginia's gubernatorial race, a new Quinnipiac poll shows Terry McAuliffe (D) leading Ken Cuccinelli (R) by eight points, 47% to 39%.

* Public Policy Polling now shows Democrats with a five-point advantage on the generic congressional ballot, 46% to 41%. Among self-identified independents, Dems' lead over Republicans is now nine points, 42% to 33%.

* Rep. Phil Gingrey (R-GA) told Roll Call that House Republicans are "absolutely" prepared to lose their majority in pursuit of their government-shutdown and debt-ceiling goals. File this quote away for future use.

* Rep. C.W. Bill Young (R-Fla.) announced yesterday he will retire at the end of this Congress. It creates an important Democratic pick-up opportunity – President Obama won Young's 13th district last year, suggesting a pickup opportunity for Democrats in the 2012 election.

* In New Jersey's U.S. Senate special election, a Stockton Polling poll shows Cori Bookover (D) leading

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8 DAYS AGO

Is Gingrey up for reelection in the first place. I was under the impression that he's running for governor of GA, although I guess he can run again for his House seat if he doesn't make it as governor.

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