Vermont Vegetable and Berry News – March 18, 2013 Compiled by Vern Grubinger, University of Vermont Extension (802) 257-7967 ext. 303, vernon.grubinger@uvm.edu (Woodbury) I had hopes of starting early this season but too much happened. Then it turned cold again; glad I waited. The greenhouse is ready to go, potting soil will arrive this week then there's no turning back. Crew is lined up, and we're excited about working together again. What a difference a returning crew can make. Imagine: people who understand the tasks at hand and know how to do them, know why we do things a certain way, and put up with me. I am truly lucky. I plan

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I believe there will be an additional labor cost of 12 hours a week just to manage deer fence (electric portable and baiting) starting at planting time, plus the cost of materials. It has to be bad in the woods because last week I saw a new pest in the strawberries I hadn't seen before: a porcupine out in the middle of the field in the midd