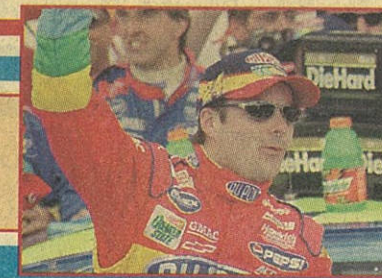




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Jeff Gordon ends losing streak



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Pipeline work beginning here

Care taken to protect roads

By Erin Carey
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LaPORTE — Even though the County Commissioners threatened to make it difficult for Vector Pipeline to pass through LaPorte County, work on the main line is expected to begin next month.

"We're in good shape," said Dave Henderson, Vector's community relations manager.

Vector already is beginning the grading and site preparation for a compressor station near Springville, at the corner of Fail Road and the Indiana Toll Road.

Project managers also applied for and received 31 county road crossing permits in February from the County Highway Department.

All of the crossings involve boring underneath the road surface with the exception of Division Road, Hen-

derson said. While contractors are laying the natural gas pipeline by making an open cut through that gravel road, however, they must allow traffic to pass at all times.

There still is one county issue to be settled, however.

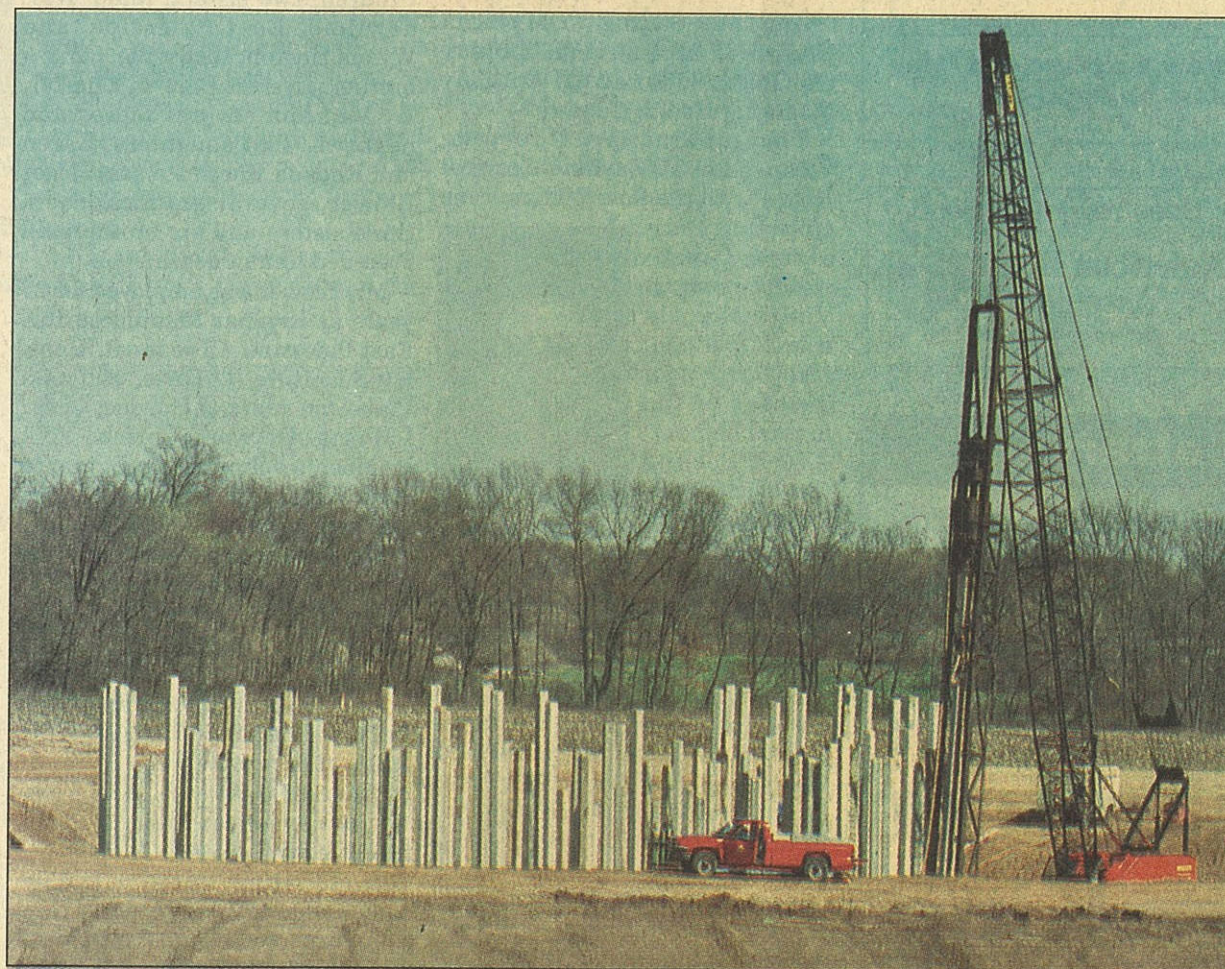
The commissioners and county residents are worried that heavy equipment and workers heading toward the construction sites will once again tear up roads the county has been hard at work repairing in the past couple of years.

Highway Engineer Joe Bellina said this is being kept in mind.

"The permits in and of themselves do not give them (contractors) the right to use the county roads," he said.

Instead, once Vector selects contractors — the bid packages are

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A crane drives support beams into the ground as part of construction for the natural gas pipeline's Springville compressor station on Fail Road near the Indiana Toll Road.

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Market's next step uncertain

By Eileen Glanton
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NEW YORK — If there was a glimmer of good news in Friday's catastrophic stock market sell-off, it came in the final hour of trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average, down more than 700 points in late afternoon, clawed about 100 points higher by 4 p.m. when the closing bell rang at the New York Stock Exchange.

"The close was vitally important," said Gary Kaltbaum, chief technical analyst at J.W. Genesis Securities in Boca Raton, Fla. "For several days, we saw selling peak in the last hour as major institutional investors just got out of the way."

On Friday, the institutional investors appeared to be responsible for the late-hour upturn.

That very modest move higher could have been a sign that after the worst week in Wall Street history, investors are ready to return in search of bargains, some market analysts said. But others aren't as certain investors will be ready to jump back in.

The Dow industrials lost a record 805.71 points, or 7.3 percent, last week, while the Nasdaq composite index shed a record 1,125.16 points, or 25.3 percent.

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