

"Definitely, he tries to handle way, way too much," says Robbie Loomis, who worked for the Pettys before becoming Jeff Gordon's crew chief in 2001. "He's good at about everything, but when you get stretched so thin and get pulled in so many directions, it's hard to tell what direction to go in."

Petty says he enjoys being busy but concedes that the return of Dale Inman, the crew chief for Richard Petty's championship teams, is making his job easier. Although Inman is 67 and can't offer much in the way of technical advice, Petty says Inman's presence helps crewmembers believe the team can win. Petty compares it to Joe Gibbs returning to coach the NFL's Washington Redskins.

Although Petty says this isn't his last season as a driver, Loomis says Petty's retirement could be the first major step toward a team resurgence. When Petty stops driving and focuses on running the team, Loomis says, "You're going to see a whole new Petty Enterprises."

The team is improving slowly; Petty's recent 12th-place finish at Las Vegas Motor Speedway was cause for mild celebration. The lack of research-and-development money continues to show, as Petty and Green finish in the bottom half of the field most of the time.

Though nice guys, as the saying goes, might finish last, that doesn't mean they have to like it; a disappointing race can transform Petty from friendly to fierce. But his outbursts aren't without perspective and don't last long.

"I can deal with how we run a lot better, sometimes, because of Adam," Petty says. "Because nothing is as bad as Adam, no matter what. I can go to the racetrack, run dead last. I can go to the racetrack, not make the race. That's still not the worst day."

GANG CAMP'S AIM: HELPING SICK KIDS

About the Victory Junction Gang Camp: Campers will be grouped according to the disease they have been diagnosed with; a group of children with hemophilia will visit the camp June 20-25, and seven other groups of children will visit during the camp's eight-week season.

Campers, ages 7-15, will be selected based on their doctors' recommendations and will not pay a fee to attend.

The camp is seeking volunteer counselors and donations.

Online: www.victoryjunction.org •

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:12 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3942. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7 Commercial Boulevard in Middletown, Rhode Island, as the "Rhode Island Veterans Post Office Building".

H.R. 4219. An act to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, an other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1904. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 400 North Miami Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the "Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. United States Courthouse".

S. 2043. An act to designate a Federal building in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as the "Ronald Reagan Federal Building".

The message further announced that pursuant to section 637(d)(1) of the HELP Commission Act (Public Law 108-199), the Minority Leader appoints the following individuals on the part of the House of Representatives to the Helping To Enhance the Livelihood of People (HELP) Around the Globe Commission: Mr. Lytn C. Fritz of California, Mr. C. Payne Lucas of Washington, DC, and Mr. Jeffery D. Sachs of New York.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3942. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7 Commercial Boulevard in Middletown, Rhode Island, as the "Rhode Island Veterans Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7213. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emergency Conservation Program" (RIN0560-AG26) received on April 27, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7214. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tree Assistance Program" (RIN0560-AG83) received on April 27, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7215. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tuberculosis Cattle and Bison; State and Zone Designations; Michigan" (Doc. No. 02-112-3) received on April 27, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7216. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Classical Swine Fever Status of France and Spain" (Doc. No. 98-090-7) received on April 27, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7217. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cattle From Australia and New Zealand; Testing Exemptions" (Doc. No. 99-071-3) received on April 27, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7218. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Golden Nematode; Regulated Area" (Doc. No. 03-082-2) received on April 27, 2004; to the Com-

mittee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7219. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certification Program for Imported Articles of Pelargonium spp. and Solanum spp. to Prevent Introduction of Potato Brown Rot" (Doc. No. 03-019-2) received on April 27, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7220. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Requirements for Cooperative Services Grant Programs, Value-Added Producer Grants, Agriculture Innovation Centers and Rural Cooperative Development Grants" (RIN0570-AA40) received on April 27, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7221. A communication from the Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "CHAMPUS/TRICARE; Implementation of the Pharmacy Benefits Program" (RIN0720-AA63) received on April 27, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7222. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Department of Defense assistance to civilian sporting events during calendar year 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7223. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prompt Corrective Action; Corporate Credit Unions; Credit Union Service Organizations; Member Business Loans; Regulatory Flexibility Program" received on April 27, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7224. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the national emergency declared in with respect to Sierra Leone in Executive Order 13194; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7225. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. imports to Mexico; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7226. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. imports to the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7227. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Communities Eligible for the Sale of Flood Insurance" (Doc. No. FEMA-7770) received on April 27, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7228. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations; 68 FR 8113" received on April 27, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7229. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations; 68 FR 8112" received on April 27, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.