

Weatherspoon out at least eight weeks

By CHARLES ODUM
AP Sports Writer

six weeks and can't play in a game for eight weeks.

Head coach Mike Smith announced Jackson will miss Sunday's game at Miami with a thigh injury.

Smith said Jackson's injury is not expected to keep him out for a significant amount of time.

"He will not play this week. I know that," Smith said. "It is short term. When I say short term, I don't know if it's two weeks or three weeks, but Steven is ruled out for the game this week and will not play."

Smith provided no further details on Jackson's injury.

The announcement came one day after the Falcons placed defensive end Kroy Biermann (torn right Achilles tendon) and fullback Bradie Ewing (separated left shoulder) on the reserve list with season-ending injuries.

Smith said he hasn't experienced a similar wave of injuries in his six years as At-



Atlanta outside linebacker Sean Weatherspoon, left, will be out for at least eight weeks with a foot injury.

lanta's head coach.

"We've not had anything close to this," Smith said. "There have been games where we've had guys who have not been able to play and it's been the next-man up mentality, and I think that's really what our guys under-

to be prepared."

Jackson left the 31-24 win over the Rams after scoring in the first quarter on an 8-yard pass from Matt Ryan. Smith said Jacquizz Rodgers and Jason Snelling will share the work at running back against the Dolphins.

The status of cornerback Asante Samuel also is in doubt. Samuel left the game against the Rams with a thigh injury.

Weatherspoon, a first-round pick in 2010, quickly established himself as the leader of Atlanta's defense. He had 13 tackles this season and 306 in his career. Biermann has 16½ sacks in his career, including four last season, and took on the expanded role of outside linebacker when the Falcons went to a 3-4 alignment.

Replacing Weatherspoon is particularly troublesome,

however, because linebacker is the team's thinnest position. There were only four other linebackers on the roster, including two undrafted rookies, before the Falcons signed Jamar Chaney and Omar Gaither on Tuesday.

Smith said the two undrafted rookies, Joplo Bartu and Paul Worrirow, will play significant roles. Bartu started ahead of Stephen Nicholas against the Rams.

"We're looking forward to seeing what these young guys can do," Smith said. "Bartu had a good ballgame last week and Worrirow and Nicholas are guys that get back into the mix. They've got to go out there and perform and we're very confident that they will."

"The two young guys showed what they can do in the preseason and then Bartu did it in the game the other day."

FLOWERY BRANCH

Atlanta has lost linebacker Sean Weatherspoon for at least eight weeks and running back Steven Jackson will miss the Falcons' next game — and maybe more.

The win against St. Louis on Sunday is proving to be costly.

Weather-spoon became the third starter placed on injured reserve Tuesday with a foot injury after the victory over the Rams, although he will be eligible to rejoin the roster in Week 11.

The Falcons (1-1) used the one-time-only designation that allows an injured player to return, but Weatherspoon won't be able to practice for

Bethpage Black will host PGA, Ryder Cup

By FRANK ELTMAN
Associated Press

vantage and how intimidating a Bethpage Black Ryder Cup would be?"

"This venue, this course, this city is going to take the Ryder Cup to a place that it's never been before," Bishop said.

"The PGA Championship and the Ryder Cup tournaments will also provide a tremendous boost to the Long Island economy and put the beautiful, world-class Bethpage State Golf Course on an international stage," said Gov. Andrew Cuomo. He noted the PGA Championship held at Oak Hill near Rochester this summer brought 200,000 visitors to the region and added \$75 million to the local economy.

Officials at Tuesday's news conference noted that New York also hosted to the first PGA Championship in 1916 in Bronxville.

"To combine the energy of the Ryder Cup with the energy of Bethpage State Park and the state of New York and New York sports fans is really exciting to think about," PGA CEO Pete Bevacqua said.

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. — The Ryder Cup and PGA Championship are coming to Bethpage Black.

The PGA of America announced Tuesday that Bethpage Black will host the Ryder Cup in 2024, as well as the 2019 PGA Championship.

The public course at a Long Island state park has developed a well-earned reputation for loud and boisterous fans, having played host to two U.S. Open championships in 2002 and 2009. Last year, the Barclays was held there as part of the FedEx Cup playoffs.

PGA of America president Ted Bishop says players have asked for years about playing the Ryder Cup at Bethpage.

He said he was watching Phil Mickelson and Rickie Fowler during a practice round at the 2010 Ryder Cup, when Bethpage Black came up. Bishop says Fowler mused, "Can you imagine what a great home field ad-

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Notice is hereby given that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the use of said the routing of the detour of this project.
The date of the detour approval is: September 11, 2013.
The proposed project would include a replacement of the at-grade intersection at SR 22/US 90 and CR 22/Holly Rd. beginning at MP 2.75 and ending at MP 3.03 in Bibb County for a project length of 0.28 miles. Located approximately one mile east of Litzella, Ga. and approximately twelve miles west of Macon, Ga., the roadway approaches to the south of the intersection with 12-ft travel lanes and 10-ft outside shoulders, of which 5-ft paved with open ditch drainage. At the entrance of the roundabout it will transition to an urban section with travel lanes separated by a concrete median with curb and gutter on the outside. Splitter islands will be utilized at the entrance to the roundabout to separate entering and exiting traffic streams and assist in channelizing the vehicles through the roundabout. The roundabout configuration would consist of a 160-ft. inscribed circle diameter with a 20-ft single lane circulatory roadway width. This results in a 120-ft diameter central island including a 20-ft wide traversable truck apron that would accommodate truck turning movements. Curb and gutter is provided along the inside of the truck apron. Curb and gutter with 5-ft sidewalk will be provided on the outside of the roundabout. The roadway approaches to the roundabout on Holly Road will consist of a rural section with 12-ft travel lanes, 10-ft outside shoulders of which 5-ft is paved with open ditch drainage. As the roadway approaches the roundabout it will transition to an urban section with a divided highway with variable width lanes separated by a concrete median with curb and gutter on the outside.
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Drawings or maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation:
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Earnhardt, Logano start Chase poorly

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

weekend. After a wide-ranging investigation, NASCAR officials punished Michael Waltrip Racing for its role in manipulating the race. Additionally, Logano's Penske Racing team was placed on probation Friday for its role in bargaining for track position at Richmond to get Logano in the Chase.

At least Logano's problems Sunday night were limited to the track. He had gone to pit road once before his exit, complaining of cylinder problems with his Ford.

"Unfortunately, the motor blew up. You have these ever-ley once in a while," said Logano, teammate of defending series champion Brad Keselowski. "It's a bummer to have it in the Chase when you are running for a championship. I feel like Chicago was one of those tracks we could win at. Everyone was doing the right thing. ... It just wasn't our day I guess."

Earnhardt felt the same way. He got caught in a slow-speed pile-up on pit road, damaged the nose of his car and struggled to keep the front end together the rest of the race.

"We were going to get that patched up and maybe be able to make something out of it," Earnhardt said. "But something broke there in the motor. It's tough."

JOLIET, Ill. — If the plan was to spot the competition a lead, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Joey Logano have their rivals right where they want them. Both got off to a miserable start in the opening race of the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

Logano, the pole-sitter, was forced to drop out of Sunday's rain-delayed race at Chicagoland Speedway when his engine quit with 91 laps remaining. He finished 37th.

Some 50 laps later, Earnhardt wound up following Logano onto pit road with a race-ending problem of his own. He settled for 35th.

They were the only two in the 13-driver Chase qualifying field not to finish the first of NASCAR's 10-race, season-ending playoff series. None of the other drivers finished worse than 16th.

"I am pretty angry," Logano said. "That was such a fast race car we had."

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ments, but then the altercation shifted up the street out of witnesses' view, she said. Turner's lawyer, Larry Fouche, told jurors King approached Turner, told him he owed him \$1,000 and at some point threatened Turner. Fouche said King also struck Turner with a beer bottle. "He tried to get away," Fouche said. But he alleged King followed Turner. Fouche said Turner yelled "leave me alone" and for a friend to help him, but Fouche alleged someone was holding the friend at gunpoint and didn't allow him to in-

tervene in the fight. King pulled Turner's leather jacket over his head. Not knowing whether King had a weapon, Turner blindly stabbed with a pocket knife to get King off of him, Fouche said. "He was acting in self defense," Fouche said. Hull said Turner, of Evergreen Drive, had gone to the apartments to sell groceries pilfered from his girlfriend's freezer and refrigerator either for money or drugs. She said he was "extremely unstable" and had been smoking crack cocaine the day before the stabbing. Although Turner had a mark on the back of his head,

he didn't need medical attention that night, she said. Turner drove away after the stabbing. The knife was never recovered, Hull said. King passed out soon after the stabbing and never regained consciousness, Hull said. The two men who traveled with King to the apartments testified Tuesday that they didn't see King with a weapon that night. Neither saw the stabbing, but both said they saw King after the stabbing and one picked Turner out of police photo lineups as the man who had stabbed his friend. One of the men, 57-year-old Bobby Yates said he heard King

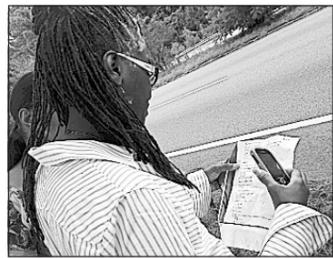
say that Turner had stabbed him before he passed out. The other man, 33-year-old Corey Wallace, said he saw Turner with a knife that he described as being about a foot long. When questioned by Fouche, both men admitted they had criminal records. Leticia Padgett, 42, testified that she rode with Turner to the Marion Avenue apartments, but stayed by Turner's truck when he went to a door and knocked in hopes of selling the groceries for drugs or money to buy drugs. She said she saw three men exit from the door where

Turner was knocking. That's when the fight between King and Turner started. King had a beer bottle in his hand, she said. "It just all of a sudden happened at once," Padgett said. Padgett said she watched as the fight moved from near the apartments up the street out of her sight. Then she saw King fall to the ground and she tried to apply pressure to his stab wound while yelling for help. She said she wasn't scared of Turner on the ride to the apartments. Although he seemed anxious, he didn't seem to be high on drugs. "He was acting fine,"

Padgett said. Before opening statements, Turner addressed the judge with complaints about his lawyer, arguing Fouche has never talked with him about the case and won't call witnesses to the stand that he wants to testify. "It's my life," he said. Fouche told the judge he has talked with Turner about the case and that the district attorney's office has informed him that Turner has threatened him. Testimony is scheduled to continue Wednesday. To contact writer Amy Leigh Womack, call 744-4398.

STRUCK FROM 1C

accident happened. "Is this where my son died?" Muhammad asked as she and two friends noticed the orange spray paint on the road. While trying to make sense of how it happened, one of her friends spotted a lanyard holding a key ring lying in the grass around the row of crape myrtles. Another friend found a poem written on paper softened by the day's rain. It must have come out of his backpack, which was found near his body, they thought. "He was poetic. He was creative. He was energetic," his mother explained. Her friends back home called him "the poet." Bibb County Coroner Leon Jones told her how the man's former col-



LIZ FABIAN/THE TELEGRAPH Esther Muhammad looks at a piece of poetry found near where her son was hit and killed on Gray Highway early Tuesday.

leagues were grieving his death at the Nu-Way and at Panera Bread on Tom Hill Sr. Boulevard. "He was well-known, well-liked," she said. "He lived every moment of his 25 years. It wasn't a dull moment with Daniel." A plate in his head from the prior accident gave him trouble and

Daniel Muhammad, who was known to some as "the poet," was killed walking home from his job.

was likely the reason he left work early and started the miles-long walk home. He routinely walked from Lake Bridge Behavioral Health System in the old Charter Lake facility on Riverside Drive to his Cherry Tree Hill apartment on Clinton Road. "He always said, 'You know I qualify for disability, but I refuse to be disabled,'" his mother said. "I'm going to work until I can't work anymore." He was about a half-mile from home when a 20-year-old from Gray hit him in the inside lane.

His mother never expected he would lose his life that way. "He was a master walker," Muhammad said. "He knew how to maneuver in traffic, and he'd been walking this road for the last year, so that's why it surprised me." Muhammad got a copy of the preliminary accident report that stated the driver didn't know what she had hit as she was passing a tractor-trailer. She pulled off on the side of the road after noticing the damage to her windshield, the report stated. The victim was wearing dark clothing on a stretch of road so dimly lit that Jones requested a police cruiser to highlight the northbound lanes where his coroner's car was parked. For nearly four hours, Macon police detoured traffic onto Clinton Road from Wood Valley Road to Shurling Drive while traffic of-

ficers gathered evidence. No charges were immediately filed, but the accident remains under investigation, according to a Macon police news release. Visiting the scene will help Muhammad's mother cope with the loss, she said. Other family members arrived before she drove away. Her son's twin sister is taking his death hard, and he left behind other siblings, she said. He had planned to settle down, get married and have children with a woman who appreciated his creativity. His family will cherish his writings and the poetry he left behind. "It's going to be a shock to a lot of people because of the impact he had," his mother said. To contact writer Liz Fabian, call 744-4303.

BYRON FROM 1C

til he knows both sides of a story. "Taxes are kind of high, but once I get in there I can see why they are. ... You see a lot of money going here, and it takes some investigation to see why it's being spent." Knowles, 60, said he wants to do something about "the high taxes we pay and the few services we receive in return." To start with, the city must open its doors a little wider to the public. "Let's post the (City Council) agenda on our website that's costing us money. Let's post minutes, meeting announcements," he said. He would also like council to set aside a few minutes at each meeting for residents' comments. And he has questions about sewers: "Why are we still building sewers? Why can't we fix the problems we have? ... If something's broken, shouldn't you fix it first before you start adding more?" Starting in 2008, Byron and state environmental regulators have wrangled almost annually about the city's failure to control wastewater, which is now pumped to Macon. Earlier this year, council approved some emergency work to tie Walker Road pipes into the city. Knowles also wants to see drainage ditches kept clean to avoid flooding. The California native moved to Byron seeking a more pleasant place to be a senior citizen. "I'm retired, so I have the time" to devote to council, he said. Incumbent Waters, 62, said during the last few years, the mayor, council and city staff "accomplished the goal of not raising taxes, nor affecting any employees, nor services. We have done it five years without a millage rise." He pointed to cost-savings from farming out wastewater treatment to Macon and garbage services to a private company. "Coming into the next four years," Waters said, "our biggest challenges are working with the growth (and) expanding public safety" in a city that has what he called a "small pocketbook."

Byron council, Post 5

- Alan Dorsey Age: 42 Occupation: Owner, Alan's Alignment & Automotive Education: Graduated from Macon Tech (now Central Georgia Technical College) in 1992 Political experience: None Rick Knowles Age: 60 Occupation: Retired highway patrol Education: Graduated from the University of California in 2010 Political experience: None Mark C. Waters Age: 52 Occupation: Owner, Waters Automotive Services Education: Graduated from Louisburg College, (N.C.) in 1981 Political experience: Byron City Council, 2010-present

It also needs to decide how to handle or stop the garbage that people toss into drains and ditches, causing flash flooding. "We have identified some areas that could solve many issues, but it all takes money," Waters said. Better to get more money by growing the city's tax base, not raising taxes. He said in the next four years, he wants to be involved in filling the industrial park, which he thinks could profit from increased shipping activity that will come through a deepened Port of Savannah. Waters, who owns Waters Automotive Services, is in the process of paying off past due federal and state tax bills worth some \$60,000. "I, like millions of other business people, encountered major business disruption during the recession. My business is still in recovery stages, as I work to pay these balances," he said. All three candidates want a high school in Byron. Waters and Knowles champion the proposed Byron Peach Charter High School. Dorsey said he would like to see any high school in Byron, whether charter or county. Both Dorsey and Waters said they think some kind of stormwater fee is in Byron's future.

Information from Telegraph archives was used in this report.

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January 1952. He suffered shrapnel wounds in his head and hands. Clara never could display her husband's medals because he was always pulling them out and wearing them. He marched in parades and attended other events for veterans. "He wore them every opportunity he had," she said. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery in April 2005. Clara came home to Macon six months after he died. She bought a house off Mercer University Drive and lived with her sister for five months while it was being renovated. She placed her belongings in a storage unit on Riverside Drive. Clara moved into her new home in March 2006. As she unpacked the dishes, linens, books and framed photographs, she noticed something was missing. She could not find her husband's medals. She was distraught. After several frustrating months, she started the paperwork to have them replaced. When the new medals arrived, she was grateful. They may have been replacement medals, but they were a way to remember her husband and his service to our country. One day, she was searching for a photograph of her wedding to hang in her bedroom. While sorting through a box of keepsakes, she discovered the missing-in-action medals. Her emotions were a combination of joy, relief and embarrassment. She was torn between whether to keep the replacement medals or to send them back. It wasn't as simple as returning a set of bor-

rowed keys. She framed the original medals and hung them on a wall in her living room. She put the replacement medals in a closet until she could figure out what to do. "I didn't know if I should send them back or if they would even take them back," she said. "If I returned them, what would I tell them? So I decided to keep them. My husband would have wanted me to bless somebody. When I read about Mr. Frank Jackson, then I knew." The column on Frank Jackson ran on July 24. His five medals from two wars — World War II (April 1943 to February 1946) and Korea (December 1952 to May 1954) — had either been lost or stolen. (His family believes he also should have received a Purple Heart for the wounds he suffered as a POW in the South Pacific in World War II. However, the military has no documentation of it.) "Reading about Mr. Jackson touched my heart. I believe God was guiding me to keep those medals for the purpose of giving them to him," Clara said. "But I had to know I was following protocol, doing it the right way and that he was entitled to them." She got in touch with Jackson's daughters, Linda White and Cathy Maclin. She contacted Kesha Walker, a family readiness support assistant with the U.S. Army Reserve Center in Macon. She also wrote letters to President Obama and Erik Shinseki, the U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs. According to Jackson's military records, he earned the Victory Medal and Lapel Button in World War II. He was awarded

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Then there's the technology push. The grant would be used to improve infrastructure for more technology, add Kindles and digital books in classes, hire additional learning support and instructional technology employees and continue to train teachers about technology. The application deadline is Oct. 3, and officials expect to find out whether it is approved by the beginning of 2014. The grant also would implement teacher adviser programs, which already are in place in Byron Middle School. Starting this semester, every teacher at the school has about 16 students he or she advises

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Kathleen man, teen accused of attempted robbery

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Simmons

WARNER ROBINS — A man and a teenager are accused of attempting to rob a Marco's Pizza delivery man who fled as gunshots were being fired at him.

Andrian DeShawn Simmons, 22, of Kathleen, and a 16-year-old are each charged with attempted armed robbery and aggravated assault in the 8:30 p.m. Thursday incident in the 100 block of Woolfolk Road, said Houston County sheriff's Capt. Jon Holland. Simmons also was charged

with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of a firearm during a crime.

Nineteen-year-old Lucas Defore slowed down his pickup along Woolfolk Road looking for the address where he was going to make a pizza delivery when he saw a masked man who was armed with a gun step out from behind some bushes, Holland said. The quick-thinking Defore hit the accelerator and drove

his truck through a wooded area at the road's dead end to get away, the investigator said.

As Defore was fleeing, Simmons allegedly fired several shots and struck the truck, Holland said.

"He's very fortunate to escape without any injuries," Holland said of Defore.

The teenager's involvement was calling in the pizza to the address that did not exist. Although Defore did not see the teen, he was hiding nearby during the attempted robbery, Holland said.

Simmons was being held with-

out bond at the Houston County jail, while the teen was being held at a regional youth detention facility, Holland said.

Both suspects lived in walking distance of where the alleged attempted robbery took place, Holland said, and both were arrested without incident Monday night.

Simmons has two 2009 felony sexual battery convictions in Houston County, according to online records of the district attorney's office.

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Muhammad was killed at about 1:30 a.m., Johnson was hit at about 1:10 a.m., dispatchers said.

The 23-year-old driver of a 2006 Chrysler 300 that hit Johnson left the scene but returned later, Jones said.

He told police he turned left leaving the Wal-Mart Plaza and did not see Johnson before striking her, according to a Macon police news release.

Both the driver and the victim will be tested for alcohol and drugs, as is standard procedure in fatal accidents.

Macon police shut down two northbound lanes of Gray Highway for about two hours during the accident investigation.

The highway reopened at about 4:20 a.m.

Jones tried three addresses early Tuesday in attempts to locate family members.

"I don't think she has any," Ussery said. "In the four or five years I've known her, I've never known anybody to be checking on her."

Jones said Johnson did not have children or local relatives, but he was able to notify her sister in Atlanta later in the morning.

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BP executive defends gulf oil spill response tactics

By MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A BP executive who led the company's efforts to halt its massive 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico testified Tuesday that his decisions were guided by the principle that they shouldn't do anything that could make the crisis even worse.

James Dupree, BP's first witness for the second phase of a trial over the deadly disaster, said his teams worked simultaneously on several strategies for killing the well that blew out in April 2010.

Dupree said the company scrapped plans to employ a capping strategy in mid-May because the equipment wasn't ready. He also said he was concerned that it could jeopardize other efforts to seal the well.

"We were very intent not to make the situation worse," said Dupree, who was promoted to BP's regional president for the Gulf of Mexico after the spill was stopped. Dupree is

scheduled to resume his testimony Wednesday.

BP's trial adversaries have argued that the company could have stopped the spill much earlier than July 15 if it had used the capping strategy.

Earlier Tuesday, an employee of the company that owned the doomed Deepwater Horizon drilling rig testified that he was surprised when BP scrapped the capping strategy his team had devised and never heard an explanation for the decision.

"We were so close. We had come a long way," said Robert Turlak, Transocean's manager of subsea engineering and well control systems.

During the first few weeks after the spill, engineers focused on two methods for stopping the flow of oil: Capping the well was one option. The other, called "top kill," involved pumping drilling mud and other material into the Deepwater Horizon rig's blowout preventer.

BP ultimately used a capping stack to stop the spill July 15 after several other

methods failed. Turlak's team was working on a strategy that was called "BOP-on-BOP" because it lowered a second blowout preventer on top of the rig's failed one. He called it the "obvious solution" and said it was ready for installation in early June.

But BP concluded it wasn't a viable option because it could have made the situation worse and hampered other strategies if it failed. BP said the capping stack that later sealed the well was specifically designed to land on the well system above the blowout preventer.

BP employed the "top kill" method in May 2010, but it didn't stop the flow of oil. The company says its adversaries have ignored evidence that the "BOP-on-BOP" option wasn't approved or ready for safe installation before "top kill."

The trial's second phase opened Monday with claims that BP ignored decades of warnings about the risks of a deep-water blowout and

withheld crucial information about the size of the spill. Plaintiffs' lawyers claim BP knew the "top kill" strategy was doomed based on higher flow rate estimates that the company didn't share with federal officials at the time.

U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier, who is presiding over the trial without a jury, also heard videotaped testimony Tuesday by a manager employed by cement contractor Halliburton. Richard Vargo, who assisted on the top kill attempts, said he didn't learn until later that BP didn't believe the procedure would work given the high flow rates.

"I'm pretty angry," Vargo said, choking back tears.

The trial's first phase, which ended in April, focused on the complex chain of mistakes and failures that caused the blowout.

The second phase is divided into two segments: The first centers on BP's efforts to cap the well. The second is designed to help Barbier determine how much oil

spilled into the Gulf.

The government's estimate is 70 million gallons more than what BP says spilled. Establishing how much oil leaked into the Gulf will help figure out the penalties the oil company must pay. Billions of dollars are at stake.

Eleven workers died in the explosion on the rig that was triggered by the blowout.

University of California-Berkeley engineering professor Robert Bea, an expert witness for plaintiffs' attorneys, testified that BP didn't spend any money before the Deepwater Horizon disaster to develop technology for controlling a deep-water blowout.

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<p>GEORGIA, BIBB COUNTY ATLANTA GAS LIGHT COMPANY LEGAL NOTICE Docket No. 37371 LEGAL NOTICE: As directed by the Georgia Public Service Commission, Atlanta Gas Light Company filed its Petition for Approval of 2012-2017 Integrated System Reinforcement Plan with the Georgia Public Service Commission on August 5, 2012. Copies of the 2012-2017 Integrated System Reinforcement Plan are on file with the Georgia Public Service Commission. This matter has been assigned Docket No. 37371 and has been scheduled for public hearing before the Georgia Public Service Commission on Tuesday, November 12, 2012 (and Wednesday, November 13, 2012, if necessary) at 10:00 a.m. in Room 110 of the Georgia Public Service Commission office located at 244 Washington Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. Anyone interested in this matter will be given the opportunity to express his or her view pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 45-2-59(c). An original and fifteen (15) copies of any pre-filed testimony of statements by intervenors along with a 2 1/2 inch diskette or CD ROM containing an electronic version of this filing in Microsoft Word for text documents or Excel for spreadsheet documents must be filed with the Georgia Public Service Commission's Executive Secretary by 4:00 p.m. on October 10, 2012 in accordance with the Procedural and Scheduling Order issued in this docket. Any expert testimony or testimony of a technical nature must be pre-filed. Parties of record must also file with one another copies of any pre-filed testimony. Intervenor testimony will be heard at the hearing scheduled for November 12, 2012 (and November 13, 2012, if necessary). If you have a disability and will need assistance or accommodations to participate, or need further information, please contact the Executive Secretary's Office, Georgia Public Service Commission at (404) 656-4501 or 1-800-282-5812 (inside Georgia only) at least one day prior to the hearing in this matter. This notice is published at the direction of the Georgia Public Service Commission. David C. Weaver Vice President Regulatory and Governmental Affairs Atlanta Gas Light Company 2925197; 10/2</p>	

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robbery, acting nervous and breathing hard. Malone reported that he'd asked if could search the son, who agreed. Malone found a piece of brown paper with a hard object inside, which the son said was not crack cocaine.

The lawsuit and the police report agree that the son, by then in handcuffs, ran away and was caught. The suspected crack cocaine was put in an open police car trunk, but Young escaped a second time and began to chew on the paper.

The police report and the lawsuit both say the son refused to obey Malone's commands to spit out the object, and police punched, kneed and pepper-sprayed the son to get him to stop eating the evidence.

The lawsuit says the parents "witnessed Malone's brutal assault" and were horrified.

The suit said the father asked why he was getting such a savage beating but did not interfere when Malone moved toward the father, pushed him off balance and blasted him with pepper spray.

Malone and another officer said the father had been ordered to step back several times before the pepper spray was used, with Malone reporting that the father, then 70 years old and 130 pounds, rushed toward him.

The lawsuit says the mother, then 68, found her husband covered in pepper spray. She walked to the end of the driveway, offered to give the officers more room, and asked why they were hurting her son. Malone blasted her with pepper spray without a warning, the lawsuit says.

The police reports say the mother kept coming toward

Malone. Police said the son broke away from them again and tried to hide himself and the crack cocaine under a house. The lawsuit does not mention that.

All three Youngs were ultimately arrested. The father was checked out at a hospital, then admitted to a different hospital after blood tests showed signs of a heart attack.

The lawsuit asks for non-specified monetary compensation.

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unteers.

"I hope to return to council and continue work toward creating more pedestrian sidewalks and seeing improvement projects come to fruition," Wright said. "We need to build sidewalks to connect a number of them that have been built. I also look forward to working with the mayor and council to seek ways to grow our commercial tax base to take the tax burden off residents. Right now the tax burden is 70 percent on citizens and 30 percent on business."

Wright said he also wants to foster new and ongoing partnerships between individuals and businesses to bring about "home grown" community improvements, such as past partnerships that previously created flower beds and placed benches at intersections, planted trees and undertook other beautification and community improvement projects.

Evans, 51, said he wants to return to public service after serving as a council member in Stone Mountain, a community of about 7,000 near Atlanta.

There, he served as chairman of the economic development committee and was a member of the public safety and

public service committees.

"I've reached the point where I want to serve and give back to the community I'm a part of," Evans said. "I want to take the opportunity to help better our community for our children, our citizens and our seniors. Being on City Council allows you to serve and lead in the community, and that's what I'm striving to do."

Evans said he came to Georgia as a member of the Air Force Reserve serving as a logistics officer and program manager.

He said he stayed because Centerville reminds him of his hometown of Beaufort, S.C., and offers a slower-paced lifestyle than a big city but is not far from one.

He said he has lived in Centerville six years.

Evans said he would like to see additional parks built for families, and he intends to work to see Centerville continue to be a safe place to live by supporting the city's police and fire departments.

Evans said he was looking forward to hearing residents' concerns and working to find solutions to whatever needs they present.

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LIBRARY FROM 1C

2006 special purpose local option sales tax, the project has a \$2.4 million budget.

Thomson said the library is more than four decades old.

"It needs this to help the library flourish," Thomson said, adding 60,000 residents go to Houston County libraries every month.

Commissioners also unanimously approved two change orders for additional materials needed to increase the structural integrity of roads.

An additional \$244,000 was approved to pay for the first phase of Carl Vinson Parkway, a 2001 project that has been completed. An additional \$183,000 was approved for the 2006 SPLOST project of the second phase of widening Old Perry Road.

Also at Tuesday's meeting, commissioners set aside \$23,400 for a boat ramp off of Ga. 96 that will be moved after the road widening.

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GRIS FROM 1C

yarn. Last year, they made 130 that were distributed throughout Middle Georgia to women who recently had mastectomies. Some of those women later dropped by the shop to thank them.

Christy started the project in memory of her mother, who died of breast cancer when Christy was 16 and they lived in Cincinnati, Ohio. Her mom is the one who taught her

how to knit.

Hazel learned to knit when she was 9. She went to boarding school outside of London and learned from a friend's mother.

"I would get lonely being away from home," Hazel said. "Knitting saved my sanity. I would go off and sit and knit."

She and Paul moved to Macon in 1974. She knitted all the baby clothes for her daughter, Trudy Banks, who turned 43 on Monday.

"I never stopped knitting," she said.

"It got me through my grief when my father died. I knitted a skirt and jacket. I am always knitting when I'm watching TV or at the doctor's office."

Christy is proud the group has been able to reach out in so many different ways.

"I am always amazed at what these women are willing to do for our community and for each other," she said.

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Norway's Ulrikke Eikeri, above, defeated No. 2 seed Michelle Larcher de Brito of Portugal in straight sets Tuesday in the first round of the ButlerCars.Com Tennis Classic of Macon.

No. 2 seed falls in opening round of Macon tourney

Telegraph Staff

The No. 2 seed in the ButlerCars.com Tennis Classic of Macon was among those who went out in the first round Tuesday at Stratford.

Michelle Larcher de Brito of Portugal lost 6-4, 6-1 to Norway's Ulrikke Eikeri in the opening round of the \$25,000 ITF Women's Circuit event.

Larcher de Brito, who gained fame for defeating Maria Sharapova at Wimbledon this year, struggled with the wind at Stratford's Jaime Kaplan Tennis Center, but she also didn't have an answer for Eikeri's serve or forehand.

Eikeri, who missed six months in 2013 with an injury, said she has been working hard to make up for missed time. She said she's been concentrating on her serve, and with a lower ball toss, she said she can generate a little more pace.

"It was hard being out injured," said Eikeri, a 20-year-old from Oslo. "But I feel better now and confident and

feel I'm playing better."

Other winners of note Tuesday were Canadian Carol Zhao, American Julia Bose-rup and former world top-50 player Anna Tatishvili of the country of Georgia.

The doubles draw also began Tuesday, and the seeded duo of Jacqueline Cako and Natalie Pluskota fell to Stephanie Bengston and Madison Brengle.

Qualifying wrapped up earlier Tuesday, with eight players earning spots in the main draw. Qualifying No. 1 seed Di Zhao of China punched her ticket with a straight set win over American Allison Miller. Natalie Pluskota of Sharpsburg won a tight three-set match against Michelle Sammons of South Africa. Also earning a place in the main draw were former UCLA player Elizabeth Lumpkin, Emma Hayman of New Zealand and Danielle Lao of California. Lao upset Lauren Embree, a former collegiate All-American from Florida, 6-2, 7-6.

Play resumes at 10 a.m. on Wednesday with the conclusion of first-round play.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Jackets working to fix errors

By STAN AWTREY
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ATLANTA — If there was one positive takeaway from Saturday's loss to Miami, it was Georgia Tech's improvement when it came to running the option.

But self-inflicted wounds have killed the Yellow Jackets during the past two weeks, a trend they hope will change this week against BYU.

For most of the first half against Miami, the Yellow Jackets (3-2, 2-2 ACC) looked like past Paul Johnson teams that were content to take the ball, keep the ball, eat the clock and score. And while it didn't turn out to be a complete success, the running game certainly looked better than it had the previous week.

"At times we played better than the week before (against Virginia Tech)," Johnson said. "We can still do a better job blocking the perimeter, sealing the linebackers. Sometimes we'd get 20 yards on plays that could be 60 yards."

Georgia Tech rushed for 335 yards, about 2½ times as many as it did against Virginia Tech. The Jackets

had only 15 yards in penalties, down from 66 the previous week. But two fumbles (one of them lost) and two interceptions left the offense stuck in the mud.

"We've got to make sure we do the little things better," Johnson said. "We've got to make sure we don't beat ourselves with turnovers and penalties. We can play better, and we can coach better."

Quarterback Vad Lee's untimely fumble was the play that killed a potential scoring drive that could have put Georgia Tech ahead 17-7. Instead, Miami seized the momentum, converted the turnover into a touchdown and tied the score at the half.

"I have got to hold onto the ball," Lee said.

It does look as if he has held onto his starting job. Johnson reiterated that Lee remains the team's starting quarterback but Justin Thomas likely will play Saturday against BYU (3-2).

"It depends on how they practice," Johnson said. Lee threw for 163 yards with one

Georgia Tech at BYU

7 p.m., Saturday (ESPN)



interception and ran for 26 against Miami. Thomas ran for 8 yards and was 0-for-3 with an interception that was returned for a touchdown.

"It's been a myriad of things," said Johnson of the Yellow Jackets' troubles. "You know, we've been blitzed some, we had the protection called when we had the maximum protection against the blitz when we hit it right, which

we have several times. We haven't blocked right or we haven't thrown hot when we should've thrown hot, we haven't run very good routes, or the protection. It's everything; it's not just one guy.

"It'd be easy to fix if you could say the quarterback couldn't throw it in a barrel, so he can't throw. That's not the case. Or this guy can't pass block so you know you've got him out, that's not the case, it's a different guy. We just need to be more consistent and coach it better, work at it, and we've got to pay attention to detail. We can't just go out there and wing it and do what we want to do."

Turnovers big issue with Eagles

By MIKE BROWN
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STATESBORO — One of Georgia Southern's goals at the beginning of the season was to go 8-0 in Southern Conference play.

Never mind the Eagles were not eligible for the conference championship or the FCS playoffs because they were moving up to the FBS level beginning next year when they join the Sun Belt Conference along with fellow Southern Conference member Appalachian State.

Georgia Southern's swan song in a conference that it joined in 1993 and won outright or shared 10 championships is proving to be a rough go.

For whatever reason, the conference decided to include the Eagles and Mountaineers in the preseason voting. Coaches and media both picked Georgia Southern to finish first.

Georgia Southern, however, has looked like anything but the best team in the conference.

The Eagles were jolted two weeks ago when they were smacked 30-20 at Wofford in their conference opener, and then last Saturday they hit the low point of the Jeff Monken era when Samford won 44-34.

"It was embarrassing," Monken said. "We had plenty of opportunities to win the game, and we didn't do it."

Now Georgia Southern (3-2, 1-2) has to find the wherewithal to rebound against The Citadel (2-4, 2-2). The two meet at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Paulson Stadium.

The Bulldogs are coming off a 31-28 overtime win over Appalachian State. Three of their losses have come by a total of 11 points, and Wofford had to score late to turn a close game into a 21-10 win.

Last Saturday, the Eagles trailed Samford 10-0 after the first quarter but stormed back in the second quarter behind the passing of redshirt freshman quarterback Kevin Ellison to take a 21-10 halftime lead.

Any momentum Georgia Southern had, however, was lost in the third quarter because of turnovers and too many other mistakes to overcome.

The Eagles turned the ball over on their first two possessions and Samford capitalized, scoring 10 points to get back in the game.

Georgia Southern rallied to take a 27-25 lead on quarterback Jerick McKinnon's 27-yard scoring run, only to have Samford score on touchdown passes of 69 and 58 yards.

The Bulldogs had 651 yards total offense, 495 passing by Andy Summerlin, and that represents the most yardage a Monken-coached Georgia Southern team has allowed.

The Citadel at Georgia Southern

1 p.m., Saturday



FALCONS FROM 1B

reality check for a team that had never dropped more than two straight regular season games in six seasons under Smith.

The Falcons' four losses have come by an average of 4.8 points, dropping the defending NFC South champions four games behind division-leading New Orleans.

Offensively, Atlanta has faltered late in potential game-winning situations at New Orleans and at home against New England. Defensively, the Falcons have given up late leads at Miami and against the Jets.

"We're disappointed," Smith said. "We're discouraged. I think we're living proof of how close games are in the NFL. It comes down to a handful of plays, and we haven't made them. In years past, we've been in

games like these and we've made the plays."

After five relatively healthy seasons under Smith, Atlanta has been bombarded with injuries this year.

Running back Steven Jackson and linebacker Sean Weatherspoon have missed the past three games, and the team isn't sure when they will return.

Two starters, defensive end Kroy Biermann and fullback Bradie Ewing, were lost for the season in Week 2, and right tackle Mike Johnson's year ended in training camp.

Three other starters — Sam Baker, cornerback Asante Samuel and linebacker Akeem Dent — have missed significant time, too.

And Roddy White, a four-time Pro Bowl receiver, left Monday's game and did not return after tweaking a hamstring. White has played since preseason with a high ankle sprain,

and his 14 catches and 129 yards receiving are far below the average production of his first five games during the past six seasons.

Losing Jones only makes conditions worse.

Jones, the No. 6 overall draft pick of 2011, leads the NFL with 41 catches and ranks second with 580 yards receiving.

Smith said that Jones will see a foot specialist Wednesday in Charlotte, N.C., for a second opinion. The coach refused to say which foot Jones hurt.

Jones was X-rayed after the game, and results were negative, but a CAT scan Tuesday showed something more serious.

"He's going to be a hard guy to replace if we have to replace him," Smith said. "We've got guys that are on our roster in Kevin Cone and Drew Davis. Harry (Douglas) will be asked to

step up, and if we have to make a roster move we will look at all options that are available to us there."

Falcons to play in London

The NFL will play three regular-season games at London's Wembley Stadium next year, hosted by Atlanta, Jacksonville and Oakland.

The league announced Tuesday at its fall meetings that it was expanding its international series. It will be the most games the league has played abroad in one season. This season, Minnesota beat Pittsburgh 34-27 in September, and Jacksonville will host San Francisco on Oct. 27 as part of it a four-year commitment to move a home game to Wembley.

Dates and opponents for the games will be announced when the schedule is compiled next year.

MERCER FROM 1B

ball, we weren't able to run the ball with any success, or maintain the run with any success, which hurt our offensive production."

Rob East entered the game having punted 16 times in four games. He had nearly half that many overall Saturday, and he punted on six straight possessions in the second half.

"The second half, we just couldn't get anything," Lamb said. "We thought we had a first down, we'd drop a pass or throw it over a guy's head. Couldn't get the chains moving."

San Diego made a variety of halftime adjustments that Mercer was a little slow to recognize and adapt to.

"We had them third and double digits three different

times, and they got the first down," Lamb said. "They had speed at receiver we hadn't seen all year."

Tackle Brett Steverson (ankle) didn't make the trip, and wideout JT Palmer was having a good day when he went down with a hip injury that left him "about half speed" the rest of the game, according to Lamb.

Wideout and special teams player Dalton Ponchillia suffered an elbow injury that likely will keep him out against Valparaiso. Safety Mike Gray is day-to-day with a concussion, and linebacker Tosin Aguebor developed turf toe.

None of that, however, was why Mercer was outscored 17-0 in the second half.

"Their quarterback made some unbelievable throws," Lamb said. "He's a difference-maker in this league."

SHANKS FROM 1B

firepower to advance. This was a home run-hitting team. It led the NL with 181 home runs in the regular season. Yet Atlanta had only one in the series, and that was a Jason Heyward two-run blast in the ninth inning Sunday when the Dodgers were already up by nine runs.

So forget about wondering if the Braves could play small ball to complement what they did best. They couldn't even do what they did best against a team that has great starting pitchers.

Who gets the blame for this? Fredi Gonzalez, just because he's the manager and should always get blamed? No. Greg Walker? He's the hitting

coach. Certainly he could have done something to avoid this, right? But he's absolutely not the one to blame.

Blame Dan Uggla and B.J. Upton, the two regulars on the Atlanta team who could not even hit .200 in the regular season and the two players who made a combined \$25.45 million this season but were not even good enough to be in the starting lineup for the most important series of the year.

The Braves were right to leave Uggla off the roster. Who cares if Elliot Johnson, his replacement at second base, hit only .071 (1-for-14) in the series? Do you really think Uggla would have done any better?

Upton proved how horrible he was by strik-

ing out in all three plate appearances in the series. It's Upton's fault the Braves had to have a catcher (Gattis) play left field.

If those two had even been average this season, there's no way the Braves would be going home early.

But they are, and for a team that won 96 games and showed flashes of brilliance at times, it's hard to accept. Unfortunately, it's just not a surprise.

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Public Sale 912

GEORGIA, BIBB COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
I will take place at IANCO Automotive, 5545 Thomason Road, Macon, GA 31220 on October 19th, 2013 at 09:00.
The following vehicle will be sold to the highest bidder:
2005 Buick Rendezvous
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GEORGIA, BIBB COUNTY
NOTICE OF DETOUR APPROVAL
SR 22 @ HOLLY RD, BIBB COUNTY
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Notice is hereby given that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the use of said detour for the duration of this project.
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The construction of the roundabout will require two closures executed at separate times during construction. CR 22/Holley Road will require closure south of SR 22 and closure north of SR 22.

The portion of CR 22/Holley Road south of SR 22 will be closed at the intersection south to the driveway of the Lelisa market, approximately 300 ft south of the intersection with SR 22. This closure is expected to be in place for 90 days.

The proposed detour for the closure of CR 22/Holley Road south of SR 22/US 50 will direct westbound traffic south on Tidwell Road to the intersection of Bethel Church Road. The traveling public will then be directed west on Bethel Church Rd until the intersection with Columbus Rd. Travelers will proceed north on Columbus Rd until they return to SR 22, just west of the project area. Eastbound travelers will be directed south on Columbus Road until the intersection of Redding Way. From the intersection at Redding Way, travelers will proceed north on Redding Way and Bethel Church Road until Tidwell Road. Travelers will then proceed north on Tidwell Road until they return to SR 22, just east of the project area. CR 22/Holley Road south of SR 22/US 50 will be closed for 90 calendar days.

The portion of CR 22/Holley Road north of SR 22 will be closed at the intersection north to the intersection of Redding Way/Bethel Church Road. This closure is expected to be in place for 90 days.

The closure of CR 22/Holley Road north of SR 22 will detour westbound traffic north onto Tidwell Road to the intersection of Columbus Road. The traveling public will then be directed west on Columbus Road until they return to SR 22, just west of the project area. Eastbound travelers will be directed north on Columbus Road until they return to SR 22, or continue to the intersection of Tidwell Road. Travelers will then be directed south on Tidwell Road until they return to SR 22, just east of the project area. CR 22/Holley Road north of SR 22/US 50 will be closed for 90 calendar days.

Drawings or maps or plans of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation:
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Public Sale 912

GEORGIA, BIBB COUNTY
PUBLIC AUCTION
Prestige Auto Group NOW gives legal notice to owners, lessors, security interest holders and lien holders of a Great 2005 Oldsmobile Silhouette VIN #1GHDX02E1Y010556 4 Cr and a Light Blue 2004 Dodge Intrepid SE 4 Dr VIN #2B2HD46R4H4647074 of the disposal of the above listed vehicles. These vehicles have been abandoned and will be disposed of in accordance with O.C.G.A. 40-11-1 thru 44-11-5.
If not redeemed, these vehicles and their contents will be sold at public auction on October 22, 2013 between the hours of 11:00 am and 2:00 pm at the Houston Public Auto Auction, 45299 Pico Noho Ave, Macon, GA 31205.
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