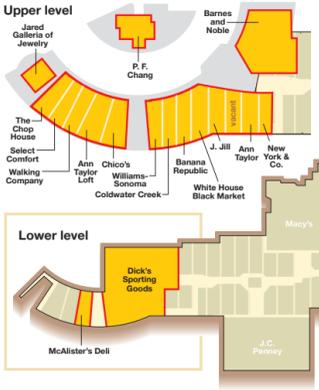


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New levels of luxury

Most of the new stores in Augusta Mall's open-air shopping space open Thursday. Dubbed the lifestyle center, the area caters to customers willing to spend a little more money for an item, according to mall manager Linda Hardin. With that in mind, the new stores have to reach a high standard: "We're pretty picky about who we're trying to put in the exterior area," Mrs. Hardin said. **BUSINESS, 1D**



JOHN CURRY/MORRIS NEWS SERVICE

Bulldogs top Trojans

No. 10 Georgia breathed a sigh of relief after surviving a dangerous game sandwiched between two big SEC rivals, defeating Troy, 44-34. **SPORTS, 1C**

BOWL GAMES: A message from Gov. Sonny Perdue was played during Saturday's Georgia game: "Let's hunker down, Bulldog Nation, and defend Georgia's water supply like the Bulldogs defend Sanford Stadium." As part of the university's water conservation effort, fans were told not to flush stadium toilets "if it's yellow," and to leave the handle-pulling to attendants.

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See how you like 'Cul de Sac' comic

Four-year-old Alice Otterloop and her family are coming to the comics page Monday for a tryout.

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- Mrs. Betty Leopard Warrenville, Ga.
- Mrs. Ruby Lutes Millen, Ga.
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WEATHER



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High: 74 Low: 35
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MELVIN FORD: "I can communicate with anybody."
WILLIE LAW IV: "I have a degree in management."
FREDDIE HANDY: "What I (offer) is proven leadership."
CHARLIE HANNAH: "My experience is extensive."
COREY JOHNSON SR.: "I know the needs of the community."



MICHAEL MEYERS: "You have to know how to follow."



BERNARD HARPER: "I've been (a community) activist ... for 15 years."



JUANITA BURNEY: "I know that I have good conciliatory skills."



JOE JACKSON II: "I want to be the best I can for greater Augusta."

AUGUSTA COMMISSION CANDIDATES

What do they have to offer?

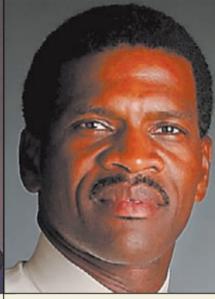
At the Augusta alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority's forum for city commission candidates last week, all were asked what skills they have that set them apart from the other candidates.

Communication, management and leadership skills were frequently mentioned. Older candidates stressed their experience, while younger ones emphasized their lack of baggage.

District 4 Commissioner Bernard Harper, District 2 candidate Corey Johnson Sr. and District 6 candidate Joe Jackson II were not at the forum, but were interviewed later.

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TONY LEWIS: "I have management skills and abilities."



ELMER SINGLEY: "I think my leadership skills stand far above."



JOHN BUTLER: "My world consists of everybody."



DON GRANTHAM: "I have the leadership and experience."



TANYA BARNHILL: "(I have) 17 years of sales experience."



ALVIN MASON: "I bring the skills from a military standpoint."



ROSA CLEMONS: "What sets me apart ... is my ... experience."

PAKISTAN

Leader imposes drastic orders

By Matthew Pennington
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Gen. Pervez Musharraf suspended Pakistan's constitution and deployed troops in the capital Saturday, declaring that rising Islamic extremism had forced him to take emergency measures. He also replaced the nation's chief justice and blacked out the independent media that refused to support him.

Authorities began rounding up opposition politicians, cut phone lines in the capital and took all but the state television station off air despite calls from Washington and other Western allies not to take authoritarian measures.

Gen. Musharraf's leadership is threatened by an increasingly defiant court, the return of political rival and former premier Benazir Bhutto and an Islamic movement that has reached Islamabad. Analysts say the measures might only postpone his political demise.

In a televised address, Gen. Musharraf, looking somber and composed and wearing a black tunic rather than his usual military fatigues, said Pakistan was at a "dangerous" juncture, its government threatened by Islamic extremists.

"The extremism has even spread to Islamabad, and the extremists are taking the writ of the government in their own hands, and even worse they are imposing their obsolete ideas on moderates," the president said.

Gen. Musharraf replaced the chief justice of the Supreme Court — who had emerged as the main check on his power — before a crucial Supreme Court ruling on his future as president. His emergency order accused some judges of "working at cross purposes with the executive" and "weakening the government's resolve" to fight terrorism. Seven of the 17 Supreme Court judges rejected the emergency, which suspended the constitution.

Gen. Musharraf said he hoped democracy would be restored following parliamentary elections.

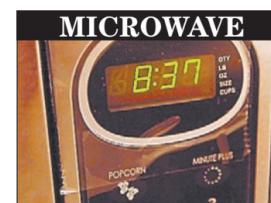
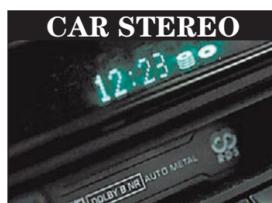
"But, in my eyes, I say with sorrow that some elements are creating hurdles in the way of democracy," he said. "I think this chaos is being created for personal interests and to harm Pakistan."



The emergency declaration does not affect U.S. military support of Pakistan or its efforts in the war on terrorism, Pentagon spokesman Geoff Morrell said of the country that's a key U.S. partner in the fight against al-Qaida militants. U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates is closely monitoring the fast-developing situation, and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said, "Whatever happens we will be urging a quick return to civilian rule."

All set?

Daylight-saving time ended at 2 a.m. today, one week later than usual thanks to the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which extended it by four weeks beginning this year. With all the gadgets that keep time these days, you might have had to use your extra hour to reset all your timepieces. Here's a quick look at some you might have overlooked:



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