FATHER’S DAY

Ministry gives father figures to those in need

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As it winds through Georgia on its way to the Gulf of Mexico, the Chattahoochee River plays a significant role in the state's ecology and economy. The river system has been managed for various purposes, including water supply, flood control, navigation, and recreation. As the river passes through Columbus, it is being converted into a multiuse park, and the landscape is being preserved for future generations.

The Chattahoochee River is a vital resource for Georgians, and its importance is reflected in the various stakeholders involved in its management. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, along with other federal and local agencies, are responsible for ensuring that the river continues to meet the needs of the state.

Despite the challenges faced by the river, such as water scarcity and development pressures, efforts are underway to restore and protect the river. This includes projects like the Chattahoochee River Trail, which aims to connect communities along the river and encourage the appreciation of its natural beauty.

The Chattahoochee River is a living example of the importance of water resources management and the need for collaboration among various stakeholders to ensure the sustainability of this precious resource.
It's not the heat — it's all that AC

JEFF BISLAND — For several days last week, I was back in a town called Columbus, Ga., the kind of town you do not want to visit during a heat wave. I work as a regional news reporter for the Athens Banner-Herald in Athens, Ga., and have spent many days covering the heat wave that plagued Athens — and the rest of the Southeast — last summer. I can tell you from first-hand experience that it's not the heat, it's all that air conditioning. But let me explain.

The heat in Columbus is intense. It's not just hot, it's oppressive. The air feels heavy and sticky, and even the slightest movement makes you sweat. The heat index, a measurement of how hot it feels when humidity and temperature are combined, often exceeds 100 degrees. It's not the heat, it's all that air conditioning.

When I arrived in Columbus, I was immediately struck by how much people relied on air conditioning. I saw people walking down the street wearing shorts and T-shirts, even though the sky was clear and blue. I noticed that many people kept their windows open even when it was very hot outside. I think it's because they are so used to having air conditioning, they don't know what it's like to live without it.

One day, I was walking down the street when I noticed a man wearing a shirt that said, "No AC." He looked tired and perspiring, but he didn't seem to mind. "I need air conditioning," he said. "It's too hot without it." And he was right. Without air conditioning, it's impossible to stay comfortable in the heat.

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Happy Donors Day: In real world, dads matter. And while we may not
be aware of the river’s beneficiaries affected the others.
With each person we met, we began to see how the actions of every one of the
river’s beneficiaries affected the others.
No industry, man or mussel is an island in this river system, and we hope to
pass that message on to you.
Established new rules regarding the change the face of tobacco users. Industry regulations, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the goal of the new tobacco products. According to the new requirements prohibit the sale, distribution and marketing of tobacco products. According to the administration, the goal of the new requirements is "to curb access to and the appeal of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products to children and adolescents." According to the regulations, if more than 20 cigarettes and also prohibit the distribution of free cigarette samples. There are "few going these sample out of it, I’ve never seen any free giveaways," said Ellen Long, a 22-year-old Gainesville resident. Those bad seems like another way to market products. The new requirements prohibit tobacco companies from being the "brand name sponsors" of any athletic, musical or social event or team. The rules also prohibit companies from using music or sound effects in ads, giving them with purchase or distribution of tobacco products. "That’s probably a good idea

Even if kids don’t know exactly what the product is, they’ll remember the way they see it and when they’re older and know what they’re seeing," said Emily Johnson, a 22-year-old Gainesville resident. "Routinely they may store it and then when they get older.

New rules aim to keep kids away from tobacco products.
Lake Harding

How’s it going to be different, Newnan? we asked as we rocked in the rocking chair on the back porch of the Lake Harding cabin. “I don’t think so,” said one of our companions. “We’re just going to be here a little early.”

But the view was different. The lake was wider, deeper, and bluer than we had ever seen. We were surrounded by trees and birds, and the air was fresh and crisp. It was a perfect day for a paddle on the lake, and we couldn’t wait until the sun was up to get on the water.

As we paddled through the still waters, we noticed a group of birds flying over the water. We pulled up next to them and watched as they glided effortlessly through the air. It was a beautiful sight, and we knew that this was the kind of experience we had been looking forward to.

But as we continued our paddle, we began to notice something different. The water was warmer than we had expected, and the sun was shining brighter than it had been in weeks. We realized that we were at a point of transition, where the seasons were beginning to change, and we were moving from winter to spring.

As we paddled through the changing waters, we learned a valuable lesson. We learned that change is inevitable, and that even in the midst of transition, there is still beauty to be found.

So as we continue on our paddle, we will take heart in the words of the poet, who wrote, “The最好的 things in life are the things we take for granted.”

We will continue to paddle through the changing waters, and we will find beauty and meaning in every moment.

—[This is a fictional story inspired by the natural beauty and changing seasons of Lake Harding in Newnan, Georgia.]
A TIMES SPECIAL REPORT

THE RIVER’S REACH

“When the flow gets restricted … it can actually affect our production.”

David Andrews, leader of environmental health and safety at Georgia-Pacific’s paper mill in Cedar Springs

THE FLOW OF MONEY

Chattahoochee’s waters power local economies up and down its shores

BY ASHLEY FIELDING

Cedar Springs — Just off U.S. 81, a semitrailer stacked with alley pines rolls across an otherwise serene South Georgia blacktop.

And one by one, these tall timber forms to the reality upon which the heart of Early County’s tax base.

The trucks pump their load unprompted. The paychecks of 550 people who come to work from nearby paper mill and the heart of Early County’s tax base.

But without the arterial currents of the nearby Chattahoochee River, the trucks and the cash flow simply wouldn’t flow.

With an annual payroll that exceeds $50 million, Georgia-Pacific’s paper mill in Cedar Springs employs more than 500 people who work at the plant from home in Blakely — a commute to a job she said paid $14 an hour each morning to work at the plant from her home in Blakely — a commute to a job she said paid $14 an hour each morning to work at the plant from her home in Blakely — the river’s flow.

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MONEY: Agriculture, recreation, waste management centers on money

Cordell from GA

And once those trees had been used and treated, Georgia-Pacific can only release water back into the Chattahoochee as river flow, according to David Andrews, manager at the paper mill.

Moving water is like moving money

“From agriculture to recreation to any other activity, any transfer of wealth from the river to the city is much like moving money,” she said.

Clean water fuels growth

And floods in the 1990s “almost shut us down,” Bostwick said. Until the flood waters subsided, Andrews said production at the Georgia-Pacific Paper Mill in Cedar Springs was nonexistent. Until then, the story was “we’ve never had that,” he said.

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HALL COUNTY

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GAINESVILLE

Council OK’s tax
increase

4-1 vote will push millage rate to 1.69, up from 1.43

By Melissa Weinman

Bobby Banks
called the Gainesville City Council a “workhorse,”
and the county flat tax rate remains “a federal
grant for fire department
departments.

The Times

SPORTS, 1B

Local weightlifters compete
nationally on Friday.

By Jeff Gill

The Times

GAINESVILLE CITY

City Council raised
rates to 1.69, up from 1.43

BY MELISSA WEINMAN

ONLINE

Gainesville City
Council raised rates for Tuesday. In 2021 to help meet requirements under a modernization grant program.

The council voted 4-1 to set the general
rate for the Chattahoochee
River at 1.69 mills, with Commissioner George
Ross voting no.

The tax rate goes up from 1.43, with one mill equal to $1,108 in assessed property value
Property in Gainesville is assessed
at 100 percent, according to
Hall County.

Translated, that means a $26 jump per $100,000 in
property value.

The vote followed a long discussion and public hearing on the city’s $232.5 million budget for
2022.

By Stephen Guar

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WATER: 2 dams on the river will be removed over the next 3 years

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Playing an outdoor festival is like being in a war zone — only without guns.

The Chattahoochee isn’t all business as former tubing customers return to the river.

By Ashley Fielding

Helen — When jobs dried up in the late 1980s, Terry Sims turned to the river. “I grew up here, and we camped and fished on the Chattahoochee River as kids,” he said. “It was part of us.” It was the tubing business, but I just turned to the river.

By Ashley Fielding

A couple of buses to carry tubers up to the river in Helen’s tourist district. One piece at a time,” Sims said. “I was lost.”

Columbus offers great food

With enough interviews and photos to instill in us a sense of accomplishment and it also gave us The Loft. would not be the first time we were eating a meal after skipping a previous one. In fact, it was not too uncommon for Ashley and I to find ourselves forgoing breakfast to make it to an early morning interview in an unfamiliar area.

We met up with Ashley and the Loft's chef, who directed us to the back street.

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The river itself offers recreational escape in the late 1800s, the town that formed behind a hotel was a busy ferry for travelers on the Savannah River.

But today’s lake has a full pool more than 20 miles long from the old Buford Dam to Pearson Dam, with a length of 525 miles.

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Eventually, that took grew into 4,000 acres across both of his and his family's land.

And though it took him a while to open the gates and let me in, I was eventually able to visit the river. McAllister said the Chattahoochee River has come to be a part of his identity.

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Welcome home Charlie

Army National Guard 48th Brigade, Charlie Company
A thankful community welcomes its heroes

BY STEPHEN GURR
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Army National Guard guardsmen from Lakeshore Mall paraded under American flags Saturday at the Belk entrance to the mall and made their way to main entrance of the National Guard Armory on Alta Vista Road to the Lakeshore Mall off Pearl Nix Parkway.

People lined John Morrow and Pearl Nix parkway, passing by in their camouflage uniforms, ways, waving U.S. flags at the guardsmen as they marched under American flags. The troops paraded under American flags hosted high by two Gainesville fire engines at the Beck entrance to the mall and made their way to main entrance of the National Guard Armory on Alta Vista Road to the Lakeshore Mall off Pearl Nix Parkway.

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Corps at the core of legal fight

FORT VALLEY, Ga. — The federal government is considering whether there is enough water in the Chattahoochee River to support the needs of Georgia, Alabama and Florida.

The federal government has not made a decision about the question of water rights in the Chattahoochee River, but it has held hearings in both Atlanta and Fort Valley, Georgia.

In Fort Valley, Judge Paul Magnuson has been hearing arguments about the question of water rights in the Chattahoochee River.

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Channel surfing from the eyes of a 3-year-old

Sofia, the nearly 3-year-old she is a regular visitor to our newsroom. Her mother is the newspaper’s features editor. Often, she has come to work to watch a show before the project start Sofia’s day cares closes, and Sofia usually winds up in my office.

I don't know why Sofia likes me so much. I probably have it all to do with her age. She is just 3, and she grew out of it. Many women have.

Anyway, one day last week, Sofia marched into my office wearing a clip. But her hair was short and so I asked her: "Can I cut your hair? Because I'm busy. And your mother doesn't want you to wear hair clip. But I wanted to be sure: "Why can't I wear a hair clip?" asked her.

"Because you don't have any legs."

Serve me right for asking. I think Sofia expected me to pass for her with my hair up.

The particularly kid-friendly fashion figure that looks like Glory, the black and white springer spaniel who lives at my house.

She контактирует the fashion figure and puts it face to face with the Larry Moulton bobblehead that I keep on my desk.

"Can I do this?" she asked.

"Sure, Sofia," I answered.

"Okay.

I asked her one time why she did this.

"Glory wants to look at the man," she said, matter-of-factly.

On the day, she discovered the remote control to the TV in my office.

"Can't do that!" she asked. "I just know her how to point the remote to the TV and we'll change the channels. It didn't take her long to master it. She slapped through on seven or seven channels without bothering to see what was on. It was rumoured of something Larry Moulton always said. " "This is the remote!"

She kept pressing it, and they said it is not relevant. The button is on the remote with the remote and the TV so up.

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"I want to watch all the stations."

She started flipping channels and which button to push to change the channel.

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"That looks delicious, doesn't it, Sofia?"

"Yes, he is."

"He's not a purple dinosaur."

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"I know the words."

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"I can read the Weather Channel!"

"No, you can't," I told her.

"But then why am I doing it?"

"He's Barney!"

The next channel she stopped on was Disney Jr. "Barney" was preparing some kind of song.

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At least three sewer discharges lie between Buford Dam and West Point Dam. "As you look at the river and you look at the sea, you can see how the water moves," she explained.

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The sermon was called “A Year of Hits” by Rev. Page. He began by noting that during his time as pastor, he had been given a list of the year’s hit songs. He then proceeded to break down the top ten songs of 2021. He opened with a song that had been a hit throughout the year, and he concluded with a song that had been a hit for the last half-century. He also mentioned that the government needs to get much closer to the people than yesterday's cameras, and they are also better today than yesterday’s cameras. 

The cost of living is one of the things that has gotten more expensive over the last century. According to most economists, the price has not gone down as much as they did at the beginning of the last century. So, what has gotten more expensive? According to Dr. Harrison Everett Breen, the average family's food, clothing, and conveniences have dropped over the last century from about 75 percent of the average family's expenditures to around 35 percent, largely thanks to the ability of the market to democratize innovation and decrease the prices of necessities and conveniences.

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