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Tighter water restrictions 'imminent'

City may impose Stage 3 drought plan if conditions don't improve

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After a month of mandatory water cutbacks, water restrictions are expected to tighten further in Rock Hill by the end of the month, city officials said Wednesday. Utilities director Jimmy Bagley

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said a Stage 3 drought response is "imminent" as lake levels and the water table continue to drop from lack of rain. Bagley said the

move to Stage 3, which means a maximum of once-a-week lawn watering, likely will begin at the end of the month, despite residents' best efforts to conserve. "Folks really are doing their part," Bagley said, noting only four individuals have been fined for dis-

obeying mandatory water rules that were put in place more than a month ago. "If we go to a Stage 3, it's because the rain hasn't kept pace." City spokeswoman Lyn Garris said exact rules of a Stage 3 response have not been finalized by city leaders, but she expects lawn watering

rules to tighten. Once imposed, the rules would impact water customers in Rock Hill, rural York County, Fort Mill and Tega Cay. "Before we impose anything, we want to make sure we're ready," Garris said. "This is a very serious drought."

According to Duke Energy, a typical Stage 3 response includes:
■ Once-a-week lawn watering or less;
■ No recreational outdoor water use;
■ No car or pressure washing;
■ Officials meeting with major industries to discuss required cutbacks.
Bagley said it's been at least five
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S.C. State president speaks at Clinton Junior College convocation



Above, members of the Clinton Junior College faculty get ready before the college's fall convocation on Wednesday morning. Below, Andrew Hugine, Jr., president of South Carolina State University, delivers the keynote address during the ceremony.

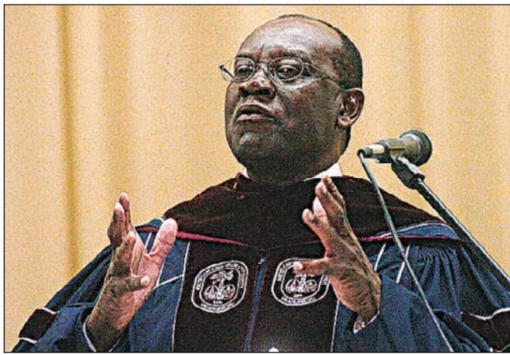
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Speaker delivers life-affirming message

By Jessica Schonberg
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Andrew Hugine, the president of South Carolina State University, gave Clinton Junior College students a life lesson during Clinton's annual convocation ceremony Wednesday. "L" is for loving and respecting yourself, he told them. "I" stands for individual respect. "F" is for faith and belief in a higher power. And "E" is for education, which brought the students together in the school's gymnasium, and excuses that should never be made. "I demand of you that you will set your standards high, that you will enlarge your vision," Hugine said. "You are going to be responsible for filling in the blank on this

test of life you are going to take." About 100 students and faculty members attended the ceremony. The new academic year was marked by changes at Clinton. The school ushered in two new programs and six new faculty members, an unusual amount of growth for the small, two-year college. "It's very exciting here right now," said Janis Pendleton, vice president for academic affairs. "We're really rolling." Beginning this semester, the school is offering programs in science and early childhood education.

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La. town braces for protest

Rally to condemn treatment of 'Jena 6'

By Howard Witt
Chicago Tribune

JENA, La. — There is no single leader. There is no agreed schedule. Organizers aren't even certain where everyone is supposed to gather, let alone use the restroom. The only thing that is known for sure is that thousands of protesters are boarding buses at churches, colleges and community centers across the country this week, headed for this tiny dot on the map of central Louisiana.

What could turn out to be one of the largest civil rights demonstrations in years is set to take place here today when the Rev. Jesse Jackson, the Rev. Al Sharpton, Martin Luther King III, popular black radio talk-show hosts and other celebrities converge in Jena to protest what they regard as unequal treatment of blacks in this racially fractured

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Locals headed to Jena

The story of the Jena 6 has sparked a call to action in York, Chester, and Lancaster counties.

Dozens of area people left late Tuesday and Wednesday to be a part of demonstrations planned for this morning in Jena, La. One group affiliated with the NAACP in Chester sent 50 people aboard a chartered bus. The group had to turn away dozens more requests for seats after the bus was filled, said Wanda Stringfellow, former mayor of Chester, whose father is NAACP president. NAACP members from Rock Hill and western York County chapters also left Wednesday for Jena.

Purple ribbons symbolizing the attempt to stamp out racism were handed out Wednesday to students and faculty at Rock Hill's historically black Clinton Junior College. Elaine Copeland, Clinton president, told students at Wednesday's college convocation to pay attention to the Jena story and stay aware of racism that still exists.

Army testing soldiers' brains to help treat, diagnose injuries



Soldiers of the 101st Airborne take a cognitive skills test in Fort Campbell, Ky., in preparation for deployment to Iraq earlier this month.

John Russell • The Associated Press

By Kristin M. Hall
The Associated Press

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — Before they leave for Iraq, thousands of troops with the 101st Airborne Division line up at laptop computers to take a test: basic math, matching numbers and symbols, and identifying patterns. They press a button quickly to measure response time.

It's all part of a fledgling Army program that records how soldiers' brains work when healthy, giving doctors baseline data to help diagnose and treat them if they come back with a traumatic brain injury — the signature injury of the Iraq war.

"This allows the Army to be much more proactive," said Lt. Col. Mark McGrail, division surgeon for the 101st. "We don't want to wait until the soldier is getting out of the Army to say, 'But I've had these symptoms.'"

The mandatory brain-function tests are start-

ing with the 101st at Fort Campbell and are expected to spread to other military bases in the next couple of months. Commanders at each base will decide whether to adopt the program.

The tests provide a standard, objective measurement for each soldier's reaction time, their short-term memory and other cognitive skills. That data would be used when the soldiers come home to identify mild brain trauma that can often go unnoticed and untreated.

One veterans group wants to ensure the Army doesn't use the results to deny treatment by claiming that soldiers' problems came from pre-existing conditions.

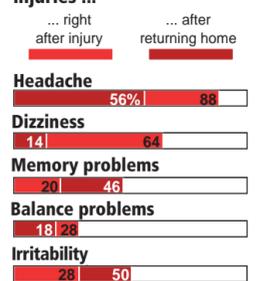
"We certainly think these tests should not be used to reduce the responsibility that the Army has to treat the soldiers who have served," said Jason Forrester, director of policy for Veterans for America.

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Troop brain injuries

The Army has begun brain-function tests on soldiers before war to give doctors critical data for treatment if a soldier returns with a traumatic brain injury.

Symptoms of soldier brain injuries ...



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