

# Clinton Undergoes Heart Procedure

Former U.S. President Is 'In Good Spirits,' Will Continue Haiti Relief Efforts

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NEW YORK — Former President Bill Clinton, who had quadruple bypass surgery more than five years ago, was hospitalized Thursday to have a clogged heart artery opened after suffering discomfort in his chest.

Two stents resembling tiny mesh scaffolds were placed inside the artery as part of a medical procedure that is common for people with severe heart disease.

The 63-year-old Clinton was "in good spirits and will continue to focus on the work of his foundation and Haiti's relief and long-term recovery efforts," said an adviser, Douglas Band.

Terry McAuliffe, former Democratic National Committee chairman and a close friend of the Clintons, said Clinton participated in a conference call on earthquake relief as he was being wheeled into an operating room.

He expected Clinton to be released from the hospital Friday.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton traveled from Washington to New York to be with her husband, who underwent the procedure at New York Presbyterian Hospital, the same place where his bypass surgery was done in September 2004.

At that time, four of his arteries were blocked, some almost completely, and he was in danger of an imminent heart attack.

Cardiologist Allan Schwartz said the former president had been feeling discomfort in his chest for several days, and tests showed that one of the bypasses from the surgery was completely blocked.

Instead of trying to open the blocked bypass, doctors reopened one of his original blocked arteries and inserted the two stents. The procedure took about an hour, and Clinton was able to get up two hours later, Schwartz said.

There was no sign the former president had suffered a heart attack, and the new blockage was not a result of his diet, Schwartz said.

The doctor said Clinton could return to work Monday.

"The procedure went very smoothly," Schwartz said, describing Clinton's prognosis as excellent.

In an angioplasty, the procedure Clinton had on Thursday, doctors thread a tube through a blood vessel in the groin to a blocked artery and inflate a balloon to flatten the clog. Often, one or more stents are used to prop the artery open.

The angioplasty is usually done with the patient awake but sedated. It's one of the most common medical procedures done worldwide. More than a million angioplasties are done in the United States each year, most involving stents.

"It's not unexpected" for Clinton to need



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another procedure years after his bypass, said Dr. Clyde Yancy, cardiologist at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas and president of the American Heart Association.

The sections of blood vessels used to create detours around the original blockages tend to develop clogs five to 10 years after a bypass, Yancy explained. New blockages also can develop in new areas.

"This kind of disease is progressive. It's not a one-time event, so it really points out the need for constant surveillance" and treating risk factors such as high cholesterol and high blood pressure, he said.

The need for another artery-opening procedure will not affect Clinton's long-term prognosis, said Dr. William O'Neill, a cardiologist and executive dean of clinical affairs at the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine.

"It doesn't really affect long-term survival. It's a quality-of-life thing. He'll have to have careful monitoring, regular stress tests." O'Neill said he had done 10 or 15 such procedures in a single patient over a period of time, and they still live long lives.

Nearly 1 in 5 patients who have angioplasties have previously had a bypass operation, according to a patient registry maintained by the American College of Cardiology.

Doctors will have to watch Clinton closely for signs of excessive bleeding from the spot in the leg where doctors inserted a catheter, said Dr. Spencer King, a cardiologist at St. Joseph's Heart and Vascular Institute in Atlanta and past president of the cardiology college.

## Toyota Pres. Expected To Travel To U.S. In March

WASHINGTON (AP) — Toyota's top executive is expected to visit the United States in early March amid pressure from a House Republican that the company's leader testify before Congress about the automaker's safety lapses.

Toyota confirmed Thursday that Akio Toyoda, Toyota's president and the grandson of the company's founder, was expected to visit the U.S. in early March to meet with government officials and members of Congress but said his schedule was still under discussion. The executive had previously said he intended to travel to America to meet Toyota workers and dealers in the aftermath of a global recall of 8.5 million vehicles.

Toyota's trip is intended to reassure rattled car owners and company employees following the

recall, which has hurt the reputation of the world's No. 1 automaker and raised questions about how quickly Toyota responded to the safety problems. But his arrival in early March would come about a week after hearings by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee and the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

The Senate Commerce Committee is expected to hold a Toyota hearing on March 2 but has not yet announced its witness list.

The Asahi daily said Friday Toyota will attend U.S. congressional hearings to explain a string of safety and quality issues. But the major Japanese daily said it is unclear exactly which session Toyota will attend.

Toyota spokeswoman Ririko

Takeuchi in Tokyo declined to confirm the report.

"Nothing has been decided on whether the president will attend hearings or not," she said.

Rep. Darrell Issa of California, the top Republican on the Oversight Committee, said Thursday that Toyota should meet with lawmakers and suggested his committee hold another hearing with Toyota as a witness. If necessary, Issa said, Congress should compel Toyota's testimony.

"If we are not receiving the cooperation and transparency this committee and the American people are demanding from Toyota, I would fully support the issuance of a subpoena," Issa said. "We have a duty to determine what Toyota knew, when they knew it and if they met their full obligation of disclosure to

U.S. regulators and the American people."

Rep. Edolphus Towns, D-N.Y., who chairs the Oversight Committee, would decide whether to invite Toyoda or hold a second hearing. Jenny Thalheimer Rosenberg, a committee spokeswoman, said Towns had not made an announcement on additional witnesses but would speak to Issa about "his suggestion to bring Mr. Toyoda to testify at our February hearing or in the future."

Issa said a second hearing could also include testimony from transportation officials who served during the Bush administration.

Toyota spokeswoman Cindy Knight said the company was "working cooperatively with the committees to meet their needs for information from Toyota."

## OBITUARIES

### Cyrus Mischke

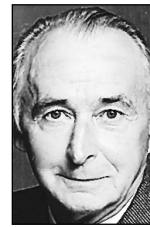
Cyrus A. Mischke, age 93, of Crofton, Nebraska, left his earthly home Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton, South Dakota.

Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 13, 2010, at First United Methodist Church in Yankton with Reverend Dean Trapp officiating. Burial will be in the Frankfort Cemetery in rural Crofton, Nebraska with military honors provided by the Crofton American Legion Post No. 128.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton.

Cyrus Alexander Mischke was born May 9, 1916 in Crofton, Nebraska to Martin and Louise (Garnjobst) Mischke. He was one of 11 children and grew up on a ranch north of Crofton. He attended Frankfort Country

School and High School. When he was 26, he joined the United States Army and served in the European Theater during World War II. He served as a medical technician with the 95th General Hospital and received the Good Conduct Medal and Battle of the Bulge Citation. Cyrus was discharged on December 2, 1945 and married Helen Jensen on September 1, 1946 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. After their marriage, they lived on the Missouri River bottom until the completion of Gavins Point Dam forced them to move. In 1956, they moved to the farm where he has lived ever since. Cyrus enjoyed ranching and farming with brothers on the Mischke Hereford Ranch where they raised cattle and bred registered Hereford bulls. He loved



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the land and enjoyed being outside fishing and hunting, especially with his sons in Wyoming. Later in life, he enjoyed watching and feeding the birds outside his window. Cyrus served on the Frankfort School Board and Cemetery Board. He was a 4-H leader and a member of the Crofton American Legion Post No. 128. Cyrus also was a member of the Brown Swiss Association, Simmental Association and American Hereford Association.

Cyrus is survived by his wife, Helen Mischke of Crofton, NE; five children: Steve (Linda) Mischke of Gillette, WY, David Mischke of Worland, WY, Bev (Don) Reimer of Broomfield, CO, James (Robin) Mischke of Thermopolis, WY and Lisa Mischke (Tom Harner) of Lincoln, NE; eight grandchildren; three great grandchildren; one brother, Gordon (Shirley) Mischke of Crofton; and many nieces and nephews.

### Larry Schueth

VERMILLION — Larry P. Schueth, 69, of Vermillion, SD died Thursday, February 11 at his residence, after a battle with cancer.

Larry was born June 11, 1940 in Pierre, SD to Earl and Isabelle (Hoover) Schueth. He joined the Army National Guard in 1957, and graduated from Pierre High School in 1958. He attended Southern State College for a short time before entering the Air Force in 1960. He was stationed at the Hill Air Force Base in Clearfield, UT, and was discharged in 1964. Larry married Marlene Souvignier on March 23, 1963 in



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Pierre, and upon his discharge in 1964, they moved back to Pierre, and he worked a few different jobs before moving to Omaha, NE in 1965 to manage Hesteds Dept. Store, and later transferred to Vermillion in 1968 to manage the JJ Newberry Store. In 1972, he went to work for the Vermillion Police Dept. retiring in 1997. After yet another retirement, he worked as the Supervisor of the Clay County Weed Dept., retiring again in 2006.

He was a member of the South Dakota Peace Officers, American Legion, the Lions and the Eagles.

Larry is survived by his wife Marlene of Vermillion, a sister Sue (Jack) Kuhl of Pierre, a brother Walter (Jane) Schueth of Omaha, and a special friend Tom (Pat) Terrell of David City, NE, and many special nieces and

nephews. He is also survived by several in laws; Kay and Monica Jones of Canton, SD, Bill and Bernie of Minneapolis, MN, Jim and Deb Souvignier of Harrisburg, SD, Lynn and Vickie Hurley of Sioux Falls, SD and Robert and Peggy Souvignier also of Harrisburg.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Harry Schueth, and a step father Vince Zimmerman.

Funeral service will be 10:00 Tuesday, February 16, at the St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion, with burial at 1:00 p.m. at the Forest Hill Cemetery in Canton, SD.

Visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 15, with a Prayer service at 7:00 p.m. all at the church. For online condolences and obituary please

visit [hansenfuneralhome.com](http://hansenfuneralhome.com).

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### Ross Crosley

PARKSTON — Ross Eugene Crosley, 79, of Parkston died Wednesday (Feb. 10, 2010) at the Avera Bormann Manor in Parkston.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Monday at Salem Lutheran Church, Parkston, with the Rev. David Winterfeldt officiating. Burial will be at the L' Eau Qui Court Cemetery in Niobrara, Neb. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Sunday with a 7 p.m. prayer service at the church.

Reck Funeral Home, Miller, has been entrusted with Ross's arrangements. Visit [www.familyfuneralhome.net](http://www.familyfuneralhome.net)

## NATION/WORLD DIGEST

### U.S., Afghan Troops Prep Taliban Assault

NEAR MARIJAH, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. and Afghan forces ringed the Taliban stronghold of Marjah on Thursday, sealing off escape routes and setting the stage for what is being described as the biggest offensive of the nine-year war.

Taliban defenders repeatedly fired rockets and mortars at units poised in foxholes along the edge of the town, apparently trying to lure NATO forces into skirmishes before the big attack.

"They're trying to draw us in," said Capt. Joshua Winfrey, 30, of Tulsa, Okla., commander of Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines.

Up to 1,000 militants are believed holed up in Marjah, a key Taliban logistics base and center of the lucrative opium poppy trade. But the biggest threats are likely to be the land mines and bombs hidden in the roads and fields of the farming community, 380 miles (610 kilometers) southwest of Kabul.

The precise date for the attack has been kept secret. U.S. officials have signaled for weeks they planned to seize Marjah, a town of about 80,000 people in Helmand province and the biggest community in southern Afghanistan under Taliban control.

### Iran Marks Anniversary With Crackdown

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The Iranian security forces unleashed a crushing sweep against opposition protesters on Thursday as President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad used the 31st anniversary of the Islamic revolution to defy the West and boast his country was now a "nuclear state."

The massive show of force appeared to give authorities the upper hand on the most important day of the Iranian political calendar. The state-backed rally dwarfed anti-government gatherings, which were far smaller than other outpourings of dissent in recent months.

Police clashed with anti-government protesters in several sites around Tehran, firing tear gas to disperse them and paintballs to mark them for arrest. Gangs of hard-liners also attacked senior opposition figures — including the wife of the head of the reform movement.

Still, the day's events showed that authorities must rely on full-scale pressures to keep a lid on demonstrations, and any breathing room may be limited. Opposition supporters are certain to regroup and look for weak spots in the ruling system.

In his address to a crowd of hundreds of thousands — many bused into Tehran's Freedom Square — Ahmadinejad sought to shift attention from the nation's political troubles, boasting instead about Iran's advancements in nuclear technology. He also dismissed new U.S. sanctions and denigrated President Barack Obama's efforts to repair relations.

### Haitian Judge Set To Free U.S. Missionaries

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The 10 U.S. missionaries facing trial for trying to take a busload of children out of Haiti should be released from jail while an investigation continues, a Haitian judge said Thursday, giving the Americans their best news since their arrests nearly two weeks ago.

Judge Bernard Saint-Vil has the final word on whether to free the missionaries, though he gave the prosecutor-general the opportunity to raise objections. He said he was accepting defense attorneys' request to provisionally free the Americans while an investigation of the case continues.

It is unclear when the missionaries, most from an Idaho Baptist church group, might be released, and Saint-Vil said it was too early to say whether they would be able to leave this earthquake-crippled Caribbean nation if granted provisional freedom. It is also unclear what bearing releasing the missionaries might have on whether they go to trial.

Saint-Vil on Thursday privately questioned the last of a group of parents who said they willingly gave their children to the Baptist missionaries, believing the Americans would educate and care for them.

### Single-Mom Discharged On Refusal To Deploy

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — A single-mom soldier who says she refused to deploy to Afghanistan because she had no family able to care for her young son will be discharged from the military instead of facing a court-martial, the Army said Thursday.

Spc. Alexis Hutchinson, an Army cook stationed at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, was arrested in November after skipping her unit's deployment flight. Hutchinson, 21, said she couldn't leave her son because her mother had backed out of plans to keep the child a few days before the soldier's scheduled departure.

The Army filed criminal charges last month against Hutchinson of Oakland, Calif., but a general at neighboring Fort Stewart chose to settle the case by granting her an administrative discharge rather than try her in a military court.

The decision still carries consequences for Hutchinson. She is being demoted in rank to private and will lose benefits afforded to military service members and veterans, Fort Stewart spokesman Kevin Larson said.

### Stocks Rise, First-Time Jobless Claims Fall

NEW YORK (AP) — Relief about Europe's pledge to support Greece sent the stock market charging higher Thursday.

The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 106 points as confidence grew that aid to Greece would extinguish one of the several threats that investors see to an economic recovery.

The market's advance was broad-based, but energy and materials stocks logged some of the biggest gains after oil prices rose for a fourth day. A tame report on inflation in China suggested the country wouldn't have to move more aggressively to slow its economy.

China's rapid economic expansion has been driving up demand for natural resources, and the benign signal on inflation there sent shares of materials companies higher. Oil and gas company Pioneer Natural Resources Co. and metals producer Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. each rose more than 4 percent.

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