

## GOOD MORNING, LOUISIANA

### Kimball released from intensive care

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Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Catherine



Kimball

"Kitty" Kimball, who suffered a stroke Sunday and underwent successful surgery to remove the blockage,

has been released from intensive care and was expected to be moved to a private room Wednesday, the high court said.

Kimball's condition "continues to improve rapidly," the court said in a prepared statement.

There are "no known remaining blockages," and Kimball is talking "extensively" with her family and physicians, the court added.

Kimball, 64, of Ventress, is the first woman elected to the high court and the court's first female chief justice. She is married to former state legislator Clyde W. Kimball.

### 4 Americans die in Afghan attacks

Four U.S. service members were killed Wednesday in separate attacks in Afghanistan, NATO said, underscoring the dangers facing Americans as President Barack Obama intensifies efforts to stabilize the country in its ninth year of war.

The deaths raised to 14 the number of U.S. troops killed in Afghanistan so far this year, according to an Associated Press count.

They also came on the day the U.N. released a report showing the number of Afghan civilian deaths has been on the rise.

One American service member was killed in fighting with insurgents in eastern Afghanistan while the other died of wounds suffered in a roadside bombing in the south.

NATO said the two other American troops died in a bomb blast Wednesday, but disclosed no other information.

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Return to balanced diet brings back the bread machine

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# Survivors grieve, search city's rubble



Associated Press photo by JORGE CRUZ

Debris lies along the Delmas Road in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Wednesday. A 7.0-magnitude earthquake, the largest ever recorded in the area, rocked Haiti on Tuesday.

## Thousands feared dead in Port-au-Prince

BY JONATHAN M. KATZ  
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**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti** — Dazed survivors wandered past dead bodies in rubble-strewn streets Wednesday, crying for loved ones, and rescuers desperately searched collapsed buildings as fear rose that the death toll from Haiti's devastating earthquake could reach into the tens of thousands.

The first cargo planes with food, water, medical supplies, shelter and sniffer dogs headed to the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation a day after the magnitude-7 quake flattened much of the capital of 2 million people.

Tuesday's earthquake brought down buildings great and small, from shacks in shantytowns to President Rene Preval's gleaming white National Palace, where a dome tilted ominously above the manicured grounds.

Hospitals, schools and the main prison collapsed.

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The capital's Roman Catholic archbishop was killed when his office and the main cathedral fell.

The head of the U.N. peacekeeping mission was missing in the ruins of the organization's multistory headquarters. Police officers turned their pickups into ambulances to carry the injured.

Wisnel Occilus, a 24-year-old student, was wedged between two other survivors in a truck bed headed to a police station.

He was in an English class when the Earth shook at 4:53 p.m. and the building collapsed.

"The professor is dead. Some of the students are dead, too," said Occilus, who suspected he had several broken bones. "Everything hurts."

Other survivors carried in-

jured to hospitals in wheelbarrows and on stretchers fashioned from doors.

In Petionville, next to the capital, people used sledgehammers and their bare hands to dig through a collapsed shopping center, tossing aside mattresses and office supplies.

More than a dozen cars were entombed, including a U.N. truck.

Nearby, about 200 survivors, including many children, huddled in a theater parking lot using sheets to rig makeshift tents and shield themselves from the sun in 90-degree heat.

At a triage center improvised in a hotel parking lot, people with cuts, broken bones and crushed ribs moaned under tent-like covers fashioned from bloody sheets.

"I can't take it anymore. My back hurts too much," said Alex Georges, 28, who was still waiting for treatment a day af-

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### How to help

A number of agencies are coordinating relief to Haiti. Relief efforts include:

■ Southern University's Center for International Education. The Haiti Disaster Relief Drive to aid the needs of Haitian children, such as warm-weather clothes, shoes, hats, blankets, book bags, suitcases, soap, shampoo, sanitizers, baby formula, toilet paper, baby wipes, diapers and female products. Donations can be brought to Southern's Center for International Education, Room 1100, T.H. Harris Hall on Elton C. Harris Drive. For details, contact Warren Anderson, Kristan Gordon or Ernst Pierre at Southern at (225) 771-2613.

■ The American Red Cross, contributing an initial \$1 million, has opened its Panama warehouse to provide tarps, mosquito nets and cooking sets for approximately 5,000 families. To donate to the agency's International Response Fund, log onto <http://www.redcross.org> or call (800) REDCROSS (800) 733-2767. Also text "Haiti" to 90999 to send a \$10 donation.

■ Catholic Relief Services, is accepting donations by phone at (800) 736-3467 between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.; via mail at P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090; or online at [https://secure.crs.org/site/Donation2?df\\_id=3181&3181.donation=form1](https://secure.crs.org/site/Donation2?df_id=3181&3181.donation=form1).

■ Islamic Relief USA, which says it is sending a \$1 million shipment of aid, in coordination with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. To donate online, visit <http://www.IslamicReliefUSA.org> or call (888) 479-4968. Make checks payable to "Islamic Relief USA" and send to Islamic Relief USA, P.O. Box 5640, Buena Park, CA 90622.

■ For information on other relief efforts, log onto <http://www.2theadvocate.com>.

■ For information on other reputable charities, log onto <http://www.charitywatch.org/hottopics/Haiti.html>.

## Locals with Haitian ties wait for condition of friends, family

BY STEVEN WARD  
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LSU graduate student Myrtho Joseph's brother, sister-in-law and two nieces left Baton Rouge last week to head home to Haiti following a two-week visit.

Wednesday, Joseph said he didn't know if his brother and his family were still alive.

"I can't sleep. I can't concentrate on anything else. It would be better to hear bad news now than wait to hear bad news. Because once you know, you know," Joseph said.

Joseph, 42, has been at LSU since 2008 working on a doctorate in urban geology. He is from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, where a magnitude-7.0 earthquake devastated the city Tuesday, with thousands of people thought to



Advocate staff photo by RICHARD ALAN HANNON

LSU graduate student Myrtho Joseph, 42, of Haiti, attempts in vain Wednesday from his home in Baton Rouge to telephone his brother, Juvenel Joseph, who lives in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. His brother had visited Baton Rouge with his wife and two daughters over the holidays. Thousands have been reported killed in the earthquake that devastated Haiti on Tuesday.

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## Chinese business venture visits BR

BY GARY PERILLOUX  
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For the fourth time in the past year, Mayor-President Kip Holden welcomed a Chinese business delegation on Wednesday, one bringing prospects of a 200-job manufacturing center for LED lighting.

Pepnice Corp., the largest manufacturer of light-emitting diodes in the world, would join Liantronics Co. Ltd. in a venture to make LED lighting fixtures and digital billboards, said Eugene Ji, the mayor's liaison to China.

Holden traveled to China in April to forge business and cultural ties. Pepnice and Liantronics executives repaid the visit this week and are looking for a 100,000-square-foot building with a 24-foot ceiling clearance, to start.

Actual Baton Rouge production might not begin until next year.

In phases, employment would ramp up to 200 jobs when full capacity is reached in about two years, Ji said.

Pepnice also wants to convert a closed automotive building near General Motors Co. operations that are winding down in Shreveport.

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Advocate staff photo by LIZ CONDO

Lyvonia 'Stump' Mitchell accepts a Southern University cap during a news conference Wednesday at the J.S. Clark Administration Building. Southern University formally introduced Mitchell, a former NFL running back and assistant coach, as its 17th head football coach.

## Southern introduces Mitchell as new coach

BY PERRY N KEYS  
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Ricky Diggs was thrilled. No, Southern University officials weren't there to introduce him. Alumni weren't there for him. None of the fans had come to inspect Diggs, size him up, to judge for themselves if he was a good fit for the program.

On Wednesday morning, those people gathered on the second floor of the J.S. Clark Administration Building to see and hear Stump Mitchell, who, at long last, addressed a crowd as Southern's new head football coach.

Still, Diggs sat quietly, a few feet to Mitchell's right. A full head of snow-white hair sat atop his head. He wore a sharp suit, a fedora and a grin that doesn't come with a price tag.

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