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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: As the National Organization for Women turns 50, feminists reflect on progress, unfinished business

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160625/160629662/as-the-national-organization-for-women-turns-50-feminists-reflect-on-progress-unfinished-business>

Deanna Pan

Two years after she was hired as a cub reporter for a local TV news station, Jennet Robinson Alterman asked for a raise. It was 1975. She had been hired at the same time as two men, both fresh out of college with liberal arts degrees just like her. But despite having the same job, they made twice as much she did. When she approached her boss about a pay bump, he said something Alterman would never forget. "I was told I would never get a raise because I would always be a secondary income because I would have a husband to support me," she recalled. "So I quit." Times have changed since Alterman asked for her first raise. The National Organization for Women, founded in 1966 by a small group of activists to end gender discrimination, recognized its 50th anniversary this month with much to celebrate: Women now comprise close to 50 percent of enrollment in U.S. medical schools and law schools. One-third of federal judges are women, compared to just a handful in the 1960s. The U.S. military is opening all combat jobs to women. Hillary Clinton will have the opportunity to this November by become the first woman elected president.

NOTE: And many states, including South Carolina, have rolled back abortion rights. Last month, Gov. Nikki Haley signed a bill last month banning abortions after 19 weeks of pregnancy unless the mother's life is at risk.

SC and Brexit:

The State: How Brexit could impact South Carolina

<http://www.thestate.com/news/business/article85892047.html>

Roddie Burris

Britain's exit from the European Union sent the U.S. stock market into a daylong downward spin that knocked off 611 points Friday for a 3.4 percent drop at the end of the day. Futures closed at 17,400. Experts said the long-term effects of the United Kingdom's exit from the union on the Palmetto State could be volatile if Great Britain's move precipitates a gradual, full breakup of the EU. But the short-term impact may be more of a mixed bag. On tourism, the state's No. 1 economic engine, the hit delivered to the British pound by Brexit would make travel to the United States more expensive for holders of the UK's currency, the experts said. For U.S. travelers heading to England, a stronger U.S. dollar will give them more buying power abroad and a greater bang for each buck, they said. Things could change.

NOTE: "I think impact on the state of South Carolina is going to be minimal," said John McDermott, a University of South Carolina economics professor. Friday's stock sell-off and market volatility over the next few trading sessions will likely see the biggest impacts on the stock market and currency values,

he said, because of the uncertainty Brexit has generated.

Aiken Standard: Ripples from U.K. exit felt in United States

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160624/160629701/ripples-from-uk-exit-felt-in-united-states>

Thomas Gardiner

A Google search of the keywords 'surprise vote,' conducted earlier this week would have produced top results about who millennials were likely to vote for. Today, the surprise United Kingdom vote in favor of a "Brexit" and the corresponding news about plummeting markets fill the page. In an email from a conference in Ireland, USC Aiken political science professor Dr. Steven Millies said talk of Brexit was grim. He said the worldwide impact isn't know, but there are short-term effects here in the U.S. "In the short term, investors have fled to the security of the dollar. For now that's good for us. In the long-term, no one knows. We are in uncharted waters," he said.

Morning News: Florence market advisers: Keep calm after Brexit

http://www.scnw.com/news/business/article_06e57582-3a72-11e6-9b3c-d717275f3db2.html

Joe Perry

Stand pat. That's what Regi Armstrong is telling people, he said early Friday afternoon, as many wonder how Great Britain's decision to exit the European Union will affect their investment strategy. "We're essentially telling them to stand pat," said Armstrong, president of Armstrong Wealth Management Group. "One-day events like this, even though they may have far-reaching consequences, the turmoil in the markets tends to be more short-lived." As the trade, political and other business ramifications have greatly unsettled financial markets, and as the British pound plunges along with oil prices, investors around the world have been left wondering about the next move. "There's a lot of emotion today and that's not the day to make a decision on strategy," Armstrong said. In real terms, gains achieved over the past week or so in anticipation of an opposite outcome will likely be negated.

SC Zika News:

The State: First case of sexually transmitted Zika virus reported in SC

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article85908142.html>

Rachael Myers Lowe

SC health officials reported the first case of sexually transmitted Zika infection in South Carolina. The South Carolina resident was infected with the virus after sexual contact with someone who got the virus during travel abroad, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control said Friday. While the primary method of acquiring the Zika virus is from being bitten by a mosquito carrying it, it can also be transmitted from a pregnant woman to her fetus during pregnancy or during birth and through blood transfusions and sexual contact. To date, there have been 6 confirmed cases of Zika virus in South Carolina. None of the infections has occurred because of a mosquito bite in the state. None of the infected individuals has been pregnant.

Post and Courier: S.C. health officials: Resident contracted Zika sexually

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160624/160629580/sc-health-officials-resident-contracted-zika-sexually>

Derrek Asberry

South Carolina has its first sexually transmitted case of the Zika virus. The state's Department of Health and Environmental Control updated its website Friday, stating that there are now six, travel-associated cases of Zika. "One case involved a South Carolina resident who had sexual contact with

someone who acquired the Zika infection while traveling abroad," DHEC wrote. The state's first case was reported April 29, and four more cases were reported on Thursday. Due to federal privacy restrictions, the agency said it is unable to provide additional information concerning any individual, including details about physical condition, hospitalization, age, sex, and residence. The Zika virus is transmitted by the *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes — both of which are found in South Carolina.

Aiken Standard: DHEC: Five cases of Zika virus reported in S.C. pose no risk to public

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160624/160629717/dhec-five-cases-of-zika-virus-reported-in-sc-pose-no-risk-to-public->

Christina Cleveland

South Carolina public health officials said the recent four confirmed cases of the Zika virus in the state pose no threat to the public. On Thursday, the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control announced the state now has five confirmed positive travel-associated cases. There are 148 negative cases and 10 are pending, according to the agency. Due to federal privacy restrictions, the agency said it is unable to provide additional information about individuals, including details about physical condition, hospitalization, age, sex and residence. DHEC has said all of the cases are due to travel to countries with widespread Zika transmission.

Greenville News: State officials seek help in tracking mosquito-borne illnesses

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/06/24/tracking-mosquito-borne-viruses/86342264/>

Liv Osby

State health officials are asking the public for help in tracking mosquito-borne illnesses such as West Nile virus by turning in dead birds for testing. The effort will help the state Department of Health and Environmental Control gauge the need for mosquito-control programs and public education. "Our Mosquito-Borne Disease Surveillance Program plays a key role in helping alert us to potential mosquito-borne illness activity across the state," said Chris Evans, an entomologist with DHEC's Bureau of Laboratories. "Anyone can help us identify and track West Nile virus by submitting dead blue jays, crows, house sparrows, and house finches for testing."

Greenville News: Simpsonville using larvicides to control mosquitos

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/golden-strip/2016/06/24/simpsonville-using-larvicides-control-mosquitos/86350080/>

The City of Simpsonville began its efforts of controlling the mosquito population by targeting larvae in storm drains, catch basins, and side ditches on Wednesday. Larvicides are used in the process. They are designed to kill mosquito larvae before reaching adulthood, preventing mosquitoes from leaving the water. "We looked at several different treatment plans and opted to use a larvicide called Altosid because it is effective and environmentally friendly," Interim Director of Public Works Jay Crawford said. "There are no adverse effects to the water or humans and other organisms. "The great thing about the product is that it will last for 150 days. One application will be effective for the entire season."

SC Elections:

The State: Solicitor showdown set in Lexington County-based 11th Circuit

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article85909297.html>

The two Republicans vying to be chief prosecutor in Lexington County and three neighboring counties are taking different approaches to their showdown at the polls Tuesday. Rick Hubbard is

seeking to seal the deal after nearly winning outright in the first round, while Candice Lively is banking on her call for change. The pair of former assistant prosecutors are rivals to succeed Donnie Myers, who is retiring at 71 after serving a state record 40 years as 11th Circuit solicitor. Hubbard, who lives in the Gilbert area, is busy reminding supporters there's a second showdown. "I'm reaching out by phone and by foot," he said, an effort supplemented by televised ads, mailings and social media highlighting 22 years of experience that he says makes him ready from the start. Her campaign is branding Hubbard as "Myers 2.0." It's part of an effort to convince voters that Hubbard, once Myers' top deputy, shares responsibility for a backlog of unsettled cases and decisions unpopular with some crime victims. "I'm really drawing out the distinctions," Lively said.

Greenville News: Mayor disputes claim of sheriff's challenger endorsement

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/06/24/mayor-disputes-claim-sheriffs-challenger-endorsement/86341614/>

Eric Connor

The day after Greenville County sheriff's challenger Will Lewis promoted a collection of endorsements from state legislators and local leaders, one mayor of a small city here expressed "shock" that his name was included among the supporters. Fountain Inn Mayor Sam Lee said Friday that he had been watching the race between Lewis and incumbent Sheriff Steve Loftis from the sidelines. "However, this morning I was shocked to see media reports that I endorse Mr. Will Lewis, which is totally false," Lee said in a statement. Lee's name was among 19 on a list that Lewis provided to the media at a press conference Thursday, which featured a sampling of state legislators and local leaders standing behind him and speaking on his behalf. On Friday, Lewis apologized and characterized the inclusion of Lee's name as a mistake.

Opinion/Editorial:

Post and Courier: And those trucks were 'wall to wall'

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160625/160629649/and-those-trucks-were-wall-to-wall>

Frank Wooten

Port traffic is up. That's good for the bottom line of our community and state. But your bottom line was hurt by this week's truck-fueled port traffic jam if it blocked customers from getting to your place of business. Being stuck in long, slow-moving lines of carbon-spewing motor vehicles isn't much fun, either. Yes, port expansion is an indispensable engine for S.C. prosperity. But how many more trucks can our state's decaying, already-insufficient roads handle? That question has arisen anew since Monday as a bungled change in the gate system at the Wando Welch Terminal shifted thousands of motorists into low gear — and at times into park. Presumably, that short-term problem will be solved. **NOTE:** Don't blame truckers just doing their demanding — and vital — job of delivering so much stuff that we want, need, buy and sell. Do, however, blame elected officials in Columbia — including Gov. Nikki Haley — for their stubborn refusal to keep pace in the infrastructure race. Sure, the General Assembly finally advanced slightly on that front this year. Still, that non-recurring money is chump change on the daunting scale of what will be needed in the coming decades.

The Herald: Guns – easy to get in South Carolina, but some are fed up

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/andrew-dys/article85813837.html>

Andrew Dys

The U.S. House Democrats' sit-in over guns after the worst mass gun killing in American history has come and gone. No laws have changed. The guns remain. Guns are always with us. Their sole purpose is to kill. Or maim. Or commit mayhem and crimes. Donald Trump wants guns everywhere.

Except the cops who guard him protect him from one thing: People with guns. Alice Walker spoke of guns Friday. Walker's son, Daniel Ervin, was shot once in the back in Rock Hill more than two years ago in an unsolved crime. She has crusaded for justice ever since and will not stop. She has watched the aftermath of the Orlando massacre and said this word Friday: "Guns." "I want justice for my son who was shot in the back," Walker said. "He was killed with a gun."

Local News:

Associated Press: 3 inmates use part of desk to escape from St. George jail

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=gkx8lJcx

SC State Wire

The sheriff in Dorchester County says three inmates used part of a desk to pry open a window to escape from the jail in St. George. Dorchester County Sheriff L.C. Knight told local media outlets that the three inmates pried open a metal flange on the side of the window on Friday using a piece of the desk in their cell. Knight said the three squeezed out of a narrow opening and used bed linens to slide down from the second floor. Knight said the jail is old and overcrowded and its surveillance cameras are limited by blind spots where guards can't monitor prisoners' activity. Officials say the three were last seen around 5 a.m. near Summerville driving a black 2000 Dodge extended-cab pickup which was reported stolen on Friday.

Post and Courier: Sheriff: Inmates pried open a window to escape from St. George jail

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160624/160629689/sheriff-inmates-pried-open-a-window-to-escape-from-st-george-jail>

Dave Munday and Thad Moore

Three inmates used part of a desk to pry open a window to escape from the jail in St. George early Friday, according to Dorchester County Sheriff L.C. Knight. They were still on the loose Friday night. They were last seen around 5 a.m. near Summerville driving a black 2000 Dodge extended-cab pickup, with damage on passenger side and license plate DFW 437. The truck, which was reported stolen Friday, had been parked about a mile from the jail, unlocked with the keys apparently left in it. Authorities found the pickup Friday afternoon parked on a side street off College Park Road, said sheriff's Capt. Tony Phinney. The inmates pried open the metal flange on the side of the window using a piece of the desk in their cell, Knight said. They squeezed out of a narrow opening and used bed linens to slide down from the second floor.

The State: Woman sues Pickens P.D. for sexual assault by former officer

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article85771762.html>

Cynthia Roldan

An Upstate woman is suing the City of Pickens and its police department, alleging officials were negligent when they employed an officer with a history of misconduct who later sexually assaulted her. Kristy Wooten accused Robert Sapp, a former Pickens Police officer, of abusing his position of authority, when he ordered her to the side of a laundromat in June 2014, where he fondled her. Sapp was arrested in October 2014, and charges are still pending in the case, according to court records. Wooten initially approached Sapp with information, when he allegedly threatened he would arrest her if she didn't follow his orders to walk over to the side of the laundromat, according to the complaint filed in circuit court on Monday.

Greenville News : Ex-deputy says he resigned from Greenville County Sheriff's Office

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/06/24/greenville-county-sheriffs-office-brandon->

[brown/86358262/](http://www.postandcourier.com/20160624/160629591/usc-president-frats-have-year-to-avoid-pledging-ban)

Romando Dixon

The Greenville County Sheriff's Office and a former deputy on Friday produced seemingly contradictory documents detailing how the ex-employee's tenure ended with the Upstate's largest law enforcement agency. Brandon Brown, the former deputy, has become a central figure in the race for Greenville County sheriff between incumbent Steve Loftis and challenger Will Lewis. Loftis and Lewis square off in a June 28 runoff in the sheriff's race. The winner will likely become the sheriff as no other candidate has filed to run in November. Brown appeared alongside Lewis at a press conference this week at which Brown alleged he saw Loftis drinking alcohol at a local cigar bar during business hours. Brown's assertion supported a claim Lewis made in a mailer sent to voters days before the primary on June 14. Loftis said the allegation is untrue.

Independent Mail: S.C. Highway Patrol using emojis to curb drunk driving

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/sc-highway-patrol-using-emojis-to-curb-drunk-driving-36081e1d-8cd6-16ad-e053-0100007f4fc9-384323541.html>

Mike Ellis

South Carolina Highway Patrol Sgt. Bob Beres speaks in a language perhaps best understood by young people but nonetheless universal. His mom is Hungarian, and she speaks little English but she can understand. Spanish speakers can pick it up, so can foreign tourists and people who can't even read, Beres said. About 130 billboards inspired by Beres' language of choice have popped up across the state. He speaks fluent emoji. Those are the little graphic icons used in text messages and on social media. Think a cartoony thumbs-up and various smiley faces. The billboards show emojis representing an alcoholic drink, the plus sign and a car with an equal sign leading to a police car. The message is drinking and driving equals arrest.

Morning News: Florence sheriff's office looks for funding in search-and-rescue technology

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_6c92c424-3a6e-11e6-b497-6b6f826be8cd.html

Jessica Imbimbo

When a vulnerable person is reported missing to police, minutes can be the difference between finding the person safe or finding the person's body sometime later. In some cases, the person missing has a mental condition and will wander away from home unknowingly, making it even more difficult for officials to find them. Florence County sheriff's Capt. John Crouse can recall a missing person case from years ago involving an elderly woman with Alzheimer's. In the hopes of preventing similar tragedies in the future, The Florence County Sheriff's Office is looking to join Project Lifesaver, a search and rescue program specifically designed for vulnerable adults and children. Project Lifesaver International works in conjunction with public safety agencies to use search-and-rescue technology for at-risk individuals, such as people with Alzheimer's, autism, dementia and other related disorders. As a part of the Project Lifesaver program, public safety officials learn about various cognitive conditions, search and rescue techniques, and how to apply tracking technology in the event of a missing at-risk person.

Post and Courier: USC president: Frats have year to avoid pledging ban

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160624/160629591/usc-president-frats-have-year-to-avoid-pledging-ban>

Andy Shain

University of South Carolina fraternities will have the next school year to clean up their behavior to avoid a possible ban on pledging, school President Harris Pastides said Friday. Nearly 75 percent of the university's fraternity chapters have been closed or placed on probation during the past three

years for hazing, alcohol and drug violations. A pledge died last year from alcohol poisoning. Pastides said outlawing pledging was not a threat, but chapters need to address their conduct. "I would love nothing more than if we got to a point where we had a pact with the organizations that said, 'Trust us. Let us continue. We heard you. We're going to have a good clean bill of health this year,' " he said. "And maybe we won't need to be that radical about pledging."

Charlotte Observer: Whitewater Center rafting closes after brain-eating amoeba found in water

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/local/article85846642.html>

Bruce Henderson and Cleve R. Wootson Jr.

U.S. National Whitewater Center officials closed the park's water channels Friday after investigators detected the waterborne amoeba suspected in the death of an Ohio teen who had visited the center. Dr. Marcus Plescia, Mecklenburg County's health director, said the center voluntarily decided to close the channels, which are popular for whitewater rafting and kayaking. County manager Dena Diorio, in an earlier email to commissioners, had said health officials would order the facility to close temporarily if it did not agree to do so voluntarily. The center remains open for all other operations and activities, which include non-aquatic activities such as a zip line and rope courses.

The Herald: Rock Hill replaces 77-year-old water tank

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article85894032.html>

Jennifer Becknell

A new, 750,000-gallon water tank to replace the circa-1939 tank at Main and Laurel streets near downtown Rock Hill was lifted into place on Friday. The tank replacement is part of a roughly \$4 million project that includes landscaping and other improvements at the oldest of Rock Hill's four water tank sites. Scott Turner, water and wastewater superintendent for the city of Rock Hill, said the new tank should be ready to fill with water and operate in September. The old, 500,000-gallon water tank was removed last summer, Turner said. Since then, the site was graded and a concrete base was built for the new tank.

Island Packet: Latest would-be Port of Port Royal buyers consider lawsuit

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article85817072.html>

Stephen Fastenau

The developers who most recently tried to buy the Port of Port Royal say the state Ports Authority withheld information about an insurance settlement from last year's seafood market fire and kept the \$15 million deal from closing. Attorneys for Palmetto Alliance LLC asked that the sale process be paused and laid the groundwork for a possible lawsuit in letters of notice mailed in May to the town of Port Royal, the Ports Authority and the Department of Administration. "If they do not respond, then filing a suit may be the next plan of action," Matt Battaglia, part of the potential ownership group that included developer Steve McNair, said in an email Thursday.

Herald-Journal: Upstate manufacturing could benefit from Panama Canal expansion

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160624/articles/160629805>

Zach Fox

The Upstate of South Carolina may be one of the chief beneficiaries of a building project thousands of miles away. More than 2,000 miles from Spartanburg County, construction is being done on the Panama Canal to allow a new, wider channel for international ships to pass through. The project's end goal is to lower the cost of bringing international goods to the East Coast. The Wall Street Journal reported this week the construction could lead be a boon to manufacturing across the Upstate. The newspaper cited the more than 6 million square feet of warehouse space that is under

construction in this region, which is already home to BMW Manufacturing Co., a new 900,000-square-foot Rite Aid distribution center and many other manufacturing and distribution hubs.

Associated Press: Beckwith goes distance again, Coastal Carolina tops TCU 4-1

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=NfoszjzX

Eric Olson

Coastal Carolina's Andrew Beckwith wasn't going to volunteer to come out of Friday night's game against TCU, and coach Gary Gilmore certainly wasn't going to force him. So the undrafted junior stayed in and pitched his second straight complete game and set a school record with his nation-leading 14th win, keeping Coastal Carolina alive in the College World Series with a 4-1 victory Friday night. "I think I would have had to hit him with a brick to get him out of the game," Gilmore said. "I was trying to take him out in the eighth and he wouldn't come out. I didn't want to send him out in the ninth, and he was just not going to have any part of it. He's a unique young man, and what he did tonight was incredible."

Sun News: Chanticleers one step closer in College World Series

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/sports/college/big-south/coastal-carolina-university/article85925517.html>

Ryan Young

The legend of Andrew Beckwith and this Coastal Carolina baseball team just keeps growing. Five days after allowing one run in a complete-game win over top-seeded Florida, Beckwith somehow matched that feat Friday night as the Chanticleers did it again, fighting off elimination in the College World Series once more to keep their historic season going with a 4-1 win over TCU before a crowd of 24,904 at TD Ameritrade Park. The junior right-hander battled through a career-high 137 pitches – 101 of those strikes – in yet another dominant performance on college baseball's biggest stage. He has incredibly thrown 18 innings while allowing only two runs and one walk this week against the best competition in the country. And with this latest gem, the Chants (52-17) are now just one win from reaching the best-of-three championship series against the winner from the other half of the bracket as they set up one final rematch with TCU (49-17) Saturday at 8 p.m. ET.

National News:

Associated Press: Crews rescue the stranded in West Virginia flooding; 23 dead

<http://bigstory.ap.org/05e302fea35f4475a1b038dbe36687e2>

Jonathan Mttise, Bruce Schreiner and Claire Galofaro

All Karol Dunford has left is a dirty nightgown, caked in mud from the floodwaters that ravaged her West Virginia town and killed at least 23. She lost the trailer where she lived for 30 years. She lost her wheelchair, her medicine and her best friend, a little Chihuahua named Frankie. As the deluge swamped southeast West Virginia on Thursday evening, Dunford, 71, sat immobile in her wheelchair in her living room as the pitch-black floodwater rose past her ankles, to her knees, up to the armrests. She talked to her daughter, Randee Suzer, on the phone. She said it was silent but for the roar of the water. Dunford, an Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War, screamed and screamed but feared no one would come to save her. Hundreds of others were stranded, too.

Associated Press: Brexit vote hardly a harbinger of US presidential election

<http://bigstory.ap.org/fd46620b1c0344cca3021ddd324df9c6>

Nicholas Riccardi and Bill Barrow

Widespread economic angst. Intense opposition to immigration policy. The rise of populist and

nationalist sentiments, particularly among less-educated and older white voters. The politics behind the United Kingdom's vote to leave the European Union sound awfully familiar to the politics that have propelled Donald Trump to the Republican presidential nomination. But before saying the victory by the "leave" side is a harbinger of a Trump victory on Election Day in the United States, it's wise to consider the many differences between the two allied nations with historic ties like few others. The greatest difference: The United States is a significantly more racially diverse nation.

Associated Press: Behind the support for Brexit and Trump: Economic resentment

<http://bigstory.ap.org/fa693aa3fbe34a348c7b708c54d5d378>

Christopher S. Rugaber

The United Kingdom's stunning vote to leave the European Union was driven by much of the same sentiment that fueled Donald Trump's insurgent march toward the Republican presidential nod: A rejection of economic globalization and the elites who favor it by those who feel left behind. Many economists warn that the British vote to leave the EU, dubbed "Brexit," could cripple that nation's economy — just as many say Trump's ideas would stifle U.S. growth or even trigger another recession. Millions of voters have defied those concerns. The Brexit vote and Trump's widespread support reflect a sweeping rejection of expert opinion in advanced countries. Yet that rejection itself could raise the likelihood of further economic harm, some economists warn.

World News:

Associated Press: Now that Britain wants out, EU must figure out how to do it

<http://bigstory.ap.org/8b7ebf516af941539d3a5afd995f52ae>

Raf Casert and Lorne Cook

Now that Britain has voted to leave the European Union, the bloc's first order of business is figuring out how to get rid of it. Surprisingly, that's a tall order. Britain seemingly has the luxury to pick and choose when to start the laborious, intricate process of disengagement from the 28-nation group, which is expected to take years. EU leaders exhorted Britain on Saturday to activate as soon as possible Article 50 of the EU's governing Lisbon Treaty, which contains the exit clause and is the key to let the EU get on with its political life. "There is urgency. There is no time to lose," said French Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault. Britain, however, saw no need for quick action.

Associated Press: Britain, EU at odds over timing of divorce talks

<http://bigstory.ap.org/87482bfe96d747bca6bd75bebdba58183>

Jill Lawless and Kirsten Grieshaber

Britain and the EU haven't even begun divorce talks but they are already bickering, as political and economic shockwaves from the British vote spread around the world. EU diplomats meeting in Berlin told Britain to hurry up and trigger the formal exit process — something the U.K. has said won't happen for several months. French Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault said "there is a certain urgency ... so that we don't have a period of uncertainty, with financial consequences, political consequences." Meanwhile, Scottish leader Nicola Sturgeon said her semi-autonomous administration would start immediate talks with the EU to ensure Scotland could remain in the bloc despite the U.K.-wide vote to leave. A majority of Scots backed staying in the union, but a majority in much-larger England voted to quit.

