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sponsible for showing apartments, handing out applications, overseeing maintenance and other duties as needed. Up to \$25 per hour. Previous sale experience a plus. Send email of interest to Grotnmnger@gmail.com

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Junior Teeners at Milbank Tourney

Legion at Redfield Tourney

U12 Softball at Ellendale Tourney

Birthdays: Dodie Neumann, Carlie Peterson, Sydney Locke.

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, June 26

Junior Teeners at Milbank Tourney

Legion at Redfield Tourney

Anniversary: Jeff & Bridget Fliehs Birthday: Thomas Sternhagen

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

Mass

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship

10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at

Pierpont Church

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship 3:00pm: Amateurs host Northville (DH)

Monday, June 27

Anniversaries: Jim & Jenny Meister, Gary & Patty

Baule, Jeff & Jami Larson.

Birthdays: Elaine Wolken, Cassie Monson 6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study 6:00pm: U10 Softball hosts Ellendale 7:00pm: U12 Softball hosts Ellendale 7:30pm: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 28

Apts for Rent

1 bedroom and HUGE 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments available NOW! All utilities included except A/C, 1 bedroom \$504 and HUGE 2 bedroom 2 bath \$674 Please call or text 239-849-7674



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Every year, thousands of visitors come to Pierre to enjoy all that our Capital City has to offer. Every South Dakotan can be proud of the State Capitol Building, which has been beautifully restored and maintained. The Capitol grounds are also impressive, especially in the summer, with the Fighting Stallions Memorial and the veterans' memorials along Capitol Lake. The Cultural Heritage Center provides an opportunity to learn about the history of our state.

South Dakotans may not be aware of a new attraction that is being added to our Capital City – the Trail of Governors. This project combines art and history, and is placing life-sized bronze statues of every former South Dakota governor in Pierre, on a trail connecting the downtown business district with the Capitol grounds.

The Trail of Governors was started about five years ago. It is operated by a non-profit board and funded entirely by private donations. Each year, beginning in 2012, three new statues, sculpted by South Dakota artists, have been unveiled and placed in the Capital City.

Three new statues were just unveiled: Warren E. Green, Nils Boe and Mike Rounds.

Warren E. Green was the state's thirteenth governor. He was a farmer and former legislator from Hamlin County. Green had finished dead last in the Republican primary, but after the leading candidates dead-locked at the Republican Convention, Green was nominated as a compromise. He served for two years during the depths of the Great Depression. Green's statue portrays him clutching his hat with his jacket blowing in the wind, conveying the difficult days of the "Dust Bowl" era. It will be placed to the north of the Capitol on Nicollet Avenue.

Nils Boe served from 1965-69 as the state's twenty-third governor. An attorney from Sioux Falls, Boe had served two terms previously as speaker of the house, and was the only bachelor to serve as governor. While serving as speaker, his fellow legislators had presented him with a beagle puppy, known as "Beagle Boe." The statue, which will be placed in downtown Pierre, portrays Boe with his beagle.

Mike Rounds was South Dakota's thirty-first governor before being elected to the U.S. Senate. An avid pheasant hunter, Gov. Rounds prioritized the expansion of public hunting opportunities. His statue portrays Mike ready for the hunt, with his shotgun in hand and his hunting dog, Baby, at his side. The statue will be placed on the Governor's Mansion grounds on Capitol Avenue, near the Pierre neighborhood where the Rounds family grew up.

These three new statues join 12 others that have already been placed in Pierre: Arthur Mellette, Charles Herreid, Robert Vessey, Peter Norbeck, Harlan Bushfield, George T. Mickelson, Frank Farrar, Dick Kneip, Harvey Wollman, Bill Janklow, George S. Mickelson and Walter Dale Miller. On your next visit to Pierre, I encourage you to enjoy the Trail of Governors and take a walk through South Dakota history.

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The Groton Lions Club hold ice cream social

The Groton Lions Club had a free 80+ ice cream social on June 22. Pictured in back, left to right, are Joe Schwan, Troy Lindberg and Lee Schinkel; in front are Elizabeth Heitz (holding Gracious) and Kathryn and Ron Rehfuss. Missing are Justin Kerstan, chairman; Sebastian Hammel, Pastor Elizabeth Johnson and Mason Dinger. Residents of the Golden Living Center and Rosewood Court were also served. Funds were available from Thrivent Financial.



L-R are Bev McGannon and Marian Raines, door prize winners at the Groton Lions Club Sunny and 80 free ice cream social, held at the community center, last Wednesday afternoon. Justin Kerstan was chairman of the event.

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South Dakota Ag in the Classroom Seeks Donations of Ear Tags

MILLER, S.D. - South Dakota Ag in the Classroom (SDAITC) is looking for donations of animal ear tags from livestock producers for a hands-on activity for FFA chapters to use in elementary classrooms.

"The most requested teaching tools I get asked for are ready-to-use kits," said Ann Price, SDAITC executive director. "I received a grant to put together kits that FFA advisors can use to train their chapter members. Those members then take the kits into elementary classrooms and educate younger students about livestock production."

"I plan to reissue a teaching kit based on the book 'Levi's Lost Calf' by Amanda Radke that used ear tags as a hands on piece for students. It was the most popular lesson I've ever had, by far. Last time I did this project, livestock producers really came through for me and donated about 10,000 tags that were used in over 300 kits that went to schools all over South Dakota and surrounding states."

The tags do not have to be new. They only need to be clean and in good condition. They can be blank or numbered. Cattle, sheep, goat or hog tags are all welcome. The more types, shapes, colors and sizes, the better, however fly tags cannot be used.

According to Price, "I want the youth to be able to touch the tags, see how they stay in the animal's ear and see how different producers customize the information on the tags to fit their operation and then take the tags home and share the info they learned that day with their families."

SDAITC is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. The value of the tags can be deducted from your income taxes as a donation. If you would like to donate ear tags, send them to South Dakota Ag in the Classroom, PO Box 402, Miller, SD 57362. Email Price at sdagclassroom@yahoo.com or call her at 605.853.6040 if you have questions or would like more information.

South Dakota Ag in the Classroom's mission is to be the premier educational organization in preparing individuals with tools to teach our youth the value of agriculture.

Agriculture is a major contributor to South Dakota's economy, generating \$25.6 billion in annual economic activity and employing over 115,000 South Dakotans. The South Dakota Department of Agriculture's mission is to promote, protect, preserve and improve this industry for today and tomorrow. Visit us online at http://sdda.sd.gov or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

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Orlando Attacks a Reminder that Defeating ISIS is a Matter of National Security

In the wake of the Orlando terrorist attack, I remain focused on national security and the best approach to protect Americans from those who wish to do us harm. We know the Orlando terrorist held extremist views and pledged allegiance to ISIS. ISIS leaders applauded the attack and almost immediately took credit for it. This underscores my belief that in order to prevent terrorists from attacking our citizens, we must defeat and destroy Islamic extremism that supports and perpetuates terrorism.

Unfortunately, some in Congress have tried to politicize the Orlando attack and make this about gun restrictions. No one wants terrorists to have guns, but any legislation to prevent them from accessing firearms must first and foremost protect the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens.

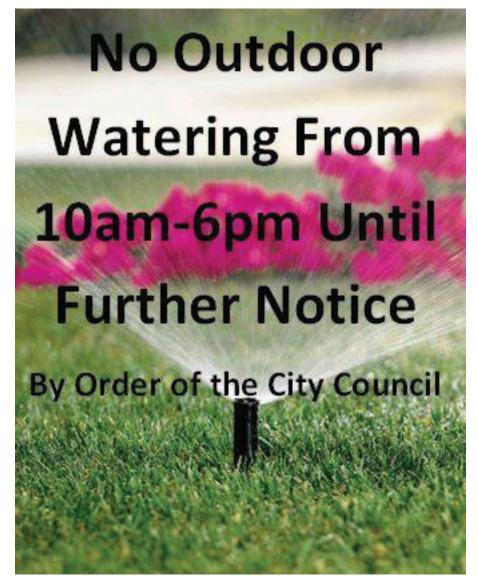
Recently, the Senate voted on two amendments that would keep our right to bear arms intact while also temporarily delaying individuals on the terror watch list from buying guns, giving prosecutors ample time to do an investigation and make certain he or she poses no harm to the public. This would make sure the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens remain protected while actually stopping terrorists from accessing guns. Unfortunately, these common-sense proposals were rejected by Senate Democrats, the very ones participating in unruly sit-ins and staging pseudo-filibusters in the name of stopping these senseless attacks. Rather than working with us on these sensible solutions, they have chosen to advance the political agenda of the far left.

Additionally, recognizing that we are at war with jihadists, we must work together to clearly define a plan of more than half-measures to defeat ISIS and other Islamic extremist groups that spread violence and seek to destroy America. As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, we hear time and time again about the growing dangers of ISIS and other extremist groups in the Middle East. Yet the president continues to say that ISIS is shrinking. In reality, ISIS maintains significant strength in Syria and elsewhere, and its message has inspired attacks in Orlando, Paris, San Bernardino, Istanbul and many other places all over the world. CIA Director John Brennan recently testified in front of Congress, saying "Despite all our progress against ISIL on the battlefield and in the financial realm, our efforts have not reduced the group's terrorism capability and global reach." It is clear that the president's current course of limited action is not working.

The best way to prevent ISIS-inspired attacks here at home is to defeat ISIS and other Islamic extremist groups which spread hate and perpetuate violence against our country. To truly stop these attacks, the president should listen to his advisors and give counter-terrorism and military leaders the tools they need to stop these attacks before they happen.

The Senate will continue to debate ways to better protect our country in the coming days and weeks. I will consider legislation that would actually prevent dangerous terrorists from inflicting harm, but under no circumstances do I believe that we should deny due process to any American citizen.

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The recent hot, dry conditions have resulted in lots of sprinkler systems running to keep the grass green. On Thursday, the city used 274,000 gallons of water. WEB supplies the city with 262,000 gallons a day, resulting in a 12,000 gallon drain on the city's reservoir. The water ban for daytime watering only makes common sense as one should not be watering during the heat of the day.

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Today in Weather History

June 25, 1914: An estimated F2 tornado moved east from 6 miles southeast of Isabel in Dewey County. Three small homes and two barns were destroyed. Twelve tons of hay was said to have vanished.

June 25, 1969: On the northeast side of Groton, an F2 to near F3 tornado destroyed a large grain elevator and uprooted huge trees. Four people were hospitalized. Estimated property damage was a quarter million dollars. Also, locally heavy rains caused flash flooding in Sully and Hughes Counties. A bridge near Harrold was washed out. Some rainfall amounts include; 5.34 inches at 23N of Highmore; 4.24 at 2N of Onaka; 4.14 at 12SSW of Harrold; 3.90 at 1NW of Faulkton; and 3.73 inches at Ipswich. Unofficial reports of 6 inches fell in and around Harrold.

1957: Hurricane Audrey moved northward, slowly strengthening until the 26th. At that time, a strong upper-level trough led to its acceleration and the hurricane deepened rapidly on its final approach to the Texas/Louisiana border. Audrey became the strongest hurricane on record for the month of June upon landfall, as it reached category four strength. Its acceleration was unanticipated, and despite hurricane warnings in place, 418 people perished in the storm, mainly across southwest Louisiana.

1967: Three, F3 tornadoes crossed the Netherlands on this day. The first tornado touched down at 4:17 PM in Oostmalle. This storm destroyed the church and the center of the village. More than half of the 900 homes in the community were damage with 135 completely gone. The second tornado touched down near Ulicoten and tracked northward through woodlands area. This storm killed two people at a camping site near Chaam, Netherlands. The third tornado destroyed 50 houses in Tricht, killing five and injuring 32 others.

1926 - A hurricane came inland near Daytona Beach, FL. The hurricane caused 2.5 million dollars damage in eastern Florida, including the Jacksonville area. (David Ludlum)

1939 - The temperature at Lewiston, ID, hit 117 degrees to establish an all-time record high for that location. (The Weather Channel)

1943 - On a whim, and flying a single engine AT-6, Lieutenant Ralph O'Hair and Colonel Duckworth were the first to fly into a hurricane. It started regular Air Force flights into hurricanes. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms in Minnesota spawned a tornado which moved in a southwesterly direction for a distance of thirty miles across Rice County and Goodhue County. Trees were uprooted and tossed about like toys, and a horse lifted by the tornado was observed sailing horizontally through the air. Thunderstorms drenched La Crosse, WI, with 5.26 inches of rain, their second highest 24 hour total of

record. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)



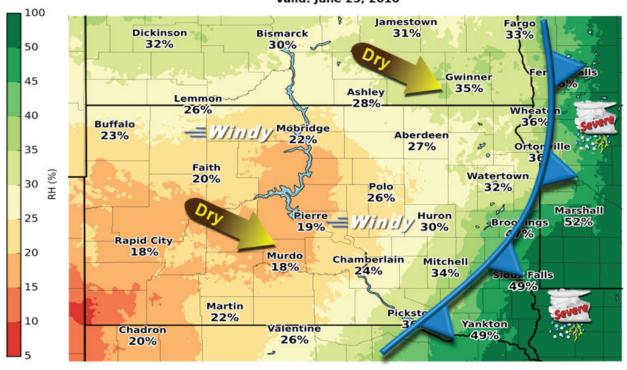


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Drier Air Moving In Today

Lowest Relative Humidity Valid: June 25, 2016





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A cold front will continue to track east across the area this morning and be positioned in western Minnesota by early afternoon. Strong to severe thunderstorms are possible along and ahead of the front this afternoon across Minnesota. Over our area, much drier air will be moving in behind the front, along with gusty west to northwest winds. Relative humidity will become quite low this afternoon, especially over central South Dakota. Therefore, the fire danger will become heightened today over western and central parts of South Dakota.

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Yesterday's Weather High Outside Temp: 92.4

Heat Index: 101

Low Outside Temp: 62.9

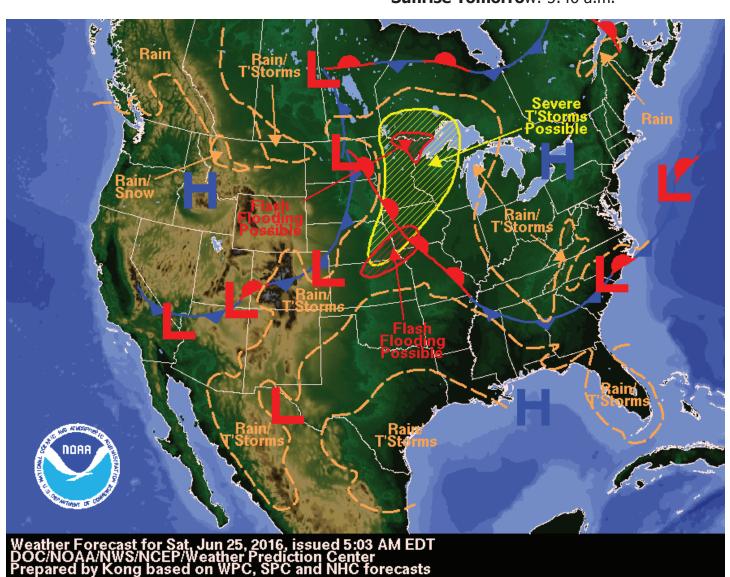
High Gust: 36

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info Record High: 106° in 1936

Record Low: 41 in 1961 Average High: 80°F **Average Low:** 56°F

Average Precip in June: 3.09 Precip to date in June: 1.67 Average Precip to date: 10.23 Precip Year to Date: 6.66 Sunset Tonight: 9:26 p.m. Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:46 a.m.



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SAFE KEEPING

A new mother was bathing her infant while a small child who lived next door carefully watched. In the arms of the child was a small, soiled, well-worn doll. A leg was missing, the face was badly scratched, the hair was rumpled and the dress was worn and torn.

"How long have you had your baby?" asked the young neighbor.

"Four months," came the proud reply.

"My," replied the child. "You've sure kept her nice!"

Parents have a godly responsibility to keep their children "nice." They are a gift from God and are to be raised in God-fearing, God-centered and God-honoring homes.

Christian parents, first and foremost, are to live love – a love that reflects the sacrificial love of God that demonstrates at all times His care and compassion for children.

Christian parents must also be as available to their children as God is to His children. Even as we need God's companionship, our children need us to be as near to them as He is to us when we call on Him in prayer.

Prayer: We pray, Heavenly Father, for parents to honor You by honoring the children You give them by raising them with loving care and discipline. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Ephesians 6:4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

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News from the App Associated Press

South Dakota has 1st confirmed West Nile virus case of year

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota has its first confirmed human case of West Nile virus this year. The state Health Department says the case is in a Minnehaha County resident who is in the 10-19 age group.

The mosquito-borne virus was first confirmed in South Dakota in 2002. Since then, the state has reported 2,208 human cases, including 696 hospitalizations and 32 deaths.

State Epidemiologist Lon Kightlinger says about three-fourths of people who get the virus don't get sick. Symptoms include fever, headache, body aches and rash.

Kightlinger says people can reduce their risk by doing such things as wearing mosquito repellent and getting rid of standing water that gives mosquitoes a place to breed.

Game, Fish and Parks offers walleye length limit reminders

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks is reminding anglers fishing for walleye in lakes Sharpe and Francis Case that the 15-inch minimum length limit isn't effective during the months of July and August.

In this timeframe, the daily limit is four walleyes without a minimum length limit, though only one can be larger than 20 inches long.

Food giant General Mills, SDSU partner for oats research REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The maker of Cheerios cereal, Nature Valley bars and Yoplait yogurt has chosen South Dakota State University as its partner in an effort to improve the quality of oats and make the crop more sustainable.

A new research laboratory will focus on the grain that's found in more than a quarter of the Minneapolis-based General Mills' products, and provide a place for the company's scientists to collaborate with the Brookings university's plant breeders, grain, environmental and seed experts, student researchers and others.

"Oats are an absolutely essential part of General Mills' portfolio," Jim Kirkwood, vice president and chief science and technology development officer at General Mills, told The Associated Press on Friday, a day after the laboratory was unveiled. "... South Dakota and North Dakota for the last 150 years have been a source of some of the best oats that we use in our products. Since we founded the company we've been buying oats from that area, and the university there is one of the leaders in oats breeding."

General Mills will relocate an oat breeding scientist to Brookings. The lab will focus on improving the nutritional qualities of oats, developing oat varieties with higher yields and helping farmers improve practices to increase sustainability.

The company is aiming to get all of its oats from sustainable sources by 2020.

South Dakota was second in the nation in oat production last year, according to statistics from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Oats are an important component of the state's agriculture industry as it can be used in crop rotations, diversifying growers' crop revenue and providing soil health benefits, said Daniel Scholl, interim dean of SDSU's College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences.

For years, SDSU has been developing new varieties of oats that thrive in South Dakota and the re-

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gion's environment. Scholl said the university's work has enabled growers to be "very profitable contributors" to domestic and global oats markets, but more research is needed as the demand for the crop continues to grow.

General Mills alone uses oats in more than 600 products sold in the U.S. In the last fiscal year, 25 percent of the company's retail sales volume in the country comprised products that contained whole grain oats.

"Oats can be made better as a crop," said Scholl, who also directs the South Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station. "It can be made more profitable to grow, more disease resistant (and) more resistant to pests so that it would require less pesticide treatment. That, for example, would make it more environmentally friendly potentially and more profitable for the grower."

Authorities identify 1 dead, 2 injured in crash near Sturgis

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — The state Highway Patrol has released the names of the driver who died and two passengers who were hurt after a crash near Sturgis.

Authorities have identified the driver as 32-year-old Robert Bear Shield of Rapid City. He died Wednesday at the scene.

Authorities say the incident happened around 7:10 p.m., when Bear Shield lost control of a pickup truck while driving on I-90. The vehicle rolled after going into the ditch and the three occupants were ejected.

They weren't wearing seatbelts. Thirty-seven-year-old passenger Justin Hawk Wing received serious injuries that were not a threat to his life, while 32-year-old Jay Spotted Elk received minor injuries.

The crash remains under investigation.

3-state, 4-month drug investigation results in man's arrest

WAHPETON, N.D. (AP) — A four-month drug investigation by law enforcement officials in three states has resulted in the arrest of a Minnesota man.

The Daily News of Wahpeton reports (http://bit.ly/293DpNh) that 32-year-old Jessie Gruettner, of Browns Valley, Minnesota, was arrested earlier this month at a casino in southeastern North Dakota. It wasn't clear if he had an attorney, and a home telephone listing couldn't be found.

Authorities in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota conducted the investigation. They allege that undercover officers bought more than 100 grams of methamphetamine with a street value of \$20,000 from Gruettner.

Fort Thompson woman faces federal charges in child's death

FORT THOMPSON, S.D. (AP) — A Fort Thompson woman is accused of lying on and smothering a child.

U.S. Attorney Randy Seiler says 34-year-old Bonita Keeble is accused of causing the death of the child younger than 7 in July 2015 by "acting in a grossly negligent manner."

Keeble also goes by the name Bonita Hara. She faces up to 23 years in prison if convicted. A trial date was not immediately set.

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Many experienced GOP strategists unwilling to work for Trump STEVE PEOPLES, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump has finally acknowledged that to best compete against Hillary Clinton he needs more than the bare-bones campaign team that led him to primary success. But many of the most experienced Republican political advisers aren't willing to work for him.

From Texas to New Hampshire, well-respected members of the Republican Party's professional class say they cannot look past their deep personal and professional reservations about the presumptive presidential nominee.

While there are exceptions, many strategists who best understand the mechanics of presidential politics fear that taking a Trump paycheck might stain their resumes, spook other clients and even cause problems at home. They also are reluctant to devote months to a divisive candidate whose campaign has been plaqued by infighting and disorganization.

"Right now I feel no obligation to lift a finger to help Donald Trump," said Brent Swander, an Ohiobased operative who has coordinated nationwide logistics for Republican presidential campaigns dating to George W. Bush.

"Everything that we're taught as children — not to bully, not to demean, to treat others with respect — everything we're taught as children is the exact opposite of what the Republican nominee is doing. How do you work for somebody like that? What would I tell my family?" Swander said.

Trump leapt into presidential politics with a small group of aides, some drafted directly from his real estate business, with no experience running a White House campaign. An unquestioned success in the GOP primaries, they have struggled to respond to the increased demands of a general election.

As in years past, the primary season created a pool of battle-tested staffers who worked for other candidates, from which Trump would be expected to draw. But hundreds of such aides have so far declined invitations to work for him.

They include several communications aides to Chris Christie, as well as the New Jersey governor's senior political adviser, Michael DuHaime, who said he rejected direct and indirect inquiries to sign on with the billionaire.

Chris Wilson, a senior aide to Ted Cruz, said the Texas senator's entire paid staff of more than 150 ignored encouragement from Trump's team to apply for positions after Cruz quit the presidential race. Wilson said that even now, many unemployed Cruz aides are refusing to work for the man who called their former boss "Lyin' Ted."

That's the case for Scott Smith, a Texas-based operative who traveled the country planning events for Cruz, and earlier worked on presidential bids for Bush and Texas Gov. Rick Perry.

"It's very clear that none of us are going to work for Trump," Smith said. "Even if I wanted to work for Trump, my wife would kill me."

Smith, like many experienced strategists interviewed for this story, noted the intense personal sacrifice required of presidential campaigns. Many advisers do not see their families for long stretches, work brutal hours on little sleep and enjoy no job security.

With Trump, Smith said, "I would feel like a mercenary. I can't be away from my young children if it's just for money."

Trump's need for additional staff is acute. His paltry fundraising network brought in less than \$2 million last month. He has just one paid staffer to handle hundreds of daily media requests and only a few operatives in battleground states devoted to his White House bid.

Last month, Trump fired Rick Wiley, who was the campaign manager for Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, a former 2016 candidate, and was brought on to run Trump's nationwide get-out-the-vote effort. On

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Monday, Trump fired campaign manager Corey Lewandowski, who acknowledged he lacked the experience needed to expand Trump's operation.

"This campaign needs to grow rapidly," Lewandowski told the Fox News Channel. "That's a hard job and candidly I've never grown something that big."

Campaign spokeswoman Hope Hicks did not respond to multiple requests for comment about the campaign's hiring. A former adviser, Barry Bennett, played down any staffing challenges, suggesting the campaign should be able to double its contingent by the party's national convention next month.

Trump announced four new hires in the past week to supplement a staff of about 70. That's compared with Clinton's paid presence of roughly 700, many of them well-versed in modern political strategy.

Trump's senior team, including campaign chief Paul Manafort and newly hired political director Jim Murphy, largely represent an older generation of political hands more active in the 1980s and 1990s. The campaign's new Ohio director, Bob Paduchik, led state efforts for Bush's 2000 and 2004 campaigns.

A new generation of top talent active in more recent years has shown little interest in Trump. In Iowa, experienced operative Sara Craig says she will not work for Trump or even support him. "I am more interested in working on down-ballot races," said Craig, who helped elect Joni Ernst to the Senate from Iowa and directed a pro-Bush super political action committee.

Ryan Williams, who worked on Mitt Romney's presidential campaigns, said he's happy working for a consulting firm, where he's involved with various other elections across the country, as well as with corporate clients.

"When you sign up for a campaign, you're putting your name on the effort. Some of the things that Trump has said publicly are very hard for people to get behind," Williams said.

But Paduchik offered the kind of positive perspective expected of a campaign on the move.

"It's been great, the response I've gotten," Paduchik said. "Republicans in every corner of Ohio are excited about Mr. Trump's campaign."

EU's founding members say talks on UK exit needed urgently KIRSTEN GRIESHABER, Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Foreign ministers of the European Union's founding members on Saturday urged quick negotiations about Britain's departure from the bloc, saying the other 27 countries in the union need to move ahead and think about the future.

"There is a certain urgency ... so that we don't have a period of uncertainty, with financial consequences, political consequences," French Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault said.

He spoke alongside counterparts from the other five founding members of what has become the EU — Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg.

The leaders also accepted a degree of criticism that the EU in recent times did not show the energy and braveness needed to work together on such important topics as migration, unemployment and terrorism.

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier also said negotiations on a British exit, or Brexit, should begin "as soon as possible" and added that "intensive European discussions" are needed.

Luxembourg's Foreign Minister Jean Asselborn said he hoped there would be no "cat and mouse" game now and that Britain would invoke Article 50 of the EU charter, which would officially start the exit process.

"There must be clarity," Asselborn told reporters. "The people have spoken and we need to implement this decision."

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, speaking at a different press conference in Potsdam, outside Ber-

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lin, also prodded for British action.

"To be honest, it shouldn't take forever, that's right — but I would not fight over a short period of time," Merkel said.

The British side is much more relaxed. Prime Minister David Cameron is resigning and says his successor, to be chosen by October, should start the formal exit process.

All six foreign ministers agreed that Europe needs to do more to solve pressing issues like the migration crisis, unemployment and security concerns following the terror attacks in France and Belgium.

"We did not have the energy, the power, and perhaps the braveness, to make the necessary decisions and this we must now show in Europe —that we are in a position to make decisions, especially in difficult fields like migration," Steinmeier said.

In a joint statement, the leaders said they need to find ways to better deal with the different levels of ambition in regard to the European integration and that they need to make sure that Europe will be better at fulfilling the expectations of all citizens.

Ayrault urged the remaining 27 EU countries to return to "the spirit of the founders" of European unity, forged to prevent conflict via trade after World War II.

"It is up to us to recreate this spirit," he said, noting all the European countries that subsequently joined after overthrowing dictatorships and embracing democracy.

However, the leaders did not present a concrete plan on how to tackle the union's many pressing issues and how exactly they will react to the citizen's worried and EU-fatigue.

The head of the EU's executive Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker, warned in German daily Bild on Saturday that other countries may also call for referendums to leave the EU.

"The populists will not leave out this opportunity to promote their anti-Europe politics with much noise," he said.

At the same time, he said the consequences the British people may now face could put a stop to such sentiment.

"It should show quickly that Great Britain did better in the EU — economically, socially and when it comes to foreign politics," Juncker said.

23 dead in West Virginia floods; search and rescue continues JONATHAN MATTISE, Associated Press BRUCE SCHREINER, Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Heavy rains that pummeled West Virginia left at least 23 people dead, and authorities said Saturday that an unknown number of people in the hardest-hit county remained unaccounted for.

Most of the dead and all of the missing, officials believe, were in the county of Greenbrier — home of the renowned golf resort of the same name.

"The reports we got this morning are that Greenbrier County may still have some folks unaccounted for. It does not appear there are unaccounted for people in other counties, but it's still a somewhat fluid situation," said Chris Stadelman, Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin's chief of staff.

Stadelman said there were still "lots of folks in shelters" and that state would apply for federal disaster funds. Scores of homes were damaged.

In one bizarre twist, a woman sustained burns over two-thirds of her body after her deluged house blew up. Belinda Scott of White Sulphur Springs called her husband Ronnie and told him their house was filling up with water. She fled to the attic and waited. She smelled natural gas. Then, the house exploded.

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Belinda Scott was able to break a vent and get out onto a porch, then make it onto a tree, which she clung to for hours before being rescued by state police, her husband told The Associated Press.

"My wife was out there four and a half hours hanging in a tree with a house burning right beside her, flood waters running all around her," said Scott.

About 500 people were stranded overnight in a shopping center when a bridge washed out, and dozens of other people had to be plucked off rooftops or rescued from their cars.

Greenbrier County Sheriff Jan Cahill described "complete chaos" in his county.

"Roads destroyed, bridges out, homes burned down, washed off foundations," he said. "Multiple sections of highway just missing. Pavement just peeled off like a banana. I've never seen anything like that."

The state Division of Homeland Security reported 15 people killed in Greenbrier County and rescue efforts continue. Other deaths were reported in Kanawha, Jackson and Ohio counties.

Currently 200 National Guardsmen were assisting in eight counties, helping local crews with swift water rescues, search and extraction efforts and health and welfare checks. The governor declared a state of emergency in 44 of 54 counties and authorized up to 500 soldiers to assist.

The governor said he had planned to fly around the hard-hit areas, but wasn't able to because all state aircraft were being used for rescues.

Eric Blackshire was one of the stranded at Crossings Mall, a mix of restaurants, stores and a hotel in Elkview, which is about 15 miles northeast of Charleston. Some had to sleep in their cars or at businesses overnight. Blackshire opted for a hotel room.

"It was kind of like a hurricane party. I guess you could call it a flood party. There were lots of beers being drank last night," he told The Associated Press.

He was able to get to safety Friday when Pinch Volunteer Fire Department firefighters used a rope to guide people down a hillside. Crews were working to build a gravel road on the backside of the shopping plaza.

An area near the West Virginia-Virginia border received at least 9 inches of rain while other parts of the state had 3 to 5 inches, National Weather Service hydrologist John Sikora said. While most of the rain had tapered off Friday, there were still scattered showers, thunderstorms and river flood warnings.

Some of the heaviest rainfall was in Greenbrier County, where The Greenbrier luxury resort and golf course is nestled in the mountains. The course, overrun by floodwaters, is scheduled to host a PGA tour event from July 4-10.

"It's like nothing I've seen," owner Jim Justice, a Democratic candidate for governor, said in a statement. "But our focus right now isn't on the property, golf course or anything else. We're praying for the people and doing everything we can to get them the help they need."

Professional golfer Bubba Watson was apparently visiting the resort and tweeted photos of entire holes underwater: "Prayers for @The_Greenbrier & surrounding areas. We are without power & it's still raining. Never seen this much rain! #WestVirginiaBeSafe."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency said it was sending teams to help with damage assessments.

Palestinians' Abbas disavows Jewish poisoning plot comments

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has disavowed comments he made this week about an alleged plot by rabbis calling on Jewish settlers to poison the drinking water of Palestinians.

In a fiery speech to the European Union in Brussels, Abbas repeated unsubstantiated claims of a plot

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to poison Palestinian wells, sparking accusations of anti-Semitism. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Abbas showed his "true face" by spreading such a "blood libel" and called on him to cease inciting against Israel.

On Saturday, Abbas' office acknowledged that his comments were "baseless." Abbas rejected the anti-Semitic accusations leveled against him and said he "didn't intend to do harm to Judaism or to offend Jewish people around the world."

Brexit vote hardly a harbinger of US presidential election NICHOLAS RICCARDI, Associated Press BILL BARROW, Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — 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.

A look at that and some of the other essential differences, and important similarities, in this turbulent political season.

IMMIGRATION

The "leave" vote was widely seen as a backlash against a recent influx of legal immigrants to the U.K. In the U.S. race, Trump dominated the Republican presidential field after he pledged to build a wall on America's southern border as a way to reduce illegal immigration.

The percentage of the U.K. population born in another country recently reached an all-time high of 13 percent, the same as the foreign-born share of the U.S. population. "American politicians would do well to heed this lesson," said Roy Beck, president of Numbers USA, which supports reducing immigration to the U.S.

But Britain's recent spike in immigration has been much more abrupt. The 2001 adoption of rules allowing free migration between EU member countries triggered an influx of immigrants from Eastern Europe into Britain, nearly doubling the number of foreign-born people living in the U.K.

"It often is the rate of change, rather than the volume" that can set off anxiety about immigration, said Natalia Banulescu-Bogdan, assistant director of the Washington-based Migration Policy Institute's international program.

The United States has for generations styled itself as a nation of immigrants. While current U.S. immigration numbers are high, they were even greater between 1860 and 1930. Much of the angst in the U.S. election has been about illegal immigration, as opposed to the overall numbers of those coming into the county legally.

DIVERSITY

The much greater racial and ethnic diversity in the United States is a reflection of its immigration history, along with the legacy of slavery that saw millions of blacks brought forcibly from Africa. Nonwhite minorities make up 38 percent of the U.S. population, compared with just 14 percent in the U.K.

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The percentage of whites eligible to vote in U.S. elections has dropped from 78 percent in 2000 to an estimated 69 percent this fall. Minority voters historically lean overwhelmingly Democratic in presidential elections, a trend that strongly favors Trump's White House rival, presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton.

There were no independent exit polls conducted Thursday in the U.K., so the racial breakdown of the electorate isn't known. But returns in the referendum suggest whites in England voted solidly in favor of leaving, while whites in Scotland supported remaining. The overall 52-48 outcome suggests whites as a whole were fairly evenly divided in the U.K.

GEOGRAPHY

The U.K. vote featured a geographic split that parallels the familiar urban-rural divide in U.S. politics. London provided the greatest base of support for remaining in the EU, while more rural areas of the U.K. voted to leave. Trump's support has been especially strong in more rural and less educated parts of the United States. Republicans in U.S. general elections also tend to fare better in rural areas and smaller cities and towns, while Democrats find many of their voters in America's urban centers.

The World Bank says about 17 percent of the population in each country lives in rural areas. But the numbers can be deceiving because the United States electorate is spread across many large cities.

London and its suburbs comprise about one-fifth of Britain's population, while almost one-third of Americans live in the areas around the 10 biggest cities.

"There is this big divide between London and the rest of the country," said Tom Wright of the Brookings Institute, who tracks British and American politics. "It tends to be more of an urban-rural thing in the U.S., while in England it's one city that tends to operate in a different economic world."

Democratic pollster Mark Mellman, who has worked in both countries, said the U.K. lacks the large suburbs that are critical contested areas in U.S. presidential races. "They just don't have the same kind of suburban thing as we do," he said. That gives extra clout to small-town and rural Britain.

REFERENDUM VS. ELECTION

The choice on whether to leave the EU was decided in a national referendum, while the U.S. selects the president in state-by-state votes. It's possible for the loser of the national popular vote to end up winning the White House, as Republican George W. Bush did over Democrat Al Gore in 2000. That difference alone makes a comparison a risky proposition.

Furthermore, referendum votes such as the U.K.'s on Thursday involve mostly faceless policy ideas. Presidential elections revolve around individuals.

"The Brexit vote did not have a candidate," said Republican pollster Whit Ayres, even if it was driven by "the same forces that drove Donald Trump to the hostile takeover of the Republican Party."

Trump can try to capitalize on economic frustrations, wariness about immigrants and a resentment of the political establishment, as the "leave" campaigners did successfully.

But Ayres' said Americans' decision this fall is "an evaluation of the two nominees," specifically "assessments of a candidate's character, leadership, trustworthiness."

That, he said, renders any "apples-to-apples" comparison between the two votes "impossible."

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At Rio, taekwondo departs from origins as Korean martial art

At the upcoming Rio de Janeiro Olympics, taekwondo may be moving further away from its roots as a Korean martial art, but organizers hope that new changes to the combat sport will produce more dynamic fights

By MARIA CHENG Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — At the upcoming Rio de Janeiro Olympics, taekwondo may be moving further away from its roots as a Korean martial art, but organizers hope the new changes to the combat sport will produce more dynamic fights featuring even more of the acrobatic kicks it has become known for.

Not only has the size of the competition ring shrunk, giving competitors less space to retreat from the usual onslaught of kicking, but the sport's governing body is again encouraging athletes to use more spinning techniques — competitors will now get an extra point for any kick where they turn their backs. Head kicks already score the most in taekwondo, earning three or four points. Shots to the body, including punches, score only one. Punches to the head are not allowed.

After the scoring debacle of the Beijing 2008 Olympics, when the results of one match were overturned, taekwondo officials introduced a new electronic scoring system that automatically registers points when fighters, wearing electronic sensors, kick their opponents with sufficient force.

Although the new method has eliminated the subjectivity of human judges, some athletes complain that it can be a bit temperamental and that the kicks that score best are often not traditional taekwondo techniques, but unorthodox adaptations that sacrifice form for expediency.

Instead of the powerful turning kicks integral to taekwondo, many of the sport's top fighters rely on quick-scoring jabs off the front leg that some have unkindly referred to as "chicken fighting." Chungwon Choue, president of the World Taekwondo Federation, said officials "are committed to finding a balance between honoring our traditional techniques and evolving the sport to make it more exciting for new audiences."

He said the sport's evolution also means more medal chances for everyone, including countries without an established Olympic track record. Choue noted that while taekwondo once used to be dominated by Asian countries with a strong martial arts history, eight different countries won gold medals at the London games, including Argentina, Italy and Serbia.

RETURNING STAR: American fighter Steven Lopez is the most decorated athlete in taekwondo history, winning a record five world championship titles and three Olympic medals, two golds and one bronze. At 37, he's also likely to be the oldest in the Rio taekwondo competition, in a sport where most athletes are in their early 20s. After a disappointing showing at the London games — Lopez was knocked out in the first round after suffering an injury shortly before — he will be even more motivated to prove he is still one of the sport's biggest stars.

DON'T MISS: British-born athlete Aaron Cook was the sport's top-ranked fighter in the 80-kilogram division during the run-up to the London Olympics but didn't make it to the games; the U.K. refused to pick him for their team after Cook abandoned their training academy, selecting instead eventual bronze medal winner Lutalo Muhammad. This time around, Cook isn't taking any chances and recently switched allegiances to fight for Moldova after having his citizenship paid for by the country's taekwondo president. Cook fought at the Beijing Olympics, where he narrowly lost out on a bronze.

REFUGEE'S CHANCE: Raheleh Asemani, an Iranian refugee now training in Belgium, won an Olympic spot in the women's 57-kilogram category after being granted the opportunity to fight under the World Taekwondo Federation's flag as a refugee during the European qualifiers. Now working in a post office

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in Belgium after moving there three years ago, the former member of Iran's national taekwondo team has been training with the Belgian squad and will likely represent her newly adopted country in Brazil.

Behind the support for Brexit and Trump: Economic resentment CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER, AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — 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.

"At some level it is a cry of frustration but one that could end up hurting an already economically harmed part of the population," says Eswar Prasad, an economics professor at Cornell University and former official at the International Monetary Fund. "That is the remarkable irony here."

At first glance, the U.K. and U.S. economies look comparatively healthy. Both have low unemployment rates. Both have recovered from the Great Recession better than either continental Europe or Japan. Yet in both countries, those figures conceal underlying weaknesses.

David Blanchflower, an economics professor at Dartmouth University and a former policymaker at the Bank of England, says average weekly pay in the U.K., adjusted for inflation, remains 7 percent below its most recent peak, reached in 2008.

Stark regional differences are also evident in both countries. London has boomed in recent years along with its thriving financial sector, and home prices in the city have soared. By contrast, steel plants and coal mines have closed in Northern England and Wales.

A similar economic divergence is visible in the United States: Thriving technology startups have invigorated a handful of cities such as San Francisco, Seattle and Denver. But jobs and incomes have grown more slowly in other metro areas and in rural areas.

"It's like Trump going to West Virginia and saying it's all going to be great," Blanchflower said. "Trump can't help them. But you can see why they would want change."

Colin Montgomerie, 54, who lives in Maybole, Scotland, and voted to leave the EU, says stagnant pay was a driving factor for many voters like him.

"I work at the NHS (National Health Services), and I received a 1 percent raise last year," he said. "Before that, my last raise was so long ago I don't remember when it was."

In the United States, paychecks have recovered from the recession but have risen much more slowly than they did beforehand. And both countries took much longer to recover from the downturn than they did after past recessions.

William Galston, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, said Brexit voters were "startlingly" similar to Trump's coalition: More likely to be older, with less education, and more likely to oppose immigration.

Listening to British television coverage of the vote, "I could have shut my eyes and altered the accents, and I would have thought they were talking about the American election," he said.

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The "Leave" supporters argued that Great Britain's economy would improve once it threw off excess regulation imposed by Europe and was no longer yoked to continental Europe's moribund growth.

"We have two governments, and we are being told what to do effectively by someone who doesn't understand us at all," said Matthew Corby, a 40-year-old software developer in London. "We have very little influence over this."

Yet many economists say U.K. companies may face new barriers to their exports in Europe after they leave. The EU will want to negotiate tough terms with Great Britain to discourage other countries from leaving the union. Many companies, particularly international banks, which have a huge presence in London, could shift thousands of employees from London to Paris or other cities on the continent.

"Why would you locate in the U.K.?" asked Desmond Lachman, resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and former IMF official. "You don't know what kind of access you'll have to the (EU). Why not just wait?"

The British pound fell roughly 7 percent in value against the dollar by Friday afternoon. Such a decline raises the price of imports and could spark inflation. Fred Bergsten, founding director of the Peterson Institute for International Economics, said the U.K.'s economy will likely slip into recession next year.

Economists have raised similar concerns about Trump, who has threatened to slap huge tariffs on imports from China and Mexico. Those tariffs would likely raise costs for U.S. consumers, economists say, and are unlikely to return many factory jobs to the United States. Instead, many factories would shift to other low-cost countries.

Trump and Brexit supporters express eagerness for change, regardless of the warnings from experts. "There's a trust issue here," Galston said. "A lot of the pro-Leave people said, 'Why are they so confident that if we put 'Britain first,' it's going to be worse than what has happened to us when international treaties and laws and regulations have shaped our economy?"

Bob Johnson, 70, discussed the vote Friday at a pub in Maybole, Scotland. Unlike most Scots, he supported Brexit.

"For a lot of folks this was a protest vote," he said. "Protesting being taken for granted, protesting not having their voices heard."

China tells search engines to ID paid results after man died DIDI TANG, Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — China issued new regulations on Saturday demanding search engines clearly identify paid search results, months after a terminally ill cancer patient complained that he was misled by the giant search engine Baidu.

Wei Zexi, a college student who died in April of a rare cancer, had written a long post on a Chinese website detailing how he was led to a Beijing hospital for treatments after searching on Baidu. He said that the treatment turned out to be ineffective and expensive and that later he learned the therapy was yet to be fully approved.

Wei accused Baidu of taking money to promote less proven treatments.

The Cyberspace Administration of China announced on its website the new regulations, which also ban search engines from showing subversive content and obscene information. Such prohibitions have been long in place, but it is the first time China explicitly regulates paid search results.

The administration said search engines must review the qualifications of paying clients, clearly identify paid results, and limit the number of paid results on a web page.

When Wei's post became publicly known in May, Baidu was widely denounced for its practice of blur-

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ring promotional search results with legitimate ones on the home search page. Its chief executive Robin Li was called in by China's web regulators for talks.

By May 9, Baidu agreed to take corrective steps as demanded by a joint investigation team, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

Baidu removed 126 million promotional search results for medical information and 2,518 medical institutes from its search pages. It agreed to set aside 1 billion yuan (\$150 million) to compensate users defrauded by misleading promotional results. And it would no longer rank promotional results solely on bidding prices, Xinhua reported.

On Saturday, Baidu responded by pledging to work with regulators and web users in providing objective, fair, and trustworthy search results, according to Chinese media.

Britain, EU at odds over timing of divorce talks JILL LAWLESS, Associated Press KIRSTEN GRIESHABER, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — 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.

After meeting with her Cabinet in Edinburgh, Sturgeon said "we will seek to enter into immediate discussion" with other EU nations and institutions to "explore possible options to protect Scotland's place in the EU."

She said a new referendum on Scottish independence from the United Kingdom is "very much on the table."

Scotland voted in 2014 to remain a part of the U.K., but that decision was seen by many as conditional on the U.K. remaining in the EU.

The victorious "leave" campaigners in Thursday's referendum have said there is no rush to trigger Article 50 of the EU's Lisbon treaty, which will begin a two-year exit process to renegotiate trade, business and political links between the U.K. and what will become a 27-nation bloc.

Prime Minister David Cameron, who announced his resignation Friday, said his successor, to be chosen by October, should start the process.

The favorite to succeed him, London Mayor Boris Johnson, has aid there is "no need for haste" — but EU leaders are saying the opposite.

European Commission president Jean-Claude Juncker said Saturday that the British had voted to leave, and "it doesn't make any sense to wait until October to try and negotiate the terms of their departure."

"I would like to get started immediately," he said.

Juncker said the split was "not an amicable divorce" — adding that it was never "a tight love affair anyway."

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Top diplomats from the European Union's six founding nations — France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg — met in Berlin for hastily arranged talks and stressed that the exit process should be speedy.

Luxembourg Foreign Minister said he hoped there would be no "cat and mouse" game.

"There must be clarity," Asselborn told reporters. "The people have spoken and we need to implement this decision."

The referendum has triggered political and financial turmoil around the world. Stock markets plummeted Friday, with the Dow Jones industrial average dropping 611 points, or 3.4 percent, its biggest fall since August.

The pound dropped to its lowest level since 1985, plunging more than 10 percent from about \$1.50 to \$1.35 before a slight recovery, on concerns that severing ties with the single market will hurt the U.K. economy and undermine London's position as a global financial center.

Credit rating agency Moody's downgraded the U.K.'s economic outlook from stable to negative, saying Britain faces "a prolonged period of uncertainty ... with negative implications for the country's medium-term growth outlook."

The vote to leave the EU also caused an earthquake in British politics. The Conservatives are facing a leadership battle to replace Cameron, and some members of the opposition Labour Party also hope to oust their leader, Jeremy Corbyn.

Many Labour lawmakers were strongly pro-"remain" and accuse the socialist Corbyn, a longtime critic of the EU, of failing to rally Labour supporters behind staying in the bloc.

Labour legislator Frank Field said Saturday that Corbyn "clearly isn't the right person to actually lead the party into an election because nobody thinks he will actually win."

"We clearly need somebody who the public think of as an alternative prime minister," Field told BBC radio.

Corbyn said Saturday he would not resign, and said Britain must react "calmly and rationally" to the divisive referendum result.

Corbyn told a meeting in London Saturday that politicians needed to take seriously voters' concerns about immigration, which led many to back a British exit from the 28-nation EU.

Corbyn said "we must talk about immigration . but we will never pander to prejudice."

Now that Britain wants out, EU must figure out how to do it RAF CASERT LORNE COOK

BRUSSELS (AP) — 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.

"It is vital to stress that there is now no need for haste," said former London Mayor Boris Johnson, the most prominent supporter of the "leave" campaign.

Prime Minister David Cameron said the process probably would not be triggered before October, when he will step down.

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"There is a clear plea from the majority of member states to speed this process up," said Foreign Minister Bert Koenders of the Netherlands, which holds the EU presidency.

On Saturday, the foreign ministers of the EU's six founding members — Germany, France, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg — were meeting in Berlin to look at the legal landscape.

At a two-day summit of the 28 EU leaders opening Tuesday, Cameron will be asked to leave the room at some stage so they can assess their future without Britain.

The 27 will find much political and legal uncertainty.

No country has ever left the EU before, so no one knows exactly how the process will play out beyond the fact that Britain must, at some point, unambiguously notify the bloc of its intentions and set a two-year clock ticking for negotiating its departure. Until it formally withdraws, Britain will remain a member, with all the rights and obligations that go along with membership.

It is in Britain's interest to delay the process so it can better prepare its exit conditions and pressure other EU nations to make concessions.

In the short term, the EU's policy commissioners will meet Monday in Brussels to take stock of developments. The European Commission, the EU's executive arm, must make recommendations to Britain's partners about what principles they might use to guide the exit negotiations.

Member states must agree with a qualified majority — or about two-thirds — on Britain's departure. But should the talks drag on toward the two-year time limit, all 27 would have to agree unanimously to extend the negotiations. If none is allowed, EU law would automatically cease to apply to Britain after two years.

The European Parliament will hold an emergency session Tuesday, hours before the summit. It must endorse any final decision by the member states by a simple majority, but the session is only likely to focus on a political resolution taking note of the U.K. vote and stating the assembly's position on what should happen next.

Until the process is completed and Britain withdraws, any EU agencies on British territory could remain there, British EU lawmakers would still work in the parliament, and the U.K. would still have a say in other negotiations, such as trade talks with other countries.

In addition, the hundreds of British citizens employed by the EU's institutions and agencies could keep their jobs conceivably for a few more years.

British brace for economic repercussions of EU exit decision DANICA KIRKA, Associated Press CARLO PIOVANO, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The British were warned for weeks that a vote to leave the European Union would result in economic pain. Now they'll find out whether it will.

U.K. financial leaders are scrambling to reassure households, businesses and investors that they can contain the doom and gloom they had predicted in case of a British exit, or Brexit. The pound plunged to its lowest level in over 30 years on Friday, raising concerns about price inflation, and shares in the U.K.'s biggest banks and real estate builders posted double-digit declines as economists predicted the country would fall into recession.

Economists slashed their forecasts for Britain, with some expecting a recession and next to no growth next year. That's a sharp reverse for an economy that had been among the best-performing in the developed world in recent years.

In an early sign of problems, Moody's Investors Service downgraded the U.K. outlook from "stable" to "negative." The referendum result, it said, "will herald a prolonged period of uncertainty for the UK, with negative implications for the country's medium-term growth outlook."