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A taxi driver waves a Union Jack flag at Nigel Farage, leader of the United Kingdom's Independence Party, a day after Britain voted to break out of the European Union, in London on Friday. The decision is expected to reshape the nation's place in the world, rattle the continent and rock political establishments throughout the West. "Dare to dream that the dawn is breaking on an independent United Kingdom," Farage told supporters.

## 'Brexit' aftershocks: More rifts in Europe, and in Britain, too

Vote alters trade, political ties;  
Scotland may leave UK.

Steven Erlanger  
The New York Times

LONDON — Britain's startling decision to pull out of the European Union set off a cascade of aftershocks on Friday, costing Prime Minister David Cameron his job, plunging the financial markets into turmoil and leaving the country's future in doubt.

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the bloc to manage a rebellion in his own Conservative Party, only to have it destroy his government and tarnish his legacy.

The result of the so-called Brexit vote presented another stiff challenge to the leaders of the other leading European powers as they confront spreading populist anger. It was seized on by far-right and anti-Brussels parties across Europe, with Marine Le Pen of the National Front in France calling for a "Frexit" referendum and Geert Wilders of the Party for Freedom in the Netherlands calling for a "Nexit." European officials met in Brussels to begin discussing a response and to emphasize their commitment to strengthening and improving the bloc, which will have 27 members after Britain's departure.

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ANDREW TESTA / The New York Times

British Prime Minister David Cameron speaks outside 10 Downing Street Friday, a day after Britain voted to break out of the European Union. Cameron, who led the campaign to remain in the bloc, announced he planned to step down by October.

ANALYSIS

## Vote sends a message to politicians everywhere: It can happen here

Dan Balz  
The Washington Post

LONDON — If anyone still needed a reminder that the phrase "it can't happen here" should be struck from the lexicon of 2016, Britain's historic Brexit referendum provided one more dramatic piece of evidence. The question is how Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump and their allies interpret the results of what did happen here.

The decision by British voters to take a leap into the unknown by severing ties with the European Union is by no means a reliable predictor of the eventual outcome of the presidential election in the United States. But neither was it an event without larger meaning.

Frustration with political elites knows no borders today. There are signs of it across

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## Judge says state House can't take Medicaid lawsuit

In his ruling, he notes legislators never voted on the transfer.

Tegan Hanlon  
Alaska Dispatch News

A Superior Court judge ruled Friday that the Alaska House of Representatives can't take over the state Legislature's Medicaid lawsuit, dealing a major blow to lawmakers' attempt to appeal their first-round loss to the state Supreme Court.

Superior Court Judge Frank Pffiffer said in Friday's order that there was no evidence that the case had been transferred from the 14-member Alaska Legislative Council to the House.

"There was no vote on the matter, and the Legislative Council offers no statement from an individual representative," Pffiffer said.

The Alaska Legislative Council was the body that hired outside counsel and voted to sue Gov. Bill Walker last year over his unilateral expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. The council argued that Walker didn't have the legal authority to take that step.

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## New head of Alaska LNG calls for bigger state role

State can own \$45B project, but not fund construction, chief says.

Alex DeMarban  
Alaska Dispatch News

The new head of the state gas line corporation says it's time for the state to take a lead role in the megaproject from ExxonMobil.

The state is currently discussing a potential restructuring with its partners in the \$55 billion Alaska LNG project — ExxonMobil, BP and ConocoPhillips. But the idea raises numerous questions about how a small state in a deep fiscal hole could afford an endeavor that involves building an 800-mile gas line, a plant to liquefy natural gas and other mammoth facilities.

On Monday, a week after he took office as president of the Alaska Gasline Development Corp., Keith Meyer, 58, said he's the man for the job.

Meyer said it's possible for the state to boost its 25 percent ownership share without boosting the state's investment. In fact, he said, it's

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## Alaska adventure turns deadly: Guide recounts how 2 women died on river trip in Arctic refuge

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Alaska Dispatch News

Last week, two women in their 60s were paddling in a long, blue, inflatable canoe on a remote Alaska river when they fell into the quick current and floated away.

Cheryl Minnehan and Karen Todd did not survive.

Their 12-day guided trip through the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge ended on day eight. Their two guides and the six other paying guests left on a helicopter a day later — June 16, a Thursday — the same day the women's bodies were found downriver.

No one knows exactly what

happened. No one saw them fall into the cold water. No one was able to rescue them, even though they tried, said Dan Oberlatz, the 47-year-old guide who owns Alaska Alpine Adventures, the company that ran the 12-day trip.

It all happened so fast.

**Traveling to remote Alaska**

The trip started June 8. Oberlatz and another guide, Nick Allen, met their eight guests in Fairbanks. One of the guests was Oberlatz's mother and three were her friends, including 69-year-old

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Archive photo courtesy Alaska Alpine Adventures

Inflatable canoes like this are the boats that Alaska Alpine Adventures uses on their Kongakut River trips. The personal flotation devices are also the same. This photo was made on the Matanuska River.



NATION & WORLD NEWS

**Pentagon set to lift ban on transgender people in military**  
The Pentagon next month will announce the repeal of a policy banning transgender people from serving openly in the military. **Page A-4**

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