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## UK's Brexit vote: How will it affect us here?

Times staff, wire reports

The shock waves of British voters' decision to leave the European Union began almost immediately after the polling booths closed Thursday night. The British pound plummeted against the dollar, the Dow tanked and experts predicted years of uncertainty in Great Britain and Europe.

Craig Greathouse, a political science professor at the University of North Georgia, noted that no country has withdrawn from the EU since it was founded in 1993. Greathouse specializes in western European politics and the European Union.

"Nobody knows what's going on until they truly start negotiating," he said.

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Greathouse said the point of the EU is to remove barriers to trade so now "there's going to be some barriers between (Britain) and the rest of Europe."

He said Britain's trade is about

40 to 70 percent with Europe. He also said one of the U.S.'s biggest trading partners is the EU.

Here are a few effects that may be felt in the United States.

■ Potential investment opportunities

Downward pressure on the euro, sterling and European stock markets could mean buying opportunities for American, Chi-

nese and other investors, Harvard Business School Professor John A. Quelch wrote Friday. Quelch also predicted that London would remain an important financial center. But he said that, while the Bank of England had "clearly thoroughly prepared" for the referendum, few British or other

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## Midtown prospects hinge on jail plans



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Gainesville officials are about to make a decision on the future of the abandoned midtown jail.

### Officials hope redevelopment eases debt burden of 'eyesore'

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Jason Everett can barely stand to look at the jail in midtown Gainesville, but it's hard not to notice on his way to work.

"It's an eyesore," said Everett, owner of nearby Gainesville Flooring on Main Street.

Removing the razor wire isn't enough to change the look, he added.

Councilman Sam Couvillon agreed.

"If we had unlimited funds, I would just level it," he said.

But it's more than just the

aesthetics of the jail that make it a burden on the city's midtown district.

"The thought of a jail sitting there keeps that area from developing," Everett said. "Businesses don't want to move in."

Gainesville agreed to purchase the jail from Hall County for more than \$7 million a few years ago. Corrections Corp. of America vacated the facility shortly thereafter, leaving city taxpayers on the hook for lease payments.

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Jason Everett, owner of Gainesville Flooring, works on orders at the store on Main Street.

## GAINESVILLE SCHOOLS Board's Enota discussions not released

### Members have yet to approve minutes of 2 gatherings in June

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The controversy over a new building for Enota Multiple Intelligences Academy has extended to minutes of two Gainesville school board meetings.

The board did not approve the two sets of minutes — one for a called meeting June 2 and one for the regular meeting June 6.

When the minutes were called on the agenda, no board member spoke, offered motions to approve or disapprove nor posed questions.

Most board members were not specific about their reservations when asked to explain the lack of action and comment.

A new Enota school was proposed in December 2015 after school officials earlier considered renovations at the site. Opposition quickly surfaced in March when plans were announced that would require the elimination of the Smartville garden at the school.

Supporters of the garden have attended several meetings, written numerous letters published in to The Times' and filed one open records request over the issue.

One board member, John Filson, cited the records request as his reason for not approving the minutes.

Supporters of the garden asked at the May 16 board meeting that the board "take a pause" and reconsider plans for the new Enota building to seek ways to preserve the garden. The board has not discussed that request publicly.

Some from the same group spoke to the board at its meeting Monday and complained the board had ignored the earlier request and comments.

Board member Sammy Smith was the only one who said the minutes contained "errors and omissions, rendering them unworthy of the board's approval." When asked to provide details of the errors, he did not respond.

Board member Willie Mitchell was explicit. "My main reason for being mute on the minutes for June 2 and 6 is because I want to have more discussion on the Enota decision," he wrote.

"The answers I received to my questions may have been good answers, but I believe the better answer is still out there. We have the time, and I am in favor of doing more research to find out if there is a better answer," Mitchell wrote.

He added, in a separate email, that he is speaking only for himself.

Mitchell said, "I want to make sure we have given the community every opportunity to be heard. Given the number of concerns raised, I don't see the need to rush."

Referring to plans for Enota students to move to the Centennial campus during construction of a

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Smith



Mitchell

## Flowery Branch man killed in motorcycle wreck

BY NICK WATSON  
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A Flowery Branch man died recently after suffering serious injuries when his motorcycle struck a retaining wall in Flowery Branch, according to Georgia State Patrol.

Taylor Lee Waggoner, 22, succumbed to his injuries June 18 at Northeast Geor-

gia Medical Center from a wreck three days earlier.

The Georgia State Patrol did not release case details until Friday.

Trooper Jonathan Stamey said Waggoner was riding a motorcycle June 15 on Flat Rock Drive and was "going too fast on a curve." The motorcycle traveled off of the roadway, vaulted over a driveway and struck a retaining wall.

"After he struck the retaining wall, he was ejected off of the motorcycle," Stamey said.

Waggoner suffered serious injuries at the scene before being transferred to Northeast Georgia Medical Center.

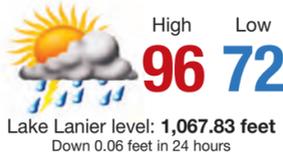
According to his obituary, Waggoner was a Flowery Branch High School graduate and was attending the University of North Georgia.



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