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Region to feel Brexit in future

Local businesses will feel the long-term effects of the U.K. vote, but nothing will change right away.

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EVERETT — While stock markets around the world plunged in reaction to Britain's vote to leave the European Union, companies and investment analysts around Puget Sound took the news in stride.

The Leave campaign's victory on Thursday — popularly known as Brexit — surprised many. However, it did not create anarchy. Britain still belongs to the E.U. for now. Negotiating its exit likely will be a lengthy process, and until it is finished, the United Kingdom's trade policies and other international ties will stay the same.

The fireworks Friday in financial markets was "really because markets were not expecting it," said Ian Toner. He's the head of research at Verus, a Seattle-based investment firm and a British citizen who voted by mail in the referendum.

"The real impact for businesses in the Puget Sound is long term," as the U.K. negotiates its own international policies, he said. That could mean a more tailored trade policy for Britain and America. Right now, Britain's international trade abides by E.U. trade policy set in Brussels.

The E.U. has trended toward greater and greater policy centralization since Britain joined in 1973. The E.U. is expected to consider big policy debates covering a wide range of issues in the next few years, meaning more power could shift from member nations to Brussels. While less dramatic than Thursday's vote, the outcome of those debates also would affect Britain's economy.

"Voting to remain involved uncertainty, too. There was no status quo choice in this election," Toner said.

The U.K. and its trading partners, including the rest of the E.U., have "a lot of interest in ensuring a smooth transition and that there's as little uncertainty for businesses as possible," he said.

Peter Zieve, owner of Electroimpact, is not worried by the news. His company has 120 employees and a major

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A long life of service



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After more than 27 years, Sister Mary Ann Conley is retired from St. Michael's Catholic Church in Snohomish. The 80-year-old nun departed June 20 to return to her Franciscan order in California. Her ministry in Snohomish was mostly serving home-bound people.

After 27 years, Sister Mary Ann Conley leaves her Snohomish ministry

SNOHOMISH — When Sister Mary Ann Conley arrived at St. Michael Catholic Church, the convent she moved into was a nearly century-old farmhouse. She learned her way around as part of her ministry. In 27 years of service to the church, she drove the area's rural roads to help people who are homebound.

On Monday, Conley said goodbye to the Snohomish parish that for years was home. She is returning to her native California. She'll live in Santa Maria, between San Francisco and Los Angeles, with other members of her Sisters of St. Francis order.



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At 80, Conley is well past typical retirement age. Still, she expects to stay busy helping

others at her new home, the Marian Convent, and the nearby St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Santa Maria.

"She is an 'Energizer Bunny' at 80 years old," said Judy Bartelheimer, liturgical coordinator at St. Michael's. While Conley's primary ministry has been visiting homes and care facilities, Bartelheimer said the nun has been an active and spirited presence in the parish.

Bartelheimer said when her family's Snohomish farm donated corn as part of a fundraiser, Conley was out in the fields as a picker. "She makes wine. She takes part in social

activities," Bartelheimer said. Conley's return to her Franciscan order "is their gain and our loss," Bartelheimer added.

Earlier this month, Conley reflected on her life of service. One of five children, she grew up in the Wilmington area of Los Angeles. A nun who was her teacher at Saints Peter and Paul School in Wilmington "sensed I had a vocation," Conley said. "I loved the sisters there."

She was 18 when she entered the Mount Alverno Convent in Sierra Madre, California, near Pasadena, and 21 when she took

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Man who robbed bank on bike sentenced

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EVERETT — Maybe it was the movie he'd watched about a guy who gets shot by police. Or it could have been the TV commercial starring a hard-charging lawyer who vows to fight for wronged parents whose children

have been taken away. Stephen Dowdney, 45, cited the movie and commercial as possible explanations for what prompted him to rob nearly \$50,000 from a Bothell bank vault in March.

"I'm being honest when I say I have no idea why I did what I did," a contrite Dowdney said

last week.

Snohomish County Superior Court Judge Eric Lucas questioned parts of Dowdney's story, primarily the defendant's version of why he'd lost custody of his son. The judge poked at Dowdney's explanation, reading through the court documents in the man's child custody case.

Then, Lucas sentenced Dowdney to 13 years in prison for the bank heist.

"Use the time to improve your life," the judge said.

Dowdney is expected to appeal his conviction. He represented himself during most

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Robot at work

I, for one, welcome our new pizza-making-robot overlords: A pizzeria in California is using a robot named Marta to make pizzas, eliminating the need for costly employees (Page A7). But don't think this means you'll get out of tipping; Marta's already been seen

spitting WD-40 onto a stingy diner's sausage and mushroom pizza.

Speaking of working for tips: The wife of Maine Gov. Paul LePage, who makes only \$70,000 a year, has taken a job as a waitress. Ann LePage is saving up to buy a Toyota RAV4 (Page A8).

At least she was until Marta found out, started flirting with the restaurant's owner and got the governor's wife fired.

Come, fire walk with me: More than 30 people who attended an event with motivational speaker Tony Robbins were treated for burns after Robbins encouraged

them to walk on hot coals as a way to conquer their fears (Page A2).

Of course, it didn't help that Marta was there, too, coaxing the others to join her in the fire walk: "C'mon. What? Are you afraid of a little thermal radiation? This is nothing compared to a pizza oven."

—Jon Bauer, Herald staff