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## Residents oppose pedestrian bridge



The west side of the St. Joseph River as seen from the East Race boat ramp on July 3 in South Bend. A proposed pedestrian bridge is expected to span the river from the east side to the area seen where East Marion Street and Riverside Drive come together. GREG SWIERCZ/SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE

### Homeowners in the historic district worry about how it would impact the neighborhood

**Greg Swiercz**  
South Bend Tribune  
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SOUTH BEND — Talk of a bridge connecting the East Bank Trail with East Marion Street over the St. Joseph

River has residents on the west bank concerned about its effects on their neighborhood. Eight homeowners met on Tuesday, July 1, at East Marion Street and Riverside Drive at the proposed west side landing area for the bridge. They spoke

of the several efforts by residents to talk to the city about their concerns over increased traffic and the potential for disrupting the nature of their neighborhood. “We’ve had a great, quiet neighborhood here,” Richard LaSalvia said, standing across the street from his 1903 home that will look over the west exit ramp to the proposed bridge.

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### Endowment will take a hit from Trump’s tax bill

**Rayleigh Deaton**  
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The University of Notre Dame faces a significant tax increase on its more than \$20 billion endowment, thanks to the massive tax and spending bill President Donald Trump signed into law on July 4. According to the American Council on Education, college endowments are aggregations of donated assets invested

by a university to support its mission. A 2024 study from the National Association of College and University Business Officers showed nearly half of the \$30 billion that schools spent from their endowments that year went toward financial aid. Since 2017, the tax on endowments has been 1.4%, affecting only colleges with more than 500 tuition-paying students and whose endowment per pupil was more than \$500,000. But Trump’s

“Big Beautiful Bill” raised taxes on the endowments of the wealthiest colleges and universities around the country, applying to private schools with at least 3,000 tuition-paying students. And the larger the school’s endowment, the higher the tax rate it faces — either 1.4%, 4% or 8% — which will likely lead to substantial budget cuts at campuses across the country.

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## Potential buyer seeks County-City Building

### County eyes former Studebaker site

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SOUTH BEND — A local group has approached St. Joseph County officials about the possibility of buying the County-City Building in downtown, with hopes of redeveloping it for new mixed uses. But, before they agree to that, county officials have just started to research leasing and moving all of the county offices into a former Studebaker building near the county jail. County Board of Commissioners President Carl Baxmeyer confirmed this in a phone call with The Tribune on Friday, July 11. The offer from local developers

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## It’s all in the name at Holy Family Church

South Bend’s Holy Family Catholic Church is set to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the parish, 25th jubilee of the church building, and the beginning of a capital campaign for needed upgrades for the school and the church. It is an investment in the future of a congregation that is an anchor for many families and for the west side community. South Bend was booming in the 1940s before World War II. Manufacturing was making its mark. It was 1941 and the Rev. Aloysius Jarka from St. Adalbert Catholic Church organized Masses for the Catholics who lived near Ardmore and Lydick, which were the outer fringe back then.

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