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South Bend teacher, radio host and cat book author escaped civil war



Félix Márquez-Snyder, the board president of the radio station Sabor Latino and an Adams High School teacher, poses for a portrait in the radio station while wrapped in the flag of his home country of El Salvador on June 24 in South Bend. MICHAEL CLUBB/SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE

‘He doesn’t rest’

Joseph Dits

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In 1990, a bloody civil war in El Salvador neared its end, and the government’s military was getting desperate for new soldiers. It had its eyes on 16-year-old Félix Márquez.

At 5 o’clock in the afternoon, he was leaving school with about 15 other boys. Men with machetes stood by a pickup truck across the street and called them over. The boys walked toward them. One of the men grabbed young Félix by the arm and said, “You’ve been recruited; you’re going to the military.”

A friend ran to tell Félix’s mother. She raced the five blocks to get there.

“You are not taking my son,” she exhorted the man. “He is too young.”

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Márquez-Snyder, the board president of the radio station Sabor Latino and an Adams High School teacher, works in the radio station.

Senate Bill 1 asks ‘cities and towns to do more with less’

Jessica Velez

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MISHAWAKA – Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (AIM) held a roundtable at the Mishawaka City Hall on Monday, Nov. 17, with various municipal officials to discuss how Senate Bill 1 is creating budget uncertainty that will impact essential services in cities and towns around the state.

Signed into law April 15 by Gov. Mike Braun, Senate Bill 1 was primarily created to provide relief to property owners by lowering property taxes. However, the roundtable discussion focused on the bill’s additional provision to allow cities or towns with more than 3,500 residents to adopt a municipal-only local income tax of up to 1.2%, to be included in the new maximum county income tax rate of 2.9%.

Despite the bill’s aim to ease the pressure of property taxes, Mishawaka Mayor Dave Wood said it has unintentionally stripped local governments of critical flexibility and limited their ability to deliver essential services, even with an additional income tax.

As a result of Senate Bill 1, Mishawaka expects to experience a \$15 million reduction to its city budget by 2028.

“They’ve asked cities and towns to do more with less,” Wood said. “While state policies are constraining the very tools that once allowed us to not only thrive but operate in Mishawaka, we’re seeing millions of lost revenue.”

Other towns weigh in

Mishawaka isn’t the only city in the region that has expressed concern for the impact the bill will have on it.

At the discussion, Nappanee Mayor Phil Jenkins said when the bill hit, the city was in the process of transitioning from a volunteer to a full-time fire department. Next year, the city will hold off on hiring new firefighters because a bigger staff may eliminate the possibility of a paid fire department.

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These local restaurants will be open on Thanksgiving

Cheryl Morey

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When your family has grown and the dining room is no longer big enough or perhaps your family finds it harder and harder to get together for Thanksgiving, a variety of restaurants would love to cook you a traditional Thanksgiving dinner and even clean up the dishes.

Check this list of restaurants in the South Bend and surrounding areas that will be open and ready to serve on Thanksgiving Day.

American Pancake House: Three locations: 1008 W. McKinley Ave., Mishawaka, 574-256-7220 and 508 N. Dixie

Way, South Bend, 574-247-0810 will be open 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; 425 W. Pike St., Goshen, 574-971-5727 will be open 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dine-in or carryout.

Applebee’s Restaurants: 6615 N. Main St., Granger, 574-273-0003, will be open from 4 to 8 p.m. Applebee’s at 2225 N. Oak Road, Plymouth, 574-935-3066 will be open from 4 to 10 p.m. Both will be offering a limited holiday menu.

Bill’s Place: 2105 W. Western Ave., South Bend, 574-282-2002 will be open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. for breakfast and lunch.

Bob Evans: Locations in South Bend, Plymouth, Benton Harbor. Open 8 a.m.

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