***« (Director Note)***

**Tearing Down the Mid-South Coliseum »**

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**There are new plans to tear down the Mid-South Coliseum and construct Memphis very on athletic sports center. The center would also be surrounded by retail stores, hotels and various baseball fields.**

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**The Mid-South Coliseum has held some of the most memorable events in Memphis’ history. From The Beatles, Jackson 5 to wrestling and graduations. And the fairground once housed one of the most famous roller coasters, the Zippin Pippin, And once again city officials preparing to hash out new ideas for the fairgrounds area to make it more appealing to citizens and visitors by tearing down the historical building.**

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**""I wish they wouldn't tear it down, I mean there's a lot of history in this building. I graduated in 92 out of this building and it's just a shame that they're gonna tear it down. There's really nothing wrong with the building that I can see, but who am I to say."" »**

**« Take SOT Runs.. 0:19 ..involved the better"**

**"I think they should go ahead and tear it down, it does have a lot of history. I mean I was little and use to watch wrestling matches and eveything on channel 5. But you something sitting there that you're just not using. And this youth in the city need as much things for them to be able to do as far as the fields that they are going to put over there, more activity to keep the youth involved the better." »**

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**Although the coliseum has been vacant for years even if it is renovated and reopened the facility cannot hold events because of the non-compete clause the city have with the Memphis Grizzlies. Therefore, in many cases the building would remain vacant. City officials hope with the completed Tiger Lane and the renovations of the Liberty Bowl the athletic center will bring more attraction from the public and in turn would produce more revenue for the city.**

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