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Image: Brett Favre

Brett Favre at Super Bowl 50 on Feb. 7, 2016 in Santa Clara, Calif.

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Image: Brad Pigott

Brad Pigott was hired to claw back some of the TANF money. He was fired just after he issued a subpoena seeking more information about the roles of Brett Favre and former Gov. Phil Bryant.

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Image: women's volleyball facility at the University of Southern Mississippi

Millions of dollars of federal welfare funds intended for needy families are alleged to have been used to build a women's volleyball facility at the University of Southern Mississippi.

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Image: Tamara Edwards

Tamara Edwards raised four children on her own while working a series of low-wage jobs. She was denied TANF money in 2009 even though she said her income was low enough. "They told me they didn't have the funds," she said.

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