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THIS MONTH

Governor Phil Bryant appoints Pelicia Hall commissioner

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Gov. Phil Bryant announced March 6 that he has appointed Pelicia Hall commissioner of the Mis-

issippi Department of Corrections. Hall replaces Marshall Fisher, who was recently appointed commissioner of the Missis-

issippi Department of Public Safety. Hall has served
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City of Jackson to do repair work on waterline

40K residents could be without water

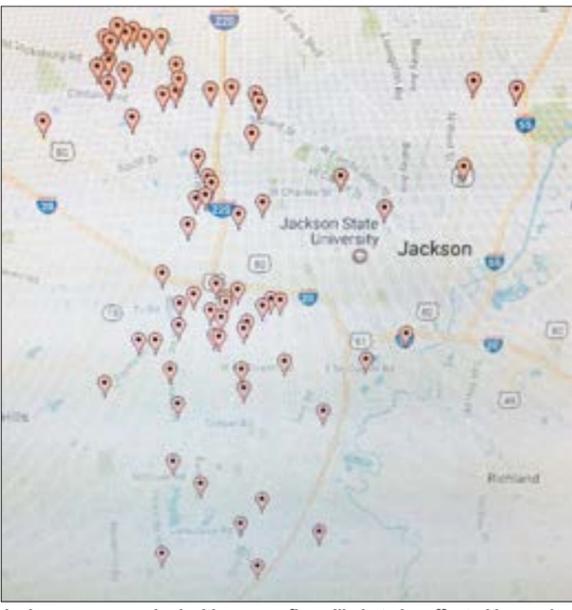


Pallets of water inside Kroger Grocery Store at its I-55 location in Jackson

By Othor Cain
Editor
The City of Jackson will begin emergency repair work on the 48-inch concrete pipe off Forest Avenue, Friday, March 10. This work could impact nearly 40K residents. The water main repair will require the temporary closure of water valves, beginning at 3 p.m. The water outage is expected to affect City of Jackson surface water customers in areas of south and west Jackson.

The entire area will be under a boil water notice immediately following the repair until the Mississippi State Department of Health notifies the City that water samples are clear, which usually takes 24 hours. The city has set up ways for residents to stay engaged in the process and chart updates. Residents are encouraged to sign up for Code Red, the City emergency alert system, by visiting www.jacksonms.gov and clicking the Code Red icon. The system will be

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Jackson areas marked with orange flags likely to be affected by work.

Workers at Nissan in Canton gets star power support

Nissan officials are not opposed to unions

By Othor Cain
Editor

More than two-thousand people gathered in Canton, Mississippi, March 4, to show support and stand in solidarity with those [not all employees agree] Nissan workers, who want to unionize its plant workforce. The 'March on Mississippi' rally, organized by the United Auto Workers, brought with them United States Senator and former presidential candidate Bernie Sanders (I-Vermont), United States Congressman Bennie Thompson (D-Mississippi), actor Danny Glover and NAACP national president and Jackson State University alum Cornell Brooks all of whom spoke in favor of a union and called for an end to the alleged intimidation measures that workers who favor a union, claim they experience, [claims Nissan vehemently deny].

"I work at Nissan, in the plant everyday and I can tell you fear and intimidation are real and on 'automatic,' wrote Terence Williams on social media.

Williams said the workers that aren't afraid of speaking up are working inside to organize. "There are those of us that are doing the heavy lifting on the inside...you've got to ask yourself, if 42 out of 45 Nissan plants can have a union, why not Mississippi?" he wrote.



Thousands take the 2 mile walk to the Canton Nissan plant.

Thompson echoed Williams' sentiments.

"If I can build a car, don't you think I'd have sense enough to be able to decide whether to join a union," Thompson said sarcastically to a cheering crowd.

Nissan maintains that they are not anti-union and that it is the responsibility of UAW to get enough workers signed up to take a vote.

"We support our employees

and we support a safe working environment," said Rodney Francis, Human Resources director at the Canton facility. "We would never stand in the way of that, in fact, the burden to call for a vote and get the required number of signatures from the employees rests solely with the union and the workers. We would never receive any paperwork with any of that information...we would never see any of

that." At the conclusion of the rally organizers asked all Nissan workers to line up first for the march. Though hard to actually identify, safe estimates would put that number between 30-50 workers visibly in attendance. Some second tier organizers say more were there and could be

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Local sorority host 'Orange the World' walk to raise awareness

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The Jackson (MS) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is inviting the public to "Orange the World" by participating in a 5K Run/Walk at 8 a.m. followed by a Health and Wellness Expo from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 8 a.m. at Tougaloo College.

The DST Orange the World event is designed to raise awareness to end violence against women and girls and support the 2008 United Nations launch of UNiTE to End Violence Against Women campaign. The campaign's aim is to raise public awareness and increase political will and resources for preventing and ending all forms of violence against women and girls in all parts of the world.

The campaign also proclaims every 25th of the month as "Orange

Day" – a day to take action to raise awareness to end the violence against women and girls, end poverty and hunger, and provide equitable access to quality education, health services and employment opportunities

The Jackson (MS) Alumnae Chapter's Social Action and International Awareness committees promote Orange Day activities on the 25th of each month. Orange Day calls upon activists, governments and UN partners to mobilize people and highlight issues relevant to preventing and ending violence against women and girls.

The color orange was selected because it is a bright and optimistic color and it represents a future free from violence against women and girls.

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Orange the World

Raise Awareness to End Violence Against Women and Girls

Sponsored by
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5K Run/Walk and Health & Wellness Expo
Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 8:00 am
Tougaloo College
500 West County Line Rd., Tougaloo, MS 39174

Benefiting:
Matt's House Women's Shelter & Counseling Services at Tougaloo College

HEALTH & WELLNESS EXPO 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Activities will include health screenings: blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol, dental & vision, nutrition advice, mental health screenings, chair massages, Zumba fitness demonstrations, Blood Drive by MS Blood Services, and door prizes and more!!

Don't forget ...
Set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

Book Review:
"Madame President: The Extraordinary Journey of Ellen Johnson Sirleaf"

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