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Minister of Culture with responsibility for Carnival Jonel Powell making remarks at the 'ICONS' Road March Band edition (right) while event host and well-known media personality Maurice 'EK' Flanders of Real Right Entertainment looks on (official Sugar Mas photo)

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Editorial

A BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

In our editorial for Friday, 4th November 2020, we reminded you that we had entered the season of Advent. We opined that, despite the dangers of COVID-19, we had been, in a very real sense, blessed with a great opportunity to 'put Christ back into Christmas'.

Advent is also a penitential season, a time for us to repent and return to God.

It is our fervent hope that, despite the hardships and difficulties of living at this particular juncture in our history, we all found time to reflect on the true meaning of advent, and availed ourselves of the time to deepen our relationship with our Heavenly Father.

Ever so sadly, on a daily basis we receive news about the reckless persecution of Christians in various countries of the world, all because of their faith. Let us remember the victims in our prayers.

We live in a secular world where tolerance of peoples' faith is a given, except, it seems, when it comes to Christianity. That should not weaken us in any way, rather we should constantly remind ourselves that, at our level as human beings, our Christian faith is primarily about the two virtues of humility and generosity.

Please, let us all remember the true nature of Christmas, and encourage each other to seek for the blessings of the season, to remember the Son of Man who came into this world for the express purpose of saving us, and to put aside some time for reflecting and giving thanks.

This should be a time of joy, merriment, and sharing with our loved ones and others. Above all else, though, it should be a time of prayer and worship, giving thanks and praise to our Heavenly Father for his unlimited love of us, and for his innumerable and endless blessings.

We should also show our Christian love for each other by remembering all those who are less fortunate than we are, especially at this time. Therefore, let us remember those who are lonely, hospitalised or shut-in, as well as those who for any number of reasons simply do not have anyone to turn to at this time, and who would thus be enduring a most unhappy existence.

It is with deep regret that we have to acknowledge the heartrending sufferings of so many of our people who will be unable to truly enjoy themselves as we observe the birth of our Blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Despite the travel restrictions now obtaining, a goodly number of our people have somehow managed to make the traditional trip home for Christmas. To them, and to all of our visitors, we extend warmest greetings, as we all try, once again, to be guided by The Christ that is in Christmas.

The Editor, staff, and everyone here at The Labour Spokesman wish you and yours a blessed and merry Christmas.

A Blessed and Merry Christmas to Everyone.



2020 Christmas Day Message by Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil L Douglas Leader of the Parliamentary Opposition and National Political Leader of the SKNLP

The year 2020 was defined by numerous challenges that have impacted the lives and livelihoods of the world's people and we here in St. Kitts and Nevis are no exception. In the midst of our anticipation for a year of exceptional developments marking an historic turning point as far as the attainment of 2020 was concerned, our expectations were dashed by the global pandemic that is indeed a life changing phenomenon. Today we are not only grappling with a deadly pandemic that has decimated millions of lives but one that is threatening the existence of all who have survived it. Our mode of operations has been transformed as we endeavour to cope with the demands of family life and staying on the breadline.

The institutions that are the heartbeat of our society are faced with the challenges dictated by the onset of this pandemic. Our healthcare systems are under threat of being pressured by the demands of increased cases of patients who are victims of the corona virus. Our medical personnel are strained and are themselves at risk as first responders in treating the affected and preventing further associated complications from this deadly pandemic. Governments must prove themselves to be visionary in protecting their citizens on every front. This is not the time for 'chest beating' as we are still not out of the woods especially as we see the more developed nations teetering under the strain of phenomenal increases in mortality and morbidity rates.

In the midst of this we approach the Christmas season with sobering thoughts of what we, as citizens, must be prepared to do to ensure that we enjoy the company of family and friends while being mindful of the repercussions of our every action. Let us regard this Christmas season as one that demands that we be resilient but responsible; culturally connected but considerate, being sensitive to what is required to stem the spread of the virus.

In so many ways we are compelled to reflect on the experience of the Christ of Christmas whose birth engendered a global response, including that of a vindictive leadership who was threatened by his existence.

With the dawn of 2020 we were optimistic that we would have had the opportunity to resume the transformative process of our people to restore and rebuild the strong legacy of visionary leadership that is needed in these challenging times. As with the onset of the virus many hopes were dashed and too many continue to sink in despair... rising unemployment and underemployment, increased debts, foreclosures - all the experiences of our citizens in the diaspora and right here in our Federation. Many are living the nightmare of unfulfilled promises, poor decisions and uninformed choices, especially in the aftermath of June 5. Many are crumbling under the resumption of numerous discriminations and vindictiveness as they are forced into a state of joblessness, want and hardship because of the selective policy of an uncaring Government. Our intention as a Party was to endeavour, with your support, that this period of crisis come to an end. Your well-being will continue to be paramount to us. That is why we will not relent in advocating for your best interest.

As we stand at the end of this year, we are painfully aware that many will have to contend with unintended outcomes that will mar your experience in the ensuing years. We will admit that our regrets have been numerous. There has been much consternation regarding what is on the horizon of our existence; for many there is hardly a glimmer of hope. My admonition is steadfastness and perseverance...two attributes that kept the wisemen and which have relevance for us in our present environment.

At this Christmas time when all around us are losing hope, let us raise our hands and hearts to pay homage to the One who gave us the gift of life and the daring of hope in the midst of the various manifestations of global terror. Let us not despair but embrace the new beginnings ushered in by the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ whose advent brought hope to mankind over 2000 years ago. So, let us all receive the divine message that will inspire our being as we transcend the confines of our present state and soar in the brightness of his glory this Christmas Season.

**On behalf of the St Kitts-Nevis Parliamentary Opposition, and
the St Kitts-Nevis Labour Party I wish all of you a Christ filled Christmas.**

Be safe and be hopeful!

TDC Housing Project Expected To See Hundreds Of Employment Opportunities

By: Precious Mills

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Wednesday 23rd December 2020) - Having purchased 5.96 acres of land from the government at Dewar's Estate in the west Basseterre area, a multi-million dollar housing project by TDC Ground of Companies is expected to see the employment of a couple hundred of workers from various fields such as carpenters, plumbers, electricians and air condition technicians over the life of the project with construction set to begin in January 2021.

On Tuesday, 22nd December, 2020, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the Dewar's Garden Housing Development. Symbolically turning the soil were TDC Chairman Earle Kelly and St.Kitts-Nevis Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris.

Kelly, in speaking about the impact on the local economy, touched on the area of job creation for the project which is slated to be built out within three to five years.

"We think that this project is going to be very, very important. The economic impact of course is going to be tremendous. We estimate that the cost of building this project, having spent 3.3 million dollars already, the total will be about \$16.5 [million] when the all 30 homes are completed."

He continued: "We expect over the life of the project to employ a couple hundred employees-masons, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, air condition technicians, labourers, heavy equipment and truck operators and of course the folks at the [TDC's] Home and Building Depot, they will be engaged so we will be able to create and maintain some jobs. [TDC's] St.Kitts Masonry products of course, the folks that manufacture concrete and blocks. We consider this as a very important contribution of the TDC Group to the local economy."

According to the TDC Chairman, so far the response has been overwhelming in relation to interested home buyers which has seen four sales so far and another four being worked on.

"Up to today, we had a total of 143 interests. Of course not all interests are going to pan out and so far we've had four sales that we're working on and so we should start construction in January - and then we have another four we're working on which we expect to conclude in the next couple of months."

He said the company started discussions back in 2017 with the government and finally in May 2018, an agreement was made to purchase 5.69 acres of land.

"We don't think we'll have a problem selling this development because it's so beautiful. We have developed the 5.69 acres into 30 lots ranging in size from 620,000 square feet to 724,000 square feet," he told whilst noting that there is a green area that is just over 6,000 square feet.

Kelly said the cost of the project has reached \$3 million, 331 thousand which includes purchase of land, transfer taxes, construction of the road way, installation of water distribution

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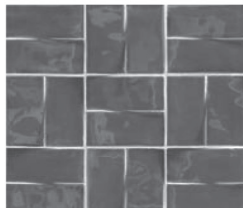
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Eight models are being offered namely three two bedroom models-Gardenia, Iris, Lion Heart with prices ranging from \$540,000 to \$560,000 at 1525 to 1551 square feet.

Additionally, there are four three bedroom models- Elephant Ear, Jade Vine, Magnolia and Willow prices at \$630,000 to just over \$1 million dollars with areas of 1802 to 3134 square feet plus just one four-bedroom model called the Blue Belle at of cost of \$960,000 with an area of 2754 square feet.

Prices of lots start at \$20, \$21 and \$22 per square foot.

Prime Minister Harris described the day as a wonderful one as he praised TDC's continued move to advance the quality of life in St.Kitts and Nevis.

"...today is a wonderful day. In fact, I see it as TDC's Christmas gift to the people of St.Kitts and Nevis, and I want to commend TDC because it has been a dynamic group of companies that has always been looking for opportunities, ceasing them and advancing the quality of life in St.Kitts and Nevis," he remarked.

Front Page Phot -Architect of Archipelago Designs and Architectural Services Camille Kelly (pointing) holds a conversation with (left to right) TDC Chairman Earle Kelly and St.Kitts-Nevis Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris and TDC Executive Director Nick Menon on Tuesday 22nd December 2020 following the groundbreaking ceremony was held for the Dewar's Garden Housing Development (Spokesman Snap)

TDC Chairman Earle Kelly (left) and St.Kitts-Nevis Prime Minister Dr. Timothy



Harris symbolically turning the soil at a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the Dewar's Garden Housing Development On Tuesday 22nd December 2020 (Spokesman Snap)

Alliance Francaise Director Talks Carnival Cultural Bonding Between SKN, French-Speaking Islands

By: Precious Mills

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Wednesday 23rd December 2020) - Director of the Alliance Francaise de St.Kitts-Nevis Marine Moncaut is of the view that a new programme called Cross Cultural Carnival Dialogues 2020 feature-facilitated through Zoom online technology- can help to bring the featured French-speaking and English-speaking islands together so as to promote their celebrative cultures and foster new relations in regard to carnival festivities.

In an interview with the media house, she highlighted the reasoning behind the weekly programme aired live every Wednesday in December 2020 (5:30PM) which began on the 2nd.

That first episode featured three carnival Chairpersons/ presidents namely St.Kitts-Nevis National Carnival (Sugar Mas) Chairperson- Shannon Hawley; President de l'Office du carnaval de la Guadeloupe - Willy Abare and Chef de Projet charge de la promotion du Carnaval À Fort de France, Martinique - Yvon Lamorandiere.



Director of the Alliance Francaise de St.Kitts-Nevis Marine Moncaut (File-Spokesman Snap)

“Calypso and Contemporary Variations’ and ‘Traditional Troupes’ are two of the topics covered on the show, and come Wednesday, 30th December, ‘Musicians in Carnival’ will be discussed.

“With the COVID-19 pandemic and the fact that we have been going virtual on a lot of aspects at our centre, we thought that it would be a good opportunity for us to organize some events during the carnival, taking the opportunity that virtual platforms are allowing us to meet people from Guadeloupe, Martinique and St. Maarten and skipping the borders of language and also of the distance. We wanted to take an opportunity to focus on the tradition of carnival - to look at the roots of it and to see what the variations are. So each Wednesday we’re going to have a focus on a different topic,” the Alliance Francaise Director said.

According to her: “Our islands, when we don’t have much dialogue, we don’t have much opportunities to discuss our different aspects that we could have in common that could be different too; it’s just to have a first discussion. It will be a good opportunity for St.Kitts and Nevis to promote its own carnival towards the French-speaking market and vice versa so maybe some Martiniquais, Guadeloupean can be interested to come here being introduced to different forms of the carnival here and vice versa the Kittitians and Nevisian might be more interested to discover the carnivals in Guadeloupe, Martinique and St. Maarten as well.”

Asked who should listen to the programme, Moncaut had this



National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited having made sworn deposition that policy number **65655 on the life of Avonis Daniel** has been lost, and having made application to the directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

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to say: “Anyone who is interested in culture, diversity and discovering different forms of carnival within the region. There is a common point on all of the islands but we might not be much aware of some other carnivals especially links between English-speaking islands and French-speaking islands where the interactions are a bit less...”

Touching on the topic of the COVID-19 pandemic, she expressed that this period has been looking “a lot about who we are, and what is our strengths and our weaknesses and to look a bit more locally as well, what are our forces locally but it can also be done regionally to be working on the carnival identity. To me, what is interesting is that the Alliance Francaise has the opportunity to have all of the actors here to be kind of framing what is the identity of the carnival here towards the French islands and the French islands be framing the same thing. There is a very important identity process that goes through it to know who we are, what are our practices...”

She pointed out that using such a virtual platform provides an opportunity “to break some borders that are real like distance and language because the Zoom has the possibility of language interpretation services. So when one French speaker would be speaking, take the interpret service to interpret in English, we would have translators who will be speaking to you in English... so it’s like a professional meeting...”

Following an hour session of speeches, viewers can participate in the question and answer segment which is aimed at creating dialogue.

For more details interested persons can visit the Alliance Francaise social media Facebook page at www.facebook.com/afstkittsnevis or contact 1-869-667-9019.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2, 2020 5.30PM - 7.00PM

Cross Cultural Carnival Dialogue

Carnival overviews: St. Kitts & Nevis, Guadeloupe and Martinique

Introduction of the Carnival tradition in each territory; general organization, impact on the economy, social and cultural dynamism.

Ms. Shannon Hawley,
Chairperson of the St. Kitts and Nevis National Carnival.

Mr. Willy Abare,
President of the Carnival Office of Guadeloupe.

Mr. Yvon Lamorandière,
Project Manager responsible for the promotion of the Carnival in Fort de France, Martinique.

Followed by a 30 minute open floor discussion

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A graphic for the Cross Cultural Carnival Dialogues (sourced)

Virtual Sugar Mas Experience To Continue After COVID Pandemic

By: Precious Mills

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Wednesday 23rd December 2020) - Minister of Culture with responsibility for Carnival Jonel Powell has revealed that the social media virtual experience introduced to accommodate the live streaming of Sugar Mas 49 activities and events due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is expected to continue even after the pandemic.

"It's not the regular Sugar Mas that we're accustomed to but COVID might try to keep us down but it can't stop us, and we've just pivoted and adapted and we've uncovered the new norm and I think everyone can agree that even for next year Sugar Mas 50 when we expect to have bodies in here, we will have to continue this virtual experience because for all of those who can't make it home for carnival, this is making their Christmas and carnival for them, especially this year with COVID and they really not being able to come," Powell commented.

He made the disclosure while speaking at the 'ICONS' Road March Band edition held on Monday 21st December 2020 at the Sugar Mill staged at the Warner Park Stadium, featuring four bands of the Federation who are collectively of Road March Champion fame over the years.

Taking to the stage that night were the reigning Sugar Mas Road March Champions The Grand Masters Band who captured the title in 2019 with 'Lift Off De Stress' as well as Nu Vybes International Band (De Sugar Band) and Small Axe Band from St.Kitts and Kore Band from Nevis.

Speaking further about the virtual experience for Sugar Mas 49, the Carnival Minister shared: "I've been getting so many messages from all types of people in relation to every event whether it was the calypso tent, whether it was the opening of carnival, the folklore caravan in the square ... or even tonight. I think people really appreciate it outside and we gotta keep up the good works so big up to all those who have been working hard, all the bands, performers, the dancers..."

Meanwhile, in applauding the leadership of the Carnival Chairperson Shannon Hawley, event host and well-known media personality Maurice 'EK' Flanders of Real Right Entertainment commented: "Just imagine what Sugar Mas 49 woulda be if Ms. Shannon Hawley was outside wid we! You understand? Man, it woulda been mas! Believe you me, believe you me."

The Carnival Minister has also praised the "phenomenal" work of the production team saying further that they have been doing a fantastic job.

As gathered, from the 'ICONS' live streaming, there has been a recorded 23,000 views on the SKNCarnival Facebook page with over 13,000 comments plus 500 shares along with 4,500 views on SKNCarnival YouTube channel.

Viewers and listeners of Sugar Mas events and activities continue to tune into the traditional means of doing so via ZIZ radio and television.

In relation to the Road March Champions' achievements through the years, **Grand Masters Band** has won a total of 10 titles with: 'Master's Jam' (1987), 'Master's Massive' (1998), 'Millennium Jam' (1999), 'Money Wutt' (2004), 'Boom Bam Bam' (2007), 'A Want Whale' (2008), 'Buss U Bubble' (2009), 'None A Dem (Step Pon Dem)' (2011), 'Wuk U Shift' (2016) and 'Lift Off De Stress' (2019).

Small Axe Band's victory has seen the most with 12 to date namely: 'Big League' (1988), 'Who Is De Dan' (1989), 'Pan Man' (1990), 'Shub Back On De' (2000), 'Watch De Creep-Up' (2003), 'Masquerade' (2006), 'Do the DCH' (2012), 'We Got De Hardware' (2013), 'Bottom In De Road' (2014), 'Pepper Dem' (2015), 'Drop De Puppy' (2017) and 'Get Jiggy Wid It' (2018).

Nu Vybes Band has won a total of five titles with the latest being in 2005 with 'Ting Lang' The other winning hits were: 'Hand Signal' (1996), 'Street Style' (1997), Sugar (2001) and 'Step Up' (2002).

Kore Band is the five-time Road March Champions for Nevis' annual summer Culturama festival having captured such with: 'Love We Festival' (2013), 'Whoops' (2016), 'How We Do It' (2017), 'Push Forward' (2018) and 'Yeehaw' (2019).

Front Page Photo: Minister of Culture with responsibility for Carnival Jonel Powell making remarks at the 'ICONS' Road March Band edition (right) while event host and well-known media personality Maurice 'EK' Flanders of Real Right Entertainment looks on (official Sugar Mas photo)

Rescuers Continue Search For Missing Fish Pot Diver

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Wednesday 23rd December 2020)-Rescuers continue their search for a man who disappeared after diving for a fish pot while in the company of two others at sea on Saturday 19th December 2020.

The man, a 35-year-old named Clovis Williams of Green Tree Housing was at sea in the Verchids area when he dived into the water to pull up a fish pot and has not since been seen.

Police say close to 3 p.m. that day, a report was received about a missing person.

Investigations revealed that Williams went out to sea in the Verchids area with two other persons. He reportedly dived into the water to pull up a fish pot and has not been seen or heard from since. The Coast Guard was contacted and they visited the scene.

Divers were sent into the water to search while fishermen in their boats assisted, but Williams was not found.

A statement from the Police Public Relations Department issued on Tuesday 22nd December indicates that police are partnering with several agencies to conduct search operations.

In addition to the police, personnel from the St. Kitts and Nevis Defence Force and Coast Guard, the St. Kitts and Nevis Fire and Rescue Services, as well as the St. Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society, have been searching along the coastline from Old Road to Pump Bay.

The Police are making an appeal to anyone with information regarding this incident to contact the Old Road Police Station by dialing 465-6250. Investigations into the matter are ongoing.

Case Number :SKBHPB2020/0049



THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

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CLAIM NO: SKBHPB2020/0049

In the Estate of OGOL HENDRICKS also known as OGAL HENDRICKS (Deceased)

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **RICHARD HENDRICKS** and **BASIL HENDRICKS** both of #5 Buckley's Park, Basseterre in the Island of St. Christopher for a Grant of Letters of Administration, the beneficiaries of **OGOL HENDRICKS also known as OGAL HENDRICKS**, deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 28th day of August, 1976 in the Parish of St. George in the Island of St. Christopher.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 21st day of December, 2020

A. May
S.A.M Legal Services

Attorney-at-Law for the Estate of Ogal Hendricks also known as Ogal Hendricks, deceased

Filed by S.A.M Legal Services, Attorney-at-Law whose address for service is Berkley Street, Shadwell Housing, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Tel No. 466-4902, Email: samlegaloffices@gmail.com

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Brexit: UK and EU 'haggling', as hopes for trade deal rise

BBC NEWS

The EU and UK are continuing talks on post-Brexit trade, amid mounting speculation that they are close to agreeing a deal.

BBC political editor Laura Kuenssberg said it was looking "very likely" the two sides were "heading towards" an agreement.

But this was "not signed and sealed", with "haggling" going on, she added.

Disputes over fishing rights and business competition rules remain the key hurdles to reaching a deal.

An EU official close to the talks said: "It is crunch time. But talk of a deal announcement is premature."

And a Downing Street source said it was "possible but far from certain" that an agreement could be secured later on Wednesday.

The two sides have until 31 December, when the UK leaves EU trading rules, to reach a deal and then get it approved - or ratified - by parliamentarians.

If this does not happen by then, they could place import taxes on each other's goods, potentially affecting prices.

UK chief negotiator Lord Frost and Stephanie Riso, a senior member of the EU team, are understood still to be in discussions in Brussels.

EU sources said UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen had also been in contact in an attempt to break the deadlock before the expected pause in negotiations for Christmas.

The UK insists on having control over fishing in its waters from 1 January and retaining a larger share of the catch from them than under the current quota system.

But the EU wants to phase in a new fishing system over a longer period and retain more of its access to UK waters for boats from France, Spain and other member states.

EU chief negotiator Michel Barnier said on Tuesday that a "final push" was taking place, amid



He also raised the prospect of UK and EU officials working on Christmas Day, adding that he and other leaders were on "standby" to give their backing to any deal that might emerge.

The UK has said it is

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Covid-19: new powers for 'stay at home' message

BBC NEWS

Health Minister Robin Swann says the Stormont executive's stay-at-home lockdown message will be made "legally enforceable".

Brexit: UK and EU 'haggling', as hopes for trade deal rise

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prepared to keep talking until 31 December but is prepared for any outcome, while EU diplomats have suggested the bloc would be willing to continue negotiations into 2021 if necessary.

But ministers have repeatedly ruled out any extension to the transition period, under which the UK has continued to follow Brussels's trade rules since it left the EU on 31 January.

The European Research Group of Brexit-supporting Conservative MPs has promised to reconvene its "star chamber" of lawyers - which was highly critical of previous Prime Minister Theresa May's withdrawal agreement with the EU - to analyse any deal that is reached.

Chairman Mark Francois and deputy chairman David Jones said it would "scrutinise it in detail, to ensure that its provisions genuinely protect the sovereignty of the United Kingdom".

It comes after a request he made to the executive to ensure people abide by new rules taking effect on Saturday.

It will mean people outside of their homes between 20:00 and 06:00 until 2 January, without a reasonable excuse, could be asked to return home.

Mr Swann said the PSNI would be given "additional" enforcement powers.

Initially the executive agreed the stay at home message would remain guidance rather than law.

However Mr Swann said on Tuesday ministers supported his proposal to toughen this up.

He told BBC Newsline: "The regulations published tonight will see that go into regulation, the executive agreed to that yesterday and it is being worked through by the departmental solicitors' office to ensure it is legally enforceable.

"From 8pm to 6am that week, the police will have additional powers to enforce things."

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CMO On COVID-19: More People Are Following Prevention Measures

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Wednesday 23rd December 2020) - Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr. Hazel Laws has made the observation that more people in St.Kitts-Nevis are following the prevention and control measures in relation to the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) pandemic.

"More and more persons are adhering to the prevention and control measures which include: wearing a face mask when in public places, maintaining good hand hygiene, maintaining physical distance of six feet from others when in public places and avoiding crowds and events. These measures work and we are encouraging you to continue."

Dr. Laws made the disclosure via a press release issued on Friday 18th December 2020 which informed that as of Thursday 17th December, two additional cases of confirmed COVID-

19 were recorded resulting in six active cases.

"These travelers landed in St.Kitts on December 12th 2020 from the United States of America (USA) and have been in quarantine at one of The COVID-19 certifies hotels since arrival in the Federation. The patients were duly notified and are in isolation."

Those additional cases brought the total of COVID-19 confirmed cases in St.Kitts-Nevis to 30 with 20 cases for St. Kitts and 10 cases for Nevis. "Please note that 24 cases have fully recovered with zero deaths. There are now six active cases. These patients are stable and are being monitored," the CMO said at that time.

In highlighting the measures in place, she informed that the all front line workers at the Robert L Bradshaw international airport (RLBIA), SCASPA [St.Christopher Air and Sea Ports Authority] and in the hotel and tourism sector continue to adhere to the COVID-19 protocols along the corridor of containment between the ports of



Chief Medical Officer Dr. Hazel Laws (file-Spokesman Snap)

entry and hotel/ accommodation sites.

Dr. Laws said the Ministry of Health is following measures to restrict the spread of coronavirus which includes in-depth contact tracing in an effort to effectively assess the Erwin's with whom the recently diagnosed cases would have interacted as well as quarantine, monitoring and testing of contacts as indicated.

"The Ministry of Health- in particular- and the Federal government in general wish to remind all citizens and residents that every effort is being made to prevent the spread of the virus locally."

"Let us work together to maintain and protect the health and wellbeing of the people of the federation," the CMO encouraged.

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Bridgetown, Barbados - CDB Vice-President (Operations), Diana Wilson Patrick and IDB Representative in Barbados, Juan Carlos De la Hoz Vinas signing the US\$50 million loan agreement.

CDB, IDB sign US\$50 million loan for COVID-19 response in the OECS

December 21, 2020, BRIDGETOWN, Barbados - The Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) today signed a US\$50 million loan agreement to support COVID-19 response projects in the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Member States.

The agreement was signed by CDB Vice-President (Operations), Diana Wilson Patrick and IDB Representative in Barbados, Juan Carlos De la Hoz Vinas.

The loan will provide economic resources to OECS Member States - Antigua and Barbuda, Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

CDB's Vice-President (Operations), Diana Wilson Patrick said, "The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the specialised role that multilateral development banks, like CDB and IDB, play in coordinating development assistance and planning systematic recovery. We reaffirm our commitment to continued collaboration and partnership, to provide our Borrowing Member Countries (BMCs) with essential financing, technical support, and policy advice to protect the Region's most vulnerable people and build resilience against shocks like COVID-19."

General Manager of the IDB Caribbean Country Department, Therese Turner-Jones noted, "Since 1977, the IDB has had a long-term collaborative relationship with the CDB. In this way, we are able to extend our mission of improving lives in Latin America and the Caribbean to those countries that are not IDB borrowing members but are certainly valued members of an important Caribbean sub-region. The high level of interconnectedness and interdependency between the vulnerable economies of our region has been underscored during this pandemic. Our continued support will help bolster the OECS response to the COVID-19 crisis and pave the way to recovery and greater resilience in the region."

The loan agreement signed today will finance a programme to help reduce mortality and morbidity from COVID-19 and ensure minimum levels of quality of life and health for vulnerable people in the countries mentioned. In addition, it will provide support for Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs).

To achieve this, the programme focuses on three main components:

- Health - health response, case detection and monitoring;
- Social - transfer to vulnerable populations; and
- Economic - support for MSME financing.

Under the health component, the loan will strengthen response leadership, support the implementation and operationalisation of cross-sector emergency management and monitoring mechanisms, and support COVID-19 transmission control and monitoring protocols, including through the supply of medical equipment and supplies.

The expansion of safety net services using existing cash transfer programmes in each OECS country is a key element of the social component. This includes conditional cash transfers, transfers for persons living with disabilities, school-attendance grants for the vulnerable population, school meal support, and non-contributory pensions. Protection for the vulnerable population working in the formal and informal sectors who are not part of existing cash transfer programmes is also captured.

The economic component will provide financing to improve MSMEs short-



Three Banks Shine at Second Annual ECCU Bank of the Year Awards

Media Release Courtesy the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank

Monday, December 21, 2020 - Basseterre, St Kitts and Nevis - The Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) has recognised three commercial banks operating within the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU) for demonstrating outstanding banking service and social responsibility.

The second Annual ECCU Bank of the Year Awards were held virtually on 17 December with live streaming on the ECCB Facebook page and YouTube channel. Of the 12 banks that participated, three banks were presented with awards for their commitment and service excellence to the people they serve through their business practices and policies in four categories:

ECCU Bank of the Year Award for Customer Service: The CIBC/First Caribbean International Bank (Barbados) Ltd (Antigua and Barbuda);

ECCU Bank of the Year Award for Financial Education and Empowerment: The Bank of Saint Lucia Limited;

ECCU Bank of the Year Award for Pandemic and Banking: The National Commercial Bank of Anguilla Ltd; and

ECCU Bank of the Year Award for Technological Innovation: The Bank of Saint Lucia.

In his remarks at the awards ceremony, Governor of the ECCB, Timothy N.J. Antoine said,

"We could have easily said let us cancel the Awards until 2021, but we didn't and I am pleased that we are able to have these awards notwithstanding the constraints posed by COVID."

The 2020 ECCU Bank of the Year Awards can be viewed on the ECCB Connects YouTube channel.



term financial capacity and access to production-oriented finance for economic recovery.

The US\$50 million loan further enhances CDB's multi-pronged financial package to help BMCs respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. CDB's response includes policy-based loans of US\$140 million; emergency loans totalling US\$67 million to seven countries; and a US\$3 million programme to provide essential PPE for 14 countries. In addition, CDB earmarked US\$25 million for social protection initiatives, and for support to the agricultural sector and micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.

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Study Finds Cancer Survivors Run Greater Risk Of Developing And Dying From Second Cancers

By American Cancer Society

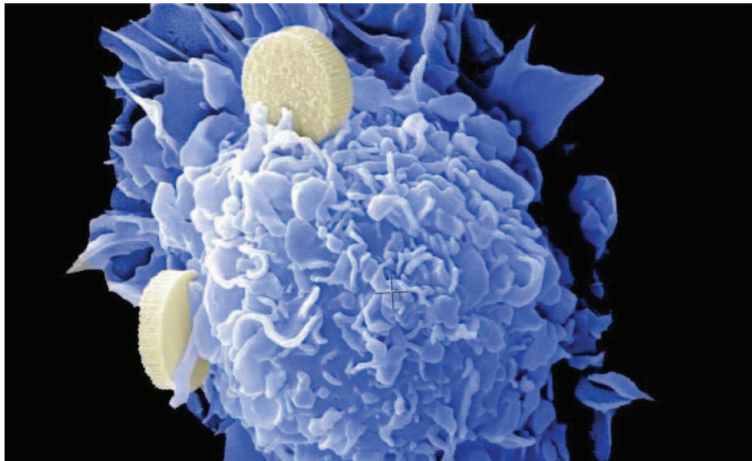


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A new American Cancer Society study finds that adult-onset cancer survivors run a greater risk of developing and dying from subsequent primary cancers (SPCs) than the general population. Cancers associated with smoking or obesity comprised a majority of SPC incidence and mortality among all survivors. The study appears in JAMA.

“These findings highlight the importance of ongoing surveillance

and efforts to prevent new cancers among survivors,” said lead author, Hyuna Sung, PhD. “The number of cancer survivors who develop new cancers is projected to increase, but, until now, comprehensive data on the risk of SPCs among survivors of adult-onset cancers has been limited.”

For the study, investigators analyzed data on nearly 1.54 million cancer survivors from 1992 to 2017 from 12 Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results registries in the United States. The survivors analyzed were between the ages of 20 to 84 (mean age, 60.4 years), 48.8% women, and 81.5% white.

The findings suggest that among the 1,537,101 survivors, 156,442 were diagnosed with an SPC and 88,818 died of an SPC. Results found that male survivors had an 11% higher risk of developing SPCs and a 45% higher risk of dying from SPCs compared with the risk in the general population. Female survivors had a 10% higher risk of developing SPCs and a 33% higher risk of dying from SPCs.

The investigators found men

who survived laryngeal cancer and Hodgkin lymphoma ran the greatest risk of developing an SPC, while men who survived gallbladder cancer ran the greatest risk of dying from an SPC.

Among women, survivors of laryngeal and esophageal cancers ran the greatest risk of developing an SPC, and laryngeal cancer survivors also ran the greatest risk of SPC mortality.

Substantial variation existed in the associations of specific types of first cancers with specific types of SPC risk. However, study authors note the prevalence of smoking- and obesity-related cancers in SPC incidence and mortality.

Results show the risks of smoking-related SPCs were commonly elevated among survivors of smoking-related first cancers. Among survivors of all cancers, four common smoking-related SPCs including lung, urinary bladder, oral cavity/pharynx, and esophagus, accounted for 26% to 45% of the total SPC incidence and mortality.

Furthermore, lung cancer alone comprised 31% to 33% of the total mortality from SPCs. Similarly, survivors of many obesity-related cancers had an elevated risk of developing obesity-related SPCs. Among survivors of all cancers, four common obesity-related cancers colorectum, pancreas, corpus uteri, and liver, comprised 22% to 26% of total SPC mortality.

“These findings reinforce the importance of coordinated efforts by primary care clinicians to mitigate the risks of SPCs through survivorship care, with greater focus on lifestyle factors, including smoking cessation, weight management, physical activity, and healthy eating, as receipt of counseling or treatment (tobacco only) to aid in the adoption of healthy habits,” said Ahmedin Jemal, PhD, senior author of the paper.

More information: Sung H et al. Association of First Primary Cancer With Risk of Subsequent Primary Cancer Among Survivors of Adult-Onset Cancers in the United States. JAMA. 2020; DOI: 10.1001/jama.2020.23130

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How To Reduce The Spread Of Fake News - By Doing Nothing

By Dr Tom Buchanan, University of Westminster

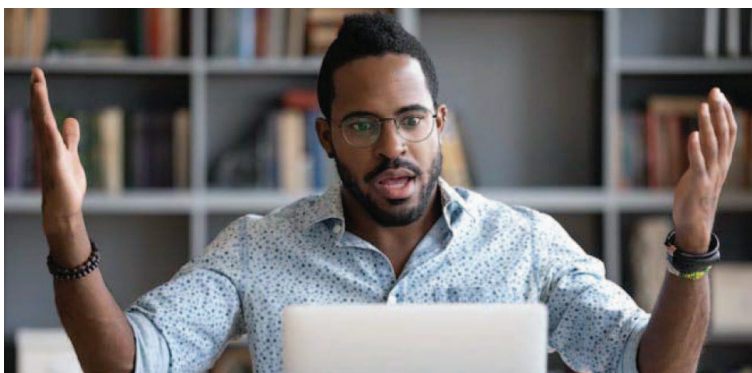


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When we come across false information on social media, it is only natural to feel the need to call it out or argue with it. But my research suggests this might do more harm than good. It might seem counterintuitive, but the best way to react to fake news - and reduce its impact - may be to do nothing at all.

False information on social media is a big problem. A UK parliament committee said online misinformation was a threat to “the very fabric of our democracy”. It can exploit and exacerbate divisions in society. There are many examples of it leading to social unrest and inciting violence, for example in Myanmar and the United States.

It has often been used to try to influence political processes. One recent report found evidence of organised social media manipulation campaigns in 48 different countries. The UK is one of those countries, as demonstrated by news reports about a local branch of the Conservatives which urged activists to campaign by “weaponising fake news”.

Social media users also regularly encounter harmful

misinformation about vaccines and virus outbreaks. This is particularly important with the roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines because the spread of false information online may discourage people from getting vaccinated - making it a life or death matter.

With all these very serious consequences in mind, it can be very tempting to comment on false information when it’s posted online - pointing out that it is untrue, or that we disagree with it. Why would that be a bad thing?

Increasing visibility

The simple fact is that engaging with false information increases the likelihood that other people will see it. If people comment on it, or quote tweet - even to disagree - it means that the material will be shared to our own networks of social media friends and followers.

Any kind of interaction at all - whether clicking on the link

or reacting with an angry face emoji - will make it more likely that the social media platform will show the material to other people. In this way, false information can spread far and fast. So even by arguing with a message, you are spreading it further. This matters, because if more people see it, or see it more often, it will have an even greater effect.

I recently completed a series of experiments with a total of 2,634 participants looking at why people share false material online. In these, people were shown examples of false information under different conditions and asked if they would be likely to share it. They were also asked about whether they had shared false information online in the past.

Some of the findings weren’t particularly surprising. For example, people were more likely to share things they thought were true or were consistent with their beliefs.

But two things stood out. The first was that some people had deliberately shared political information online that they knew at the time was untrue. There may be different reasons for doing this (trying to debunk it, for instance). The second thing that stood out was that people rated themselves as more likely to share material if they thought they had seen it before. The implication is that if you have seen things before, you are more likely to share when you see them again.

Dangerous repetition

It has been well established by numerous studies that the more often people see pieces of information, the more likely they are to think they are true. A common maxim of propaganda is that if you repeat a lie often enough, it becomes the truth.

This extends to false information online. A 2018 study found that when people repeatedly saw false headlines on social media, they rated them as being more accurate. This was even the case when the headlines were flagged as being disputed by fact checkers. Other research has shown that repeatedly encountering false information makes people think it is less unethical to spread

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Editor's note: *As a service to our readers we reproduce below an editorial apology by The President and Editor of The Kansas City Star, on behalf of his newspaper, with respect to the racial prejudices, meted out over centuries to the black people of that city. It is hoped that this article will service as further enlightenment of the people of St Kitts and Nevis where it comes to the sufferings of generations of black people in America.*

THE KANSAS CITY STAR - SPECIAL REPORT

- December 20, 2020

The Truth In Black And White: An Apology From The Kansas City Star

By Mike Fannin, President and Editor



Project illustration by Neil Nakahodo (The Kansas City Star).

Today we are telling the story of a powerful local business that has done wrong. For 140 years, it has been one of the most influential forces in shaping Kansas City and the region. And yet for much of its early history - through sins of both commission and omission - it disenfranchised, ignored and scorned generations of Black Kansas Citians. It reinforced Jim Crow laws and redlining. Decade after early decade it robbed an entire community of opportunity, dignity, justice and recognition.

That business is The Kansas City Star.

Before I say more, I feel it to be my moral obligation to express what is in the hearts and minds of the leadership and staff of an organization that is nearly as old as the city it loves and covers:

We are sorry. The Kansas City Star prides itself on holding power to account. Today we hold up the mirror to ourselves to see the historic role we have played, through both action and inaction, in shaping and misshaping Kansas City's landscape.

It is time that we own our history.

It is well past time for an apology, acknowledging, as we do so, that the sins of our past still reverberate today.

This spring, the Memorial Day death of George Floyd in Minneapolis beneath the knee of a white police officer ignited protests worldwide over racial injustice. In doing so, it has forced institutions to look inward.

Inside The Star, reporters and editors discussed how an honest examination of our own past might help us move forward. What started as a suggestion from reporter Mara Rose Williams quickly turned into a fullblown examination of The Star's coverage of race and the Black community dating to our founding in 1880.

Today The Star presents a six-part package. It is the result of a team of reporters who dug deeply into the archives of The Star and what was once its sister paper, The Kansas City Times. They pored over thousands of pages of digitized and microfilmed stories, comparing the coverage to how those same events were covered in the Black press - most notably by The Kansas City Call and The Kansas City Sun, each of which chronicled critical stories the white dailies ignored or gave short shrift.

Our reporters searched court documents, archival collections, congressional testimony, minutes of meetings and digital databases. Periodically, as they researched, editors and reporters convened panels of scholars and community leaders to discuss the significant milestones of Black life in Kansas City that were overlooked or underplayed by The Star and The Times.

Critically, we sought some of those who lived through the events the project explored. They include victims of the 1977 flood, and students (now long into adulthood) of the illegally segregated Kansas City Public Schools. We talked to retired Star and Times reporters and editors, many of whom, along with other colleagues in their time, recognized institutional inertia, and fought for greater racial inclusion.

Reporters were frequently sickened by what they found - decades of coverage that depicted Black Kansas Citians as criminals living in a crime-laden world. They felt shame at what was missing: the achievements, aspirations and milestones of an entire population routinely overlooked, as if Black people were invisible.

Reporters felt regret that the papers' historic coverage not only did a disservice to Black Kansas Citians, but also to white readers deprived of the opportunity to understand the true richness Black citizens brought to Kansas City.

Like most metro newspapers of the early to mid-20th century, The Star was a white newspaper produced by white reporters and editors for white readers and advertisers. Having The Star or Times thrown in your driveway was a family tradition, passed down to sons and daughters.

But not in Black families. Their children grew up with little hope of ever being mentioned in the city's largest and most influential newspapers, unless they got in trouble. Negative portrayals of Black Kansas Citians buttressed stereotypes and played a role in keeping the city divided.

In the pages of The Star, when Black people were written about, they were cast primarily as the perpetrators or victims of crime, advancing a toxic narrative. Other violence, meantime, was tuned out. The Star and The Times wrote about military action in Europe but not about Black families whose homes were being bombed just down the street.

Even the Black cultural icons that Kansas City would one day claim with pride were largely overlooked. Native son Charlie "Bird" Parker didn't get a significant headline in The Star until he died, and even then, his name was misspelled and his age was wrong.



Not only were the shirts all white, there was a time when all of the reporters at The Star and Times were white, and male. This lack of diversity made for coverage that ignored large swaths of the community. The Kansas City Star file photo.

But white businessman J C Nichols got plenty of ink. His advertisements promoting segregated communities ran prominently in The Star and Times. Nichols, who developed the Country Club Plaza, was a protege of The Star's founder, William Rockhill Nelson, who enthusiastically supported his effort.

Mid-century, as civil rights and skirmishes against desegregation dawned, The Star and Times remained largely on the sidelines. "We don't need stories about these people," the editor at the time, Roy Roberts, reportedly said. This was the same editor, featured on the cover of Time magazine in 1948, who used to have his driver take him and a coterie of other white editors down to the Kansas City Club for highballs, cards, a sauna and roast beef sandwiches between deadlines.

As much as The Star and Times shaped attitudes in the city, it was also shaped by them.

"Appalling and biased," is how community members we met with described the newspapers' desegregation coverage, in particular.

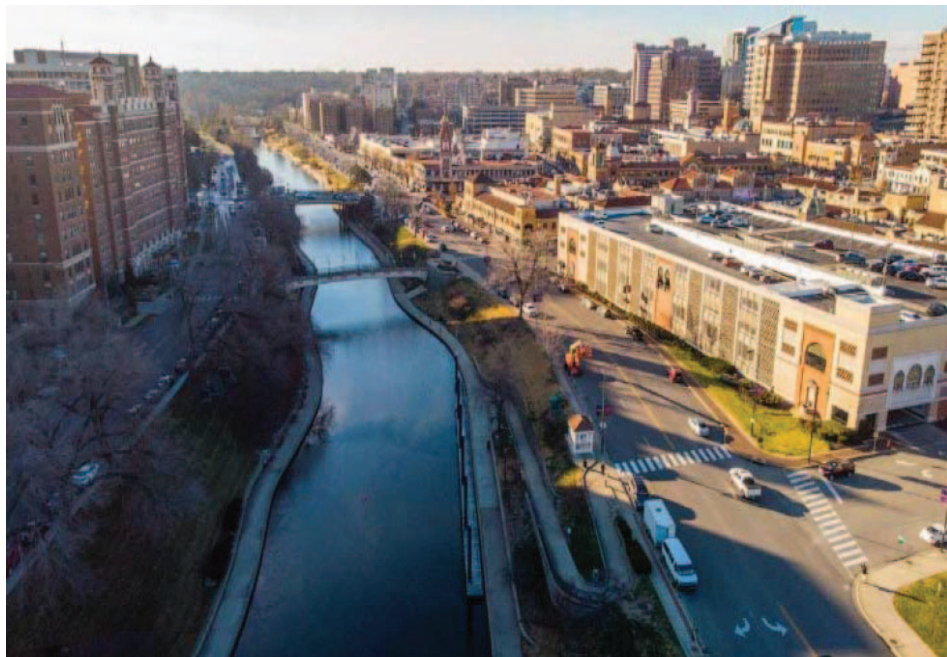
It was only a change in leadership in the 1960s that would alter the newspapers' course and launch the modern era at The Star. It effectively started in the Deep South, where a young reporter named Charles W. Gusewelle would send regular dispatches from the front lines of the civil rights struggle. The staff diversified. Black reporters, men and women, were hired on.

Still, missteps followed.

In 1968, five Black men and one Black teenager were killed over three days of

rioting in Kansas City at the time The Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. was to be buried, having been assassinated by a white man's bullet only days prior. At least four and perhaps all were shot by police. A mayor's commission determined that most were "innocent victims," and yet there was no follow-up newspaper probe as there would be today, no independent investigation, no calls for the officers to be charged, or for the police chief to resign.

Nearly a decade later, raging waters surged in the deadly flood of 1977. The Star and Times quickly dubbed it "The Plaza Flood." That set the stage for the papers, both lacking the staff diversity to challenge assumptions, to focus mainly on property damage at the Country Club Plaza, not so much the 25 people who died, including eight Black residents.



Brush Creek is normally placid. More than 40 years ago, when its waters ripped through the Country Club Plaza, The Star and Times neglected to go downstream to report on the flood devastation in minority communities. Photo credit: Shelly Yang (Kansas City Star).

That same year, a reader named Thomas A Webster would hit a hopeful note in a Letter to the Editor, saying, "No longer are blacks and news about them deliberately ignored or purposely slanted. No more is the reading public as abysmally unaware or as uninformed about black citizens as in the past."

It was a low bar, but The Star had finally crossed it.

That was 43 years ago. Progress is still being made - and still necessary. For some Black leaders, there is still an inherent fear in dealing with the mainstream (white) media.

The good news is, solutions are not impossible. Our gradual improvements need to accelerate. We need a more diverse staff. We need deeper community conversations to better focus our coverage. We need a spectrum of voices to represent our entire community. And we occasionally just need good advice.

I would say that that work begins now, but it already has.

This fall, we hired an editor to focus on race and equity issues, and we'll continue to make diverse hires a priority.

We know the quantifiable value that diversity brings to our journalism, recent stories such as these:

The Star investigated racist language that persists in housing covenants. A story about Westport nightlife asked, "Is the KC social scene for whites only? Young blacks say they're 'tolerated,' not welcomed."

The Star wrote a number of stories on the Lee's Summit school board's resistance to racial equity training for teachers.

This year alone, The Star relentlessly covered the city's Black Lives Matter protests and the reckoning that followed: An examination of streets named after slaveholders and monuments to the Confederacy, and a renewed look at J C Nichols, a Kansas City+ icon who "stood for hatred" in promoting his racist housing policies.

To grapple with the fact that Missouri ranks No 1 in the country for the rate at which Black residents are killed by gun violence, The Star launched a two-year solutions journalism project and started with an investigation of how a lack of trust in police in communities of color drives gun violence in Kansas City.

Earlier this month, The Star published a three-part investigation of systemic racism in the Kansas City Fire Department, prompting the city manager to direct the KCFD chief to initiate a six-point plan to address racial discrimination.

We also know this coverage matters most when it's accessible to everyone. To that end, we're making all of today's project stories free to all readers on our digital platforms. In the weeks ahead, we will be testing ways to make content that's focused on stories, issues and people in our diverse communities free to readers in specific Kansas City ZIP codes we have too often failed to serve.

We are partnering with the Kansas City Public Library on upcoming public events to introduce our team, discuss points of the stories and hammer out additional next steps.

How To Reduce The Spread Of Fake News

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it (even if they know it is not true, and don't believe it).

So, to reduce the effects of false information, people should try to reduce its visibility. Everyone should try to avoid spreading false messages. That means that social media companies should consider removing false information completely, rather than just attaching a warning label. And it means that the best thing individual social media users can do is not to engage with false information at all.

About the author: Dr Tom Buchanan is a Professor of Psychology at The University of Westminster. In 1996 he was admitted by The University of Aberdeen to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Psychology. He joined The University of Westminster in 1999. With a background in personality and social psychology, he has been doing research at the interface of psychology and the internet since the late 1990s. Much of his work has focused on web-based psychological measurement and the validity of online research techniques. Other work has involved applying these techniques to substantive real-world questions, including side effects of recreational drug use, online fraud, and psychological assessment. Much of his research over the past two decades has centred on how people behave while they are online, as well as considering what the internet has to offer for psychologists in research and teaching contexts. His current research activities span a number of aspects of how people engage with technology, including online self-presentation, use of online educational technologies, and interaction with "fake news" in social media. Dr Buchanan joined The Conversation on 19 March 2020.

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For months, our Opinion section has featured a wonderful series, Lifting Black KC Voices, and there's a new installment this morning, along with a related editorial.

Finally, we are announcing the formation of The Kansas City Star Advisory Board, a group that will meet monthly with our top newsroom leaders to advise on key issues of the day.

And we encourage other Kansas City businesses to come forward and own their history as well, tell their stories, get the poison out - for the sake of the community and their employees. Please email me or one of the reporters on our team.

It's been an education for us, and yet it's impossible to acknowledge every failure or bad decision or mangled assignment. We think these stories are representative.

It still pains me personally to know that in The Star's monopolistic heyday - when it had the biggest media platform in the region - the paper did little to unify the city or recognize the inherent rights of all Kansas Citians.

But our history doesn't have to own us.

We are grateful for how far we've come. We are humbled by how far we still have to go.

About the author and the company: Mike Fannin is President and Editor of The Kansas City Star, a member of The McClatchy Newspapers group. He became editor in 2008. He is also Regional Editor of McClatchy's Midwest Region, overseeing six additional newsrooms, including The Wichita Eagle in Kansas, The Belleville News-Democrat in Illinois, and The Star-Telegram in Fort Worth, Texas. Fannin attended San Antonio College, and holds degrees in journalism from The University Of Texas-Austin. The President and CEO of McClatchy, Craig Forman, said of him: "Mike Fannin is among the most talented editors in America today, and he leads one of the country's greatest newsrooms. I'm delighted that he's now able to expand his influence both at The Star and also with the community that he loves." McClatchy, which is based in Sacramento, California, is the third largest newspaper chain in The US. McClatchy operates 30 media companies in 14 states, providing each of its communities with high-quality news and advertising services in a wide array of digital and print formats. They are publishers of other iconic brands, such as The Miami Herald, The Sacramento Bee, The Charlotte Observer, and The (Raleigh) News & Observer. They are listed on the New York Stock Exchange American under the symbol MNI.

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Venue: Melbourne. Dates: 25-29 December. Start: 23:30 GMT

Coverage: Live commentary on BBC Radio 5 Live Sports Extra, BBC Sport website and BBC Sounds app

Injured batsman David Warner has been excluded from Australia's biosecure bubble for the second Test against India in Melbourne on 26 December.

Warner would have missed the Test with the groin injury that kept him out of last week's series opener in Adelaide.

In line with the team's "bio-security protocols", paceman Sean Abbott is also out after he too left the bubble for treatment on an injury.

Australia won the first match in the four-Test series by eight wickets.

"While neither player has been in a specific hotspot as outlined by NSW Health, Cricket Australia's bio-security protocols do not allow them to re-join the squad in time for the Boxing Day Test," said governing body Cricket Australia.

The players will not be replaced in the squad for the Melbourne Test, making it likely that Australia will stick with the makeshift opening partnership of Joe Burns and Matthew

Wade.

It remains unclear whether a Covid-19 outbreak in Sydney, that has led to state border closures, will affect the third Test, which is due to start there on 7 January.

"I know Cricket Australia's doing everything in their power to have the Test match in Sydney but we'll know more in a couple of days," said off-spinner Nathan Lyon.

"Fingers crossed it's in Sydney, but more importantly hopefully everyone stays safe and can have a decent Christmas."

There will be commentary of the Australia v India Test series on BBC Radio 5 Live Sports Extra.

England allowed to fly to Sri Lanka for Test series despite travel ban

From the section Cricket BBC SPORTS



Joe Root boards a bus in Sri Lanka in March

England's Test series against Sri Lanka has been re-arranged after it was postponed in March because of the coronavirus pandemic

England will be allowed to fly to Sri Lanka for next month's Tests despite flights from Britain being suspended because of the new variant of Covid-19.

They will fly on a chartered plane and take coronavirus tests before departure and upon their expected arrival in Sri Lanka on 3 January.

They will then spend 10 days in a bio-secure bubble before the first of two Tests starts in Galle on 14 January.

Sri Lanka Cricket say England are "satisfied" with the arrangements.

The country suspended all direct flights from Britain on Tuesday.

Despite a recent spike, Sri Lanka has recorded 38,000 coronavirus cases with 183 deaths.

The England and Wales Cricket Board confirmed on Wednesday evening that all the players involved in the curtailed white-ball tour of South Africa have been following the elite sports guidance and will not need to quarantine after a second new variant has been found and linked to travel in the African country.

Merry Christmas

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District "A"
To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Kai Carty now residing in Pitcairn Alley, Newtown in the town of Basseterre, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 31st day of December, 2020 to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Pitcairn Alley, Newtown in Basseterre.

Dated this
14th day of December, 2020.

Signed: Kai Carty

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District "A"
To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Yanqing Li - Xinhue Supermarket now residing in Cardin Avenue in the town of Basseterre, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 31st day of December, 2020 to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Cardin Avenue in Basseterre.

Dated this
01st day of December, 2020.

Signed: Yanqing Li

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District "B"
To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Jie Yun Wu (En Ping Supermarket) now residing in Ocean Garden, Camps in the town of Basseterre, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 31st day of December, 2020 to the District Magistrate at Dieppe Bay for a Wholesale Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Main Street in Dieppe Bay.

Dated this
22nd day of December, 2020.

Signed: Jie YunWu

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District "A"
To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Mine Piz-Piz Restaurant now residing in Upper Collage Street in the town of Basseterre, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 31st day of December, 2020 to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Beer Licence in respect of my premises in Fort & Cayon Streets in Basseterre.

Dated this
13th day of November, 2020.

Signed: Gilbert E. W. Martin

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District "B"
To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Erica Rouse now residing in Dieppe Bay Ext. in the village of Dieppe Bay, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 31st day of December, 2020 to the District Magistrate at Dieppe Bay for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in #5B Dieppe Day Housing Project in Dieppe Bay.

Dated this
18th day of December, 2020.

Signed: Erica Rouse

2020, COVID-20 AND SOCIAL SECURITY

By: FAIR SHARE FOR ALL

And just like that it's Christmas time again. And what a year it has been!

For as long as I can remember, leap years have always been viewed with some degree of mysticism, anxiety, uncertainty, trepidation. I don't know what it is about leap years but we were never surprised when the out of the ordinary occurred in that year with the extra day.

But nothing could have prepared us for COVID-19. No psychic, no new age apostle or prophet, not one of them predicted the COVID-19 and the toll it would take on the entire world. And now that the pharmaceutical giants have manufactured a vaccine, the United Kingdom has sent the world into a major panic because a new strain of the virus has shown up there, which, according to the doctors is more contagious than COVID-19 and the experts don't know how useful the vaccine will be against it.

The new strain is probably being called COVID-20 or maybe even COVID-21.

But we in the federation are not stressing. Long time now not even mail we sending and receiving from the UK so it ain't England people we will allow to enter our shores just so.

So no new strain of the virus will reach here anytime soon.

But if the Virus is mutating and the vaccine cannot combat these mutations, what purpose is the vaccine that was just put out on the market?

I am no scientist. But I was hearing people with a basic knowledge of chemistry and biology saying that all viruses mutate and the COVID-19 virus would mutate. And just like with the common cold, no vaccine will be able to cure the COVID-19.

It seems as if the COVID-19 has to run its course. There will be COVID-20, COVID-21, up to COVID whatever it takes for our immune system to get accustomed to the COVID as we are to the common cold. And the mutations won't be restricted to the United Kingdom. The virus, because it is a virus, will mutate in every part of the world.

So we will wait to see if the new, more contagious strain of COVID-19 has any respect at all for the vaccine that just hit the market.

It doesn't seem as if the authorities here have much to share about this new strain of

the virus. Instead I hear people talking about the government having to borrow money to meet its obligations and social security contributions increasing to thirteen percent to meet its obligations as well.

Something is very wrong with these two pictures.

What happened to all the surplus upon surplus that Timothy was boasting about last month? I had already reasoned that perhaps social security money was the surplus upon surplus upon surplus they were talking about. And it seems as if I may not be wrong because now Social Security is looking money too.

For Eugene Hamilton to try to make a case that the contributions need to be increased because millions of dollars are owed to Social Security makes no sense to me. If people can't pay 11%, will they be able to pay 13%?

And people didn't just start to owe yesterday. All when they were using millions of Social Security money to pay for General Elections stimulus, people owed millions of dollars. The government was warned against using Social Security money to pay the stimulus but they didn't take on any body.

You mean it's only since the Mighty Director get the big wuk and Eugene is the minister that they have realized that people owe Social Security money? And I believe that they will also move the age from 62 to at least 65 before people can get their Social Security pension.

That's why they are auctioning off people's land, people's houses. Inland Revenue sending out all sorts of FINAL NOTICE letters to people and they know the people not working.

You all haven't noticed how many people getting strokes since Unity in power?

What happened is obvious. When they got into power, they robbed the Treasury, Social Security, the SIDE, every where that there was money to steal. Now in their second term money nuh dey so they have to find ways in which to replace what was stolen. At least enough to do the basics.

And they still plan to steal in this second term. That's why it costing \$19,000,000.00 more to keep the peace. And that's what we know about.

But we cannot lose hope. God is still on the throne.



By Vigilante

* De frilly mout deputy say dat he don't know why even who vote for him trying to tell him to mek heself look decent and presentable. He say is just grudge dey grudge. Humpty Dumpty done tell him to keep he head so because he hair style does excite him.

* People in de know say das what mek he was leaning back all de time and playing wid he hair. And das what mek Humpty Dumpty had was to be running outside every minute because he was getting excited.

* De frilly mout deputy send a message to ask all who talking if dey ain't see dat all who had de most to say bout him dead mysteriously.

* Dey say dat wid all de money dat de bad wud ambassador have, is de cheapest, smallest toy he buy for de chirren dem and in no time at all, all de food done.

* Through de holy man buse dem off up de park, Humpty Dumpty write bout ten letter to de bigger boss dem and mek dem move de holy man.

* Dey say de bad wud ambassador is who mek sure dat dey run de holy man. Through dat, when he come back church, not a soul study him.

* De misappropriator in de closet tired bawl to he mother. He say dat he carn walk de street in peace. Somebody want someting. He say dat he just gone een so he ain't set up heself wid no company yet. Till den, he not tekking he money to pay no lights bill nor no internet bill for a soul.

* After de frilly mout deputy and Humpty Dumpty done laugh after all de rest government dem bout de money dey give way for stimulus, dey had was to run IMF to beg money. But school chirren say dat de IMF run dem and ask dem what happen to de all de surplus dem what dey boast say dey had.

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