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The truth in Black and white: An apology from The Kansas City Star. In a six-part investigation, @KCStar finds it "scorned generations of Black Kansas Citians and...robbed an entire community of opportunity, dignity, justice and recognition."

As floodwater upended Black lives in 1977, Kansas City newspapers fixated on Plaza, suburbs and all but ignored how the flood destroyed the homes of Black citizens -- part of @KCStar investigation of itself in, "The Truth in Black and White." https://t.co/tCyAoEhIaC

Charlie Parker? Jackie Robinson? For The Star, Kansas City Black culture was invisible https://t.co/hrTahE6wpi

When civil rights movement marched forward, @KCStar lagged behind. The newsroom was run by white men. They overlooked the protest the way they overlooked nearly everything else involving the Black community in the mid-60s https://t.co/XAUursYfnY

‘Brutes’ and murderers: Black people overlooked in KC coverage — except for crime. Rarely, even up into the 1960s, did the papers doubt, challenge or investigate the police version of events, or interview Black victims. https://t.co/dpaibGBQZm

KC schools broke federal desegregation law for decades. The Star stayed quiet and didn’t point out the disenfranchisement or violation of federal law or how from '61 to '63 alone the board changed 24 attendance boundaries to keep the status quo. https://t.co/TsY2Z7SPiN

J.C. Nichols’ whites-only neighborhoods, boosted by Star’s founder, leave indelible mark, laying the foundation for a system that denied Black families access to a housing market that created wealth for generations of white families. https://t.co/95Sc4hcNrH

@KCStar forms advisory group to ensure fair, inclusive coverage of communities of color. Looking back, coming to terms with @KCStar's disgraceful treatment of the Black community is only a beginning. More important will be the steps we take going forward. https://t.co/sSXyNPPdBS

Sins of omission: Too often, Kansas City Star Editorial Board has been silent on race and a recurring unwillingness to speak hard truths to the people in power in Kansas City. https://t.co/Ujz3kBKe3T