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## Connecting

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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning on this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2020,

We lead today's issue with a story on New York City police officers who surrounded, shoved and yelled expletives at two Associated Press journalists covering protests Tuesday in lower Manhattan over the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

Portions of the incident were captured on video by videojournalist **Robert Bumsted**, who was working with photographer **Maye-E Wong** to document the protests in lower Manhattan over the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

Eight AP journalists are among the journalists who have been injured covering the protests, as of Tuesday morning. None were seriously injured. Three were

hit by rubber bullets, one was punched, another was knocked down and others fell.

We bring you in today's issue an AP news release on a new brand positioning for the cooperative that emphasizes the global news agency's vital role as the provider of accurate, unbiased, fact-based reporting to the world.

The branding campaign will highlight how AP advances the power of facts.

**CORRECTION** : The link for the story in Tuesday's issue - Cameraman who criticized PA fired from Associated Press – was incorrect. Click [here](#) to read the story.

**KATHRYN JOHNSON** : For a project relating to the life of AP reporter Kathryn Johnson (1926-2019), archivist Valerie Komor would like to be in touch with anyone who may have worked with Kathryn in Atlanta (1947-78), in Washington, D.C. (1978-79 as Southeastern bureau chief at U.S. News and World Report) or at CNN in Atlanta (1988 until her retirement from full-time work in 1999.) Kathryn held a Nieman Fellowship at Harvard 1976-77. Valerie's email – [vkomor@ap.org](mailto:vkomor@ap.org)

Have a good day – be safe.

Paul

## Police shove, make AP journalists stop covering protest



**A police officer shouts at Associated Press videojournalist Robert Bumsted, Tuesday, June 2, 2020, in New York. New York City police officers surrounded, shoved and yelled expletives at two Associated Press journalists covering protests Tuesday in the latest aggression against members of the media during a week of unrest around the country. Portions of the incident were captured on video by Bumsted, who was working with photographer Wong Maye-E to document the protests in lower Manhattan over the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis. (AP Photo/Wong Maye-E)**



**Associated Press videojournalist Robert Bumsted reminds a police officer that the press are considered “essential workers” and are allowed to be on the streets despite a curfew, Tuesday, June 2, 2020, in New York. (AP Photo/Wong Maye-E)**

**By The Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — New York City police officers surrounded, shoved and yelled expletives at two Associated Press journalists covering protests Tuesday in the latest aggression against members of the media during a week of unrest around the country.

Portions of the incident were captured on video by videojournalist Robert Bumsted, who was working with photographer Maye-E Wong to document the protests in lower Manhattan over the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

The video shows more than a half-dozen officers confronting the journalists as they filmed and took photographs of police ordering protesters to leave the area near Fulton and Broadway shortly after an 8 p.m. curfew took effect.

An officer, using an expletive, orders them to go home. Bumsted is heard on video explaining the press are considered “essential workers” and are allowed

to be on the streets. An officer responds “I don’t give a s—-.” Another tells Bumsted “get the f—- out of here you piece of s—-.”

Bumsted and Wong said officers shoved them, separating them from each other and pushing them toward Bumsted’s car, which was parked nearby. At one point Bumsted said he was pinned against his car. He is heard on video telling the officer that Wong has his keys and he needs them to leave the area. Officers then allowed Wong to approach and the two got in the vehicle and left.

Read more [here](#) . Shared by Lauren Easton, Adolphe Bernotas.

## Advancing the power of facts

The AP logo consists of the letters 'AP' in a bold, white, sans-serif font, centered within a white square. A red horizontal bar is positioned directly below the white square.A photograph of the Earth as seen from space, showing the blue atmosphere and the grey and white landmasses. The horizon of the planet is visible, curving across the frame.

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
Advancing the Power of Facts

The Associated Press Tuesday unveiled new brand positioning that emphasizes the global news agency’s vital role as the provider of accurate, unbiased, fact-based reporting to the world.

The branding campaign will highlight how AP advances the power of facts.

The messaging embodies AP’s position as the world’s most trusted news organization and is supported by the independent, not-for-profit cooperative’s longstanding news values and principles, which shape the news, technology and services it provides.

“Since 1846, AP has done more than any organization in the world to expand the reach of factual reporting,” said AP President and CEO Gary Pruitt. “We are approaching 175 years of The Associated Press at a time when both journalism and the media business model face serious challenges. It’s important that the world understands why our work matters.”

In a note to staff Tuesday, Daisy Veerasingham, AP senior vice president and chief revenue officer, said, “Today we will unveil a new positioning for The Associated Press. It is anchored in the belief that no organization in the world does more to advance the power of fact-based reporting. In this time of unprecedented upheaval and change, our brand and what we stand for is more important than ever. ‘Advancing the power of facts’ is more than just a slogan. It is AP’s mission.

“From 248 locations in 99 countries, our journalism provides the facts that people everywhere need to make informed decisions. Every single AP employee contributes to this effort and we should all be proud of this work.”

As part of the branding initiative, AP has updated elements of its visual identity system. The AP logo remains unchanged.

A marketing campaign around the new messaging will also be launched.

Updated brand assets can be found online at [brand.ap.org](http://brand.ap.org)

## A remembrance of Karen Blumenthal

**John Lumpkin** ( [Email](#) ) – The Duke Chronicle encouraged letters about Karen Blumenthal, longtime journalist with The Wall Street Journal and earlier The Dallas Morning News, who died May 18 at the age of 61. The text of the letter is below the dash.

I have been corresponding with Chrissy Beck, general manager of Duke Student Publishing Co., who sent a [link](#) to the Duke Chronicle's obituary. She sent me this [link](#) to the donations page for Duke Student Publishing.



**From John Lumpkin, retired Director of the Schieffer School of Journalism at Texas Christian University, and before that, Vice President of Associated Press:**

Though the Dallas Morning News obituary didn't mention it, Karen had a profound effect on journalism students at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth while I served as Director of the Schieffer School of Journalism. It was another example of the reach of her exceptional life.

She brought business journalism at TCU to a new level as visiting professor, hired through a grant we secured from the Donald W. Reynolds

Center at Arizona State University to create an emphasis on business reporting. In doing so, she had a one-way commute in DFW Metroplex traffic of an hour or more for a one-hour class in more than one discipline.

In addition, she and I co-taught a newly established journalism capstone course in 2014 in which competitively chosen students partnered with the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in a major reporting project on civil asset forfeiture. The editor of the Star-Telegram described the project – click [here](#) .

Currently leading business journalism instruction at TCU is Dr. Melita Garza, who like Karen was a business reporter who acquired an MBA to accelerate their knowledge and understanding of the field they chose to cover.

Dr. Garza wrote me after hearing of Karen's passing:

Karen Blumenthal was a remarkable person; not just a fine journalist, but a very fine person.

Karen always responded immediately to any invitation to speak to business journalism students at TCU; and she never asked for payment, and in fact refused it if you tried to give it to her.

She had no affiliation with TCU and no reason to go out of her way to help out, but she always did. Prior to this, my only connection with Karen had been that her brother and I had lived in the same dorm at Harvard.

She's been immensely helpful to me over the years in many other ways, including arranging for her relatives at the Laredo border to help me with a research project.

Karen last spoke to my business journalism class on March 31. When I wrote her a "thank-you note," I mentioned that we should plan to get together in person when COVID-19 retreated.

We will never have that lunch, but am so thankful to have known Karen.

Similarly, Dr. John Tisdale, a former journalist, who served as assistant director of Schieffer School while I was there, reacted to Karen's passing:

I'm seldom in "complete awe" of anyone. I was in complete awe of her skill set and intellect.

When you two taught the capstone class (with me as the academic observer), I purposely kept my mouth shut because I realized early on that it was an opportunity for me to learn. What a privilege.

She's was an incredible teacher.

Postscript - when I was appointed bureau chief for Associated Press in Texas in 1982, Scott McCartney was a relatively new reporter in our Dallas bureau. He would be promoted not long after to become one of the youngest news editors of a major domestic bureau in AP, with the support of Karen, whom I came to know that many years ago.

## **Connecting mailbox**

### ***A shoutout to Patrick Semansky***



# AP PHOTOS: A jarring scene in park near White House



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**EDS NOTE: OBSCENITY** – President Donald Trump walks from the White House through Lafayette Park to visit St. John’s Church Monday, June 1, 2020, in Washington. (AP Photo/Patrick Semansky)

**Dan Elliott** ([Email](#)) - Hope you can give a shoutout to Patrick Semansky for this amazing photo, and to AP’s photo editors for publishing it.

## ***Silver lining in pandemic – Neil Sedaka***



**By Baby A. Gil (The Philippine Star )**

This time of the coronavirus is a difficult one. There is nowhere to go to escape the scourge. That is, except home. And that is where we should stay if we want to put an end to this pandemic soon.

Thankfully, being cooped up is not without its surprises and one of the best I got was the older but still appealing former teen idol Neil Sedaka.

I am sure that you are all familiar with Sedaka, one of the biggest-selling singer-composers of the rock 'n roll era. He first gained success during the late '50s and has continued to make hits and perform in concerts to this day. Last week, I received this Facebook post of Sedaka in his New York home, singing his hit songs and it was such a wonderful surprise that brightened up the day.

The 81-year-old Sedaka, who celebrated his birthday last March 13, is seated before his piano and talking. “I know during these very trying times that music can be very therapeutic. I’ve heard over the years from many fans from all over the world that my music has raised their spirits emotionally and physically. So, I’m gonna do a little medley of my old hits.”

Read more [here](#) . Shared by Steve Crowley.

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## ***Connecting sky shot - Foggy Morning***



**Guy Palmiotto** ( [Email](#) ) - Captured this morning fog image last Wednesday, as I drove to my local convenience store for the daily newspaper, my morning ritual most days.

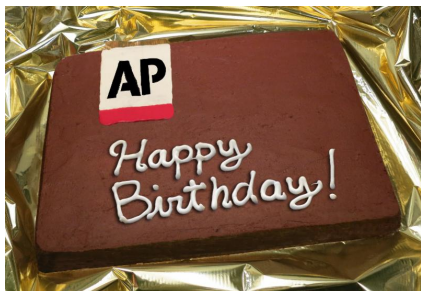
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## ***You and your telephone: Doug Cornell***



Associated Press Washington reporter Douglas Cornell calls in an AP bulletin on the death of House Speaker Sam Rayburn at Bonham, Texas, Nov. 16, 1961. (AP Photo/Robert Jarboe) (Courtesy AP Corporate Archives) (Longtime AP White House correspondent Doug Cornell died in 1982.)

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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## Stories of interest

### ***Violence against journalists covering George Floyd protests draws scrutiny from U.S. allies*** (CBS)

Australia is investigating a U.S. police attack on two Australian journalists outside the White House with a view to launching a formal complaint, the foreign minister said Tuesday. The reporter and her cameraman were covering a protest outside the White House — part of the groundswell of public anger over the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police.

"We have asked the Australian embassy in Washington D.C. to investigate this incident," Marise Payne said after the journalists were shoved, punched and hit with a baton live on television. "I want to get further advice on how we would go about registering Australia's strong concerns with the responsible local authorities in Washington."

Australia's 7News reporter Amelia Brace told her network that both she and her cameraman Tim Myers were left "pretty bruised, but okay" after their encounter with police in riot gear outside the White House.

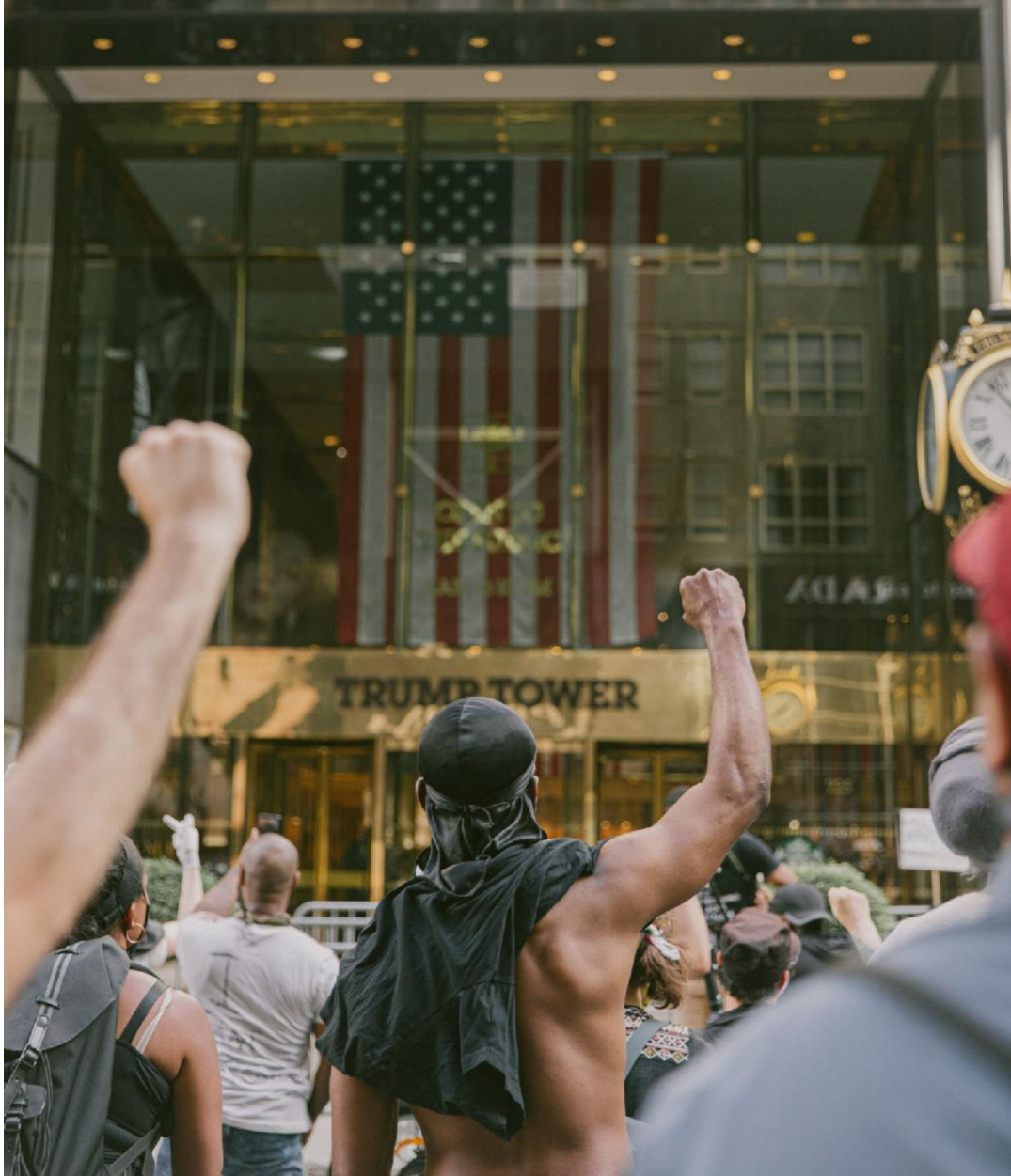
Read more [here](#) . Click [here](#) for video link. Shared by Doug Pizac.

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### ***The Story Behind the Photograph of Protesters Outside of Trump Tower That Resonated Around the World*** (Time)



TRUMP TOWER



**BY MARK CLENNON**

*Mark Clennon, 32, is a photographer living in Harlem with his wife, and three-month-old daughter. On May 30, five days after George Floyd's killing in Minneapolis, Clennon went out to photograph a peaceful protest winding through Manhattan.*

The energy was different to other protests, and I had to go out. Part of it was that everyone's faces were covered and you just had to look people right in the eye.

I started walking from Harlem on 125th Street. Not long after that, there was a police altercation and I kept walking with the crowd. At one point, I saw Korey Wise of the Exonerated Five. I photographed him supporting people. He didn't want to make a big deal of it. He explicitly didn't want to attract any attention from law enforcement. I respected his history and moved on.

Walking further down Fifth Avenue, I knew Trump Tower was ahead, so I hopped on a Citi Bike and cycled to the front of the crowd. When people got there and noticed it was Trump Tower, the whole protest stopped.

Read more [here](#) . Shared by Dennis Conrad.

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## ***Late-night hosts say fighting racism means more than talk***

**By DAVID BAUDER**

NEW YORK (AP) — Six of America's late-night television comedy hosts — five of them white men — turned serious after the nation's weekend of unrest following the death of George Floyd to suggest they and others need to do more than talk about racism.

It has become a ritual — a somewhat inexplicable one, as TBS' Conan O'Brien noted — for these comics to come on the air after acts of terrorism, school shootings or other national traumas to try and make sense of them for their



audiences. Floyd died May 25 after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee into the handcuffed black man's neck for several minutes, even after he stopped moving.

"Today feels very different," O'Brien said Monday night. "It doesn't feel right to talk about my feelings of sadness and anger. That truly feels inadequate and somehow wrong."

Read more [here](#) .

## Today in History - June 3, 2020



### By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, June 3, the 155th day of 2020. There are 211 days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlight in History:

On June 3, 1965, astronaut Edward H. White became the first American to "walk" in space during the flight of Gemini 4.

#### On this date:

In 1861, Illinois Sen. Stephen A. Douglas, the Democratic presidential nominee in the 1860 election, died in Chicago of typhoid fever; he was 48.

In 1924, author Franz Kafka, 40, died near Vienna.

In 1935, the French liner Normandie set a record on its maiden voyage, arriving in New York after crossing the Atlantic in just four days.

In 1943, Los Angeles saw the beginning of its “Zoot Suit Riots” as white servicemen clashed with young Latinos wearing distinctive-looking zoot suits; the violence finally ended when military officials declared the city off limits to enlisted personnel.

In 1948, the 200-inch reflecting Hale Telescope at the Palomar Mountain Observatory in California was dedicated.

In 1962, Air France Flight 007, a U.S.-bound Boeing 707, crashed while attempting to take off from Orly Airport near Paris; all but two of the 132 people aboard were killed.

In 1963, Pope John XXIII died at age 81; he was succeeded by Pope Paul VI.

In 1977, the United States and Cuba agreed to set up diplomatic interests sections in each other’s countries; Cuba also announced the immediate release of 10 Americans jailed on drug charges.

In 1989, Iran’s spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, died. On the same day, Chinese army troops began their sweep of Beijing to crush student-led pro-democracy demonstrations.

In 2004, President George W. Bush announced the resignation of CIA Director George Tenet amid a controversy over intelligence lapses about suspected weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and the September 11 terrorist attacks.

In 2008, Barack Obama claimed the Democratic presidential nomination, speaking in the same St. Paul, Minnesota, arena where Republicans would be holding their national convention in September 2008.

In 2016, heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali died at a hospital in Scottsdale, Arizona, at age 74.

Ten years ago: BP sliced off a pipe with giant shears to make way for a cap in the latest bid to curtail the worst oil spill in U.S. history. During an Oval Office face-off over illegal immigration, Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer told President Barack Obama Americans “want our border secured” while Obama underscored his objections over the tough immigration law Brewer had signed, calling it discriminatory. Joran van der Sloot (YOHR'-uhn VAN'-dur-sloht), long suspected in the 2005 disappearance of Alabama teen Natalee Holloway in Aruba, was arrested in Chile following the slaying of 21-year-old Stephany Flores in Peru. (Van der Sloot is serving a 28-year sentence for Flores’ murder.) Emmy-winning actress Rue McClanahan, 76, died in New York.

Five years ago: The Pentagon disclosed that it had inadvertently shipped possibly live anthrax to at least 51 laboratories across the U.S. and in three foreign countries over the previous decade, but said that public health was not at risk.

One year ago: Launching a mostly ceremonial European trip, President Donald Trump had lunch with Queen Elizabeth and tea with Prince Charles ahead of a grand state dinner at Buckingham Palace; Trump arrived in Britain shortly after tweeting that London Mayor Sadiq Khan, a frequent Trump critic, was a “stone cold loser” who “should focus on crime in London, not me.” Viewers of “Jeopardy!” saw James Holzhauer, a professional sports gambler and trivia whiz, end a 32-game winning streak by losing for the first time. Security forces in Sudan launched a violent crackdown against pro-democracy activists; protesters said at least 35 people were killed as the military cleared the main sit-in camp in the capital, Khartoum. California Gov. Gavin Newsom overruled a parole board’s decision to free Charles Manson follower Leslie Van Houten; it was the third time a governor had stopped the release of the youngest member of Manson’s murderous cult.

Today’s Birthdays: The former president of Cuba, Raul Castro, is 89. Actress Irma P. Hall is 85. Author Larry McMurtry is 84. Rock singer Ian Hunter (Mott The Hoople) is 81. World Golf Hall of Famer Hale Irwin is 75. Actress Penelope Wilton is 74. Singer Eddie Holman is 74. Actor Tristan Rogers is 74. Musician Too Slim (Riders in the Sky) is 72. Singer Suzi Quatro is 70. Singer Deneice Williams is 70. Singer Dan Hill is 66. Actress Suzie Plakson is 62. Actor Scott Valentine is 62. Rock musician Kerry King (Slayer) is 56. Actor James Purefoy is 56. Rock singer-musician Mike Gordon is 55. TV host Anderson Cooper is 53. Country singer Jamie O’Neal is 52. Writer-director Tate Taylor is 41. Singers Gabriel and Ariel Hernandez (No Mercy) are 49. Actor Vik Sahay is 49. Rhythm and blues singer Lyfe Jennings is 47. Actress Arianne Zucker is 46. Actress Nikki M. James is 39. Tennis player Rafael Nadal is 34. Actor Josh Segarra is 34. Actress-singer Lalaine is 33. Actor Sean Berdy is 27. Actress Anne Winters is 26.

**Thought for Today: “Never be haughty to the humble; never be humble to the haughty.” [-] Jefferson Davis, Confederate president (1808-1889).**

# Got a story or photos to share?

Got a story to share? A favorite memory of your AP days? Don't keep them to yourself. Share with your colleagues by sending to Ye Olde Connecting Editor. And don't forget to include photos!

Here are some suggestions:

- **Second chapters** - You finished a great career. Now tell us about your second (and third and fourth?) chapters of life.
- **Spousal support** - How your spouse helped in supporting your work during your AP career.
- **My most unusual story** - tell us about an unusual, off the wall story that you covered.
- **"A silly mistake that you make"**- a chance to fess up with a memorable mistake in your journalistic career.
- **Multigenerational AP families** - profiles of families whose service spanned two or more generations.
- **Volunteering** - benefit your colleagues by sharing volunteer stories - with ideas on such work they can do themselves.
- **First job** - How did you get your first job in journalism?
- **Connecting "selfies"** - a word and photo self-profile of you and your career, and what you are doing today. Both for new members and those who have been with us a while.
- **Most unusual** place a story assignment took you.



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