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**From:** Paul and Linda Stevens <stevenspl@live.com>  
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**To:** Paul & Linda Stevens  
**Subject:** CONNECTING: Rosenthal memory; Connie Mekus; Post and Bezos; Newsweek-Guild; Lloyd's List; Drone permit sought; Paparazzi bill; Brotherhood paper; Journalist missing; Cutter targeted; Covering Affordable Care Act

Colleagues,

Yesterday's posting on the honor by the Marine Corps Museum for **Joe Rosenthal** elicited this memory from **Brian Bland**:

*In the spring of 1970, I was 28 and two years back from Vietnam, working as a writer at KTVU, Oakland, and hoping to be a street reporter. As part of a month-long tryout, I was assigned a feature in San Francisco on the rollout of a ``modern'' paddy wagon designed specifically for collecting homeless alcoholics.*

*Waiting with my cameraman in the morning chill at the appointed downtown spot, it was obvious that only our independent station was interested in this civic event. No one else was in sight.*

*Then a still photographer walked up, a man about 30 years my senior, short, with glasses, otherwise nondescript, though he looked vaguely familiar. In my smug youth, I assumed that if he was on this assignment he was probably a second-tier shooter with his best days behind him. I introduced myself and he did the same. It was Joe Rosenthal.*

*I could hardly believe it. It had been more than 25 years since the Iwo Jima photo, taken when I was three years old, and the idea that Joe Rosenthal was really standing there waiting to take pictures of a drunkmobile instead of resting on his laurels, literally, on Mt. Olympus (or Mt. Nikon), was difficult to get my head around. I'd never really thought about the ``afterlife'' of a Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer. Awestruck, I stammered how honored I was to meet him as the drunkmobile rolled up. Then Joe Rosenthal, my cameraman and I did what we needed to do and said farewell. It was a day I'll never forget.*

A mainstay of the Des Moines bureau for the past 33 years is leaving the AP - marketing assistant **Connie Mekus**. If you would like to drop her a note of congratulations on a fine career, her address is: 3219 SE 18th Ct., Des Moines, IA 50320. A Des Moines alum, **Mark Mittelstadt**, noted: "Connie was a voice of reason and common sense who frequently served as the emotional 'governor' on a group of newsmen and women (and techs!) who at times had little of either. I always enjoyed working with her. She kept it real."

Welcome to the newest member of Connecting - **Doug Pizak**.

Paul

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**Jeff Bezos: Washington Post Purchase 'Is A Personal Investment'**

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/09/25/jeff-bezos-washington-post-cnn\\_n\\_3987761.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/09/25/jeff-bezos-washington-post-cnn_n_3987761.html)

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**Newsweek owner hit by Newspaper Guild** (Shared by Mike Holmes)

<http://www.politico.com/blogs/media/2013/09/newsweek-owner-hit-by-newspaper-guild-173317.html?hp=l19>

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**Lloyd's List, the world's oldest newspaper, to give up on print**

<http://www.theguardian.com/media/greenslade/2013/sep/25/newspapers-digital-media>

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**Missouri journalism school to seek drone permit** (Shared by Scott Charton)

<http://www.kansascity.com/2013/09/24/4504383/missouri-journalism-school-to.html#storylink=cpy>

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**Calif. governor signs bill to deter paparazzi** (Shared by Doug Pizak)

<http://www.myfoxny.com/story/23520543/calif-governor-signs-bill-to-deter-paparazzi>

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**Egypt shuts down Brotherhood newspaper**

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/middleeast/2013/09/egypt-shuts-down-brotherhood-newspaper-201392572417563425.html>

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**Spanish journalist missing in Syria**

<http://cpj.org/2013/09/spanish-journalist-missing-in-syria.php>

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**CNN's Stephanie Cutter Targeted By Media Campaign Over White House Ties**

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/09/24/stephanie-cutter-cnn-fair-campaign\\_n\\_3981099.html?ref=topbar](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/09/24/stephanie-cutter-cnn-fair-campaign_n_3981099.html?ref=topbar)

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## How reporters can localize coverage of the Affordable Care Act

<http://www.poynter.org/latest-news/top-stories/224122/how-reporters-can-localize-coverage-of-the-affordable-care-act/>