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Survey shows community papers strong

Editor's note: The National Newspaper Association's 2008 newspaper readership survey results appeared in the November issue of Colorado Editor. The following is NNA's 2008 newspaper advertising survey results.

Strong communities are all about strong relationships and connections: citizens and their government; citizens and community businesses; local government and local businesses; citizens and local social or cultural institutions. Nothing facilitates or creates those relationships and connections like America's community newspapers. In cities and towns served by a community newspaper of 25,000 circulation or less, 86% of the population read a community newspaper each week. No other media has that kind of reach into and throughout those communities.

This is among the findings of the 2008 research conducted for the National Newspaper Association (NNA) by the Reynolds Journalism Institute (RJI) at the Missouri School of Journalism at the University of Missouri. The findings are very consistent with two earlier research efforts by NNA and RJI's Center for Advanced Social Research.

The connection between com-

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Striking cover

RJ Sangosti of The Denver Post shot the cover photo for the Colorado Press Association's 2009 newspaper directory. Sangosti's photo of a lightning strike near an old church in Creede in southern Colorado was selected from among the winners in the 2008 CPA Better Newspaper Contest. The Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association judged the contest. The 2009 CPA directories will be distributed in January.

Photo by RJ Sangosti

Presses roll on for historic election

Editor's note: The following story, by Anick Jesdanun of The Associated Press, is reprinted from the Nov. 6 issue of The Denver Post.

NEW YORK — Newstands from Seattle to New York quickly sold out of papers declaring Barack Obama the nation's first black president as some jubilant customers picked up two, three or even 30 copies as keepsakes.

The New York Times and the Chicago Tribune, in Obama's hometown, were among papers that restarted their printing presses to produce hundreds of thousands of additional copies across the country.

Entrepreneurs were seeking as much as \$200 on eBay for The New York Times.

"Own a piece of history," Walter Elliott said as he hawked 90 copies of The Baltimore Sun from a city street corner.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer offered high-quality reprints of the front page for \$54.95. Below the headline "Change Has Come," a close-up of Obama covers three-fourths of the page.

John Penley searched New York's Lower East Side for papers to mark an event he never dreamed possible.

"I can't find a copy of any paper anywhere," said Penley, a retired photojournalist.

Say what you want about the Internet replacing printed newspapers, but saving a copy of a Web page on a disk isn't the same.

Sales spike across state

Several Colorado daily newspapers reported similar single copy sales spikes for their Nov. 5 editions.

The Denver Post and the Rocky Mountain News recorded significant sales increases, according to Denver Newspaper Agency State Circulation Director Rick Charbonneau.

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The Nov. 5 edition Front Range area sales were 128 percent for the Post and 94 percent for the Rocky. Outside of the

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Ban raises free press issue

Editor's note: The following story by Bill Reed is reprinted from the Nov. 6 issue of The Gazette in Colorado Springs.

Election officials throughout El Paso County attempted to bar media outlets from observing polling places on Election Day, in possible violation of state election rules and federal constitutional rights of a free press.

Legal and journalism experts say County Clerk Bob Balink's memo to employees on Election Day — which stated that "all media must stay outside of the 100-ft limit area" — was a blow to the transparency required in a fair and free election.

Lee Giarrusso, a volunteer attorney for Just Vote Colorado, a voter service sponsored by Common Cause and other nonprofits, said a clerk and recorder cannot bar the media from polling places.

"There's nothing that bars you," Giarrusso said.

Reporters from The Associated Press, KOAA/Channels

3 CPA reps will attend meeting

Three Colorado Press Association representatives will attend the county clerks legislative committee meeting on Jan. 9 to discuss the election day media coverage issue.

The three are CPA legislative lobbyist Greg Romberg, CPA attorney Chris Beall and CPA Executive Director Ed Otte.

Four news organizations reported election-day problems: The Gazette, the Canyon Courier in Evergreen, Tri-Lakes Tribune in Monument and ColoradoIndependent.com.

5&30, KKTU/Channel 11 and The Gazette were asked to leave polling places throughout the county on Tuesday. Joe Bevans, chief photographer for KOAA,

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