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Cerny added to CPA board

Keith Cerny, publisher of the Valley Courier in Alamosa, is the newest member of the Colorado Press Association Board of Directors.

Cerny replaces former Fort Morgan Times publisher Bill Holland, who resigned from the CPA Board in October. Board President Dean Lehman's appointment of Cerny to fill the vacancy was ratified by the Board.



Cerny

The Courier is a 5,200-circulation daily serving the San Luis Valley in southern Colorado. Cerny is also division manager for News Media Corporation and oversees 14 newspapers in Colorado, Wyoming, Arizona and Oregon, including the daily, six weeklies and a shopper in the San Luis Valley.

Prior to moving to Alamosa in 1992, Cerny served on the Wyoming Press Association Board of Directors while publisher in Evanston and Lusk.

Cerny sits on the Adams State College Foundation Board, the ASC Grizzly Club Board, Alamosa County Economic Development Board, SLV Regional Council for El Pomar Foundation and the Rotary Club.

AP boss to speak at luncheon

Tom Curley, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Associated Press, will be the Capitol Hill Luncheon speaker on Friday, Feb. 26, during the Colorado Press Association's 132nd Annual Convention.

The Convention will be Feb. 26-27 at the Brown Palace Hotel in downtown Denver.

Members of the Colorado congressional delegation, state

executive branch officials, and state legislators are invited to join CPA newspaper representatives in the hotel's Grand Ballroom for the noon Luncheon.

The 11:30 a.m. Capitol Hill Reception will be in the Promenade prior to the Luncheon.



Curley

Curley is the 12th person to lead The Associated Press since its founding in 1846. Under his leadership AP is moving rapidly to capture the growing audience for digital and video news and assure AP's relevance in the rapidly changing media world. Curley also has deepened AP's long-

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standing commitment to the people's right to know and serves as one of the nation's most aggressive advocates for open government.

As part of his strategy for the digital age, Curley has

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Got it covered John F. Russell of Steamboat Pilot & Today shot the cover photo for the Colorado Press Association's 2010 newspaper directory. Russell's photo of a Team Lightning swimmer was published in the April 1, 2009, issue of the newspaper. The photo was selected from among the winners in the 2009 CPA Better Newspaper Contest, which was judged by the Oklahoma Press Association. The 2010 directories will be distributed in January.

Photo by John F. Russell

Lack of tape 'mystifying,' judge says

Editor's note: The following story by Pierette J. Shields is reprinted from the Nov. 17 issue of the Longmont Times-Call.

A Boulder District judge reviewing an open-meetings lawsuit against the Longmont City Council called the city's refusal to release the tape of a private session "entirely mystifying" after she discovered the meeting was not taped.

The Longmont Times-Call in July sued to have the tape released based on newspaper officials' beliefs that the council violated state laws meant to keep government business and the expenditure of tax money open to public scrutiny. The lawsuit asked that the judge review the meeting tape in private and then release any portions of the tape that constituted a violation of the state's open-meetings laws.

The city's failure to tell the Times-Call and the courts that the meeting was not taped cost taxpayers and the newspaper, Boulder District Judge Roxanne Bailin wrote in her Nov. 16 ruling. Under the law, executive sessions need not be recorded in cases where the public body's attorney believes the session constitutes attorney-client privilege.

"The city had three opportunities to state that there was no audio recording," she wrote. "Instead, it caused the expenditure of public funds for an extensive answer and brief prepared by

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