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Ricky Mathews, former president and publisher of the [Sun Herald](#) in Biloxi, Miss., has been named president and publisher of the [Press-Register](#) in Mobile, Ala., and the [Mississippi Press](#) in Pascagoula.

Mathews also was named president of Advance Alabama/Mississippi and will assume oversight responsibility for [The Birmingham News](#) and the [Huntsville Times](#), in addition to the Press-Register and Mississippi Press. All four newspapers are part of Advance Publications Inc.'s newspaper group.

In Mobile, he succeeds **Howard Bronson**, who has been publisher of the Press-Register since 1992. Bronson supervised the design and construction of the newspaper's present printing plant and office building on Water Street, which opened in 2002. He introduced many innovations in the newspaper, including the popular Sound Off column, as well as the practice of printing corrections on page one.



Ricky Mathews



Alex Taylor

[Cox Media Group, Inc.](#) has appointed **Alex Taylor** as group vice president for its Dayton, Ohio, and Louisville, Ky., markets, effective immediately. This is part of Cox Media Group's new operating concept that reorganizes its media businesses by maximizing the expertise and talents of its media professionals across its portfolio of newspapers, radio and television businesses (see article below in the Industry News section).

Taylor is publisher of [The Palm Beach Post](#) (West Palm Beach, Fla.), and his replacement will be named in the coming weeks. Taylor will report to **Doug Franklin**, executive vice president of Atlanta-based Cox Media Group and a former president and CEO of Cox Ohio Publishing.

In his new role, Taylor will oversee Cox's newspaper, television and radio properties in the Dayton market and the publications in its surrounding areas. Additionally, he will have oversight for Cox's four FM radio stations in Louisville. This radio group will report to **Donna Hall**, a direct report of Taylor's who also manages Cox's four stations in Dayton. In his new role, Taylor will encourage collaboration of ideas, skills and strengths to provide unique sales opportunities and solutions for advertisers across multiple media platforms. The newspaper, television and radio properties will continue their existing independent news and editorial functions.



Kristal Kuykendall

Kristal Kuykendall, formerly news editor at the [Benton Courier](#) in Arkansas, has been named editor of the newspaper. Kuykendall has worked in journalism for 19 years, most recently as senior editor at Celebrate Arkansas Magazine, based in Rogers, Ark.

John Gallagher has assumed a new position within the [Goss International](#) organization as director of business development for the Goss Lifetime Support program in North and South America. In this role, he is responsible for developing and coordinating service, parts and enhancement initiatives to improve the performance and extend the competitive lifespan of Goss systems.



John Gallagher

Gallagher started his career with Goss Graphic Systems in 1985 in Preston, England. He has had extensive experience in press installations, project engineering, project management and service management roles. He was formerly the field service manager for Goss newspaper and commercial presses in the United Kingdom and, most recently, was a project and installations manager for Goss commercial web presses in the United States.

He is now based at Goss International's facility in Durham, N.H.