

## GENERAL EXCELLENCE



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Rocky Mount Telegram Publisher Rip Woodin, left, president of the N.C. Press Association, presents the General Excellence Award for newspaper Web sites to The Cary News, represented by Rocky Mount natives Keith King, center, and Clifton Barnes.

# Rocky Mount natives honored for Web site

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**R**ocky Mount natives Keith King and Clifton Barnes have been honored as part of a team that puts together The Cary News Web site.

Rocky Mount Telegram Publisher Rip Woodin, serving in his role as president of the N.C. Press Association, recently presented them with an award as the state's top newspaper Web site in a non-daily newspaper category.

Judges said that [www.carynews.com](http://www.carynews.com) is a well-organized Web site that does a good job as a trusted information source for teens and parents. They added that the site should be a model for other community newspapers.

King is editor of The Cary News, which also won the overall General Excellence Award in the community newspaper category. Barnes serves part-time as the Web content coordinator for the News &

Observer's community newspapers, which includes The Cary News. The Eastern Wake News, another Web site that Barnes works on, took second place in the competition.

Barnes is also a freelance writer, editor, communications consultant and Web developer.

Both King and Barnes graduated from Rocky Mount Senior High in 1978 and were editor and managing editor, respectively, of the school newspaper. They both served as editors for the Daily Tar Heel and graduated from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in 1982 with journalism degrees.

King worked for several newspapers, including the Lexington, Ky., Herald-Leader, and owned the Marshall News Record for several years.

Barnes was sports editor of the Rocky Mount Telegram in the mid-1980s before serving as director of communications for the N.C. Bar Association for 15 years.