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# Tab takes top honor

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**BOSTON** - The Watertown TAB & Press won the top all-around award for 2009 from the New England Newspaper and Press Association.

The paper won the "General Excellence" Weekly Class 2 category. Judges praised the paper's local focus.

"This is a solid community newspaper," they wrote. "Many of these issues would not be considered important by a big city daily, so the value is clear. The paper is difficult to put down."

The award ceremony was held Saturday at the Park Plaza Hotel

"This is a great honor and a real tribute to TAB editor Chris Helms and our entire team of journalists, photojournalists, designers and advertising professionals" said publisher Greg Reibman.

"It is also a credit to people of Watertown for demanding the most from their community newspaper and for their willingness to share their stories and opinions with us," Reibman added.

The TAB's sister paper, the Cambridge Chronicle, took second place for General Excellence.

Other papers owned by the TAB's parent company, Gate-House Media, also took prizes. They included the Patriot Ledger of Quincy for General Excellence, Daily Class 2; Wicked Local Plymouth, Overall Newspaper Web Site, first place, weekly class.

David Gordon of the Allston/Brighton TAB won first place for video, weekly class. The Wellesley Townsman took first place for Community Involvement in the Paper, and David Ertischek of the Roslindale Transcript won top honors for Coverage of a Racial or Ethnic Issue. Rob Borkowski of the Westwood Press earned first place in the Right-to-Know category for dogged coverage of an athletic director who hit a student

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