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### **MONTANA PUBLIC RADIO NEWS STAFF WINS 10 ASSOCIATED PRESS DURSO AWARDS**

#### **MISSOULA –**

Members of the Montana Public Radio news staff won 10 of the 17 awards given in the radio competition of the Montana Associated Press 2009 Joe Durso Awards for Broadcast Excellence.

The awards were announced Oct. 21 by the Montana Associated Press Broadcasters Association. The Durso Awards recognize good journalism done in broadcast newsrooms across the state. The entries were judged by AP member TV and radio stations in Mississippi.

Montana Public Radio General Manager William Marcus said the awards reflect the station's commitment to local news.

"Our listeners have told us that they consider news to be our most valuable service," Marcus said. "MTPR News Director Sally Mauk has built a great news team and I'm pleased to see their work recognized with these distinguished awards."

Awards won by MTPR news are:

#### **Best Radio Audio**

- Winner – Dan Boyce, "Holiday Program."
- Honorable Mention – Natalie Neumann, "Fair Pigs."
- Honorable Mention – Kevin Maki, "All My Heart."

#### **Best Radio News Writing**

- Winner – Kevin Maki, “Cliffs of Rock Creek.”
- Honorable Mention – Emilie Ritter, “Cascade Turbine.”

**Best Radio Enterprise**

- Winner – Kevin Maki, “Labor Work.”

**Best Radio Spot News Live**

- Winner – Sally Mauk and Emilie Ritter, “Democratic and Republican National Conventions.”

**Best Radio Spot News Edited**

- Winner – Emilie Ritter, “Butte Crash.”
- Honorable Mention – Sally Mauk and Emilie Ritter, “Democratic and Republican National Conventions.”

**Best Radio Newscast**

- Honorable Mention – Montana Public Radio news team.

The awards honor Joe Durso, who died in 1998. During his 14 years in The University of Montana Radio-TV Department, Durso gave unselfishly of his time, talents and considerable energy to build and sustain the Montana AP Broadcasters Association.

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