



Death Penalty Information Center

MEDIA ADVISORY

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***WALL STREET JOURNAL, CHICAGO TRIBUNE,
COLUMBUS DISPATCH AND OHIO NEWS NETWORK
TO RECEIVE JOURNALISM AWARDS***

Mike Farrell of M*A*S*H to Keynote

11th Annual Thurgood Marshall Journalism Awards at National Press Club

WASHINGTON, DC – The Death Penalty Information Center will honor journalists from the *Wall Street Journal*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Columbus Dispatch*, and the *Ohio News Network* during its 11th Annual Thurgood Marshall Journalism Awards at the National Press Club on Thursday, June 28. A special award recognizing the years of contribution to journalism by the staff of *The Angolite*, a prison magazine, will also be presented. The awards honor those journalists who have made an exceptional contribution to the understanding of problems associated with capital punishment.

Award-winning actor and human rights advocate Mike Farrell will keynote the awards luncheon. Farrell, who recently authored “Just Call Me Mike: A Journey to Actor and Activist,” is best known for his years as Captain B.J. Hunnicutt on the television series M*A*S*H. This year’s award-winning entries dealt with subjects such as possible innocence, a wrongful execution in Texas, and the forced medication of a mentally ill man on death row.

Reporters wishing to attend the awards luncheon may contact Brenda Bowser Soder (202-289-2275, bbsoder@deathpenaltyinfo.org) by Tuesday, June 26.

WHAT: 11th Annual Thurgood Marshall Journalism Awards

WHO: Keynote Speaker Mike Farrell

2007 Thurgood Marshall Journalism Award Winners

- Gary Fields of the *Wall Street Journal*, Outstanding Print Journalism
- Alan Johnson of the *Columbus Dispatch*, and Eleanor Hayes, Amy Rogan, Jamie Walters and Jeff Gostomski of the *Ohio News Network*, Outstanding Broadcast Journalism
- Steve Mills and Maurice Possley of the *Chicago Tribune*, Outstanding Investigative Journalism
- News Staff of *The Angolite*, Outstanding Coverage of Criminal Justice Issues

WHEN: Thursday, June 28, 2007, Noon

**WHERE: National Press Club, Holeman Lounge, 13th Floor
529 14th Street NW, Washington DC**

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