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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