
Times Facts

Joe joined the *Times* in 1981 as an assistant city editor. He supervised a community news staff based in St. Petersburg while writing a local column. He then directed local news efforts in two of the *Times*' most competitive territories, first as city editor in Clearwater, then as chief local editor in Pasco, Hernando and Citrus counties. In 1987, he became sports editor, and over six years directed the *Times* coverage of the Tampa Bay area's pursuit of a major league baseball franchise. In 1993, Joe became the managing editor in Clearwater, responsible for the *Times*' news report for mid and north Pinellas county.

Talking Points

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He is a frequent public speaker and over the years he has discussed and covered events ranging from Super Bowls to national political conventions.

Education

Joe is a native of Kansas and graduated from the University of Kansas where he earned a degree in Journalism.

Background

Joe moved to Pinellas in 1976 to pursue his career in reporting. Before joining the *Times*, he worked as an investigative reporter, state government reporter, columnist and assistant assignment editor for the *Times*' sister paper, the *Evening Independent*. Joe is married to Beverly, a ceramist, and together they travel throughout Florida and out of state to various art shows.

Awards

During his reporting years, Joe won state and national awards for his investigative work. His also received a reporting award from the Florida Bar and a School Bell award from Florida educators. The *Times*' Sports section earned best-in-Florida honors during his tenure, and sports staffers won several state and national writing awards.

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