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### **Times Facts**

Mike joined the *Times* in 1988 as a metro copy editor, editing stories, writing headlines and designing pages for regional editions and the metro sections of the newspaper. He was named Hernando County editor in 1990. In this role, he is responsible for the daily Hernando news report, coordinating the work of reporters and photographers.

### **Talking Points**

• Community news • News writing and editing • Journalism ethics

### **Education**

Mike has a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

### **Background**

Born in Decatur, Ill., Mike grew up in Central Illinois. Prior to his arrival at the *Times*, he worked at three newspapers in Illinois. He was a news and sports reporter at the *Effingham Daily News*, a general assignment reporter and assistant metro editor at the *Decatur Herald & Review* and managing editor at the *Southern Illinoisan* in Carbondale.

### **Awards**

While Mike was an editor in Decatur and Carbondale, those newspapers each won the Illinois Press Association's general excellence award for best newspaper of its size in the state. Writers he supervised and stories he edited won numerous individual honors. At the *Times*, he was involved in the editing of award winning stories about Hank Earl Carr, who in 1998 murdered a child, two Tampa police detectives and a Florida Highway Patrol trooper before killing himself inside a Hernando County service station.

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