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United Feature Syndicate Now Offers Mike Lester's Editorial Cartoons

NEW YORK, August 25, 2008 – Starting Monday, September 1, United Feature Syndicate will distribute the distinctive work of editorial cartoonist **Mike Lester** five times each week in color and in black and white. Lester's cartoons reflect an unabashedly conservative point of view that is edgy without being nasty. His sharp drawing skills perfectly complement his thoughtful approach to cartooning, which opts for cleverness over cheap shots.

Lester is a true-blue Georgian (or true-red, if thinking in purely political terms), having been born in Atlanta, graduating from the University of Georgia, and currently working as the editorial cartoonist for the *Rome (GA) News-Tribune*. He has received numerous honors for his work, including the 2007 Sigma Delta Chi Award from the Society of Professional Journalists, and two first-place and one second-place prize from the National Newspaper Association.

In addition, Lester is an accomplished children's book writer/illustrator and has been an advertising artist for more than 20 years. He's been recognized in each of these fields by the prestigious National Cartoonists Society, taking home the 2000 award for Best Children's Book (*'A' is for Salad*) and the 2004 award for Best Advertising Illustration (for Celebrix). Lester has also created illustrations for many national magazines, as well as for games, gifts, and licensed products. He was named Designer of the Year in 2003 by the Georgia Press Association.

Despite wearing many professional hats, Lester remains rooted in the newspaper business. Prior to his arrival at the *News-Tribune*, he worked for five years at the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* as the Sunday/op-ed illustrator and section designer.

Because of his award-winning work in an array of careers, Lester was among those



included in *Georgia Trend* magazine's 2004 "Who's Who in Georgia Media." Lester is the proud father of two children, Grady and Hope, and currently resides in Rome, GA, with his wife Regan.

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