

## Newspaper Heroes on the Air

*From mild-mannered reporters to  
crusading editors wielding 'the flaming  
sword of freedom of the press'*

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### Hello world!

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Journalism today needs heroes.

For inspiration — or at least food for thought about what might make a journalist “a hero” — this site explores radio’s portrayals of men and women of “the press” back when broadcasting was going from hot “new media” idea to prime-time.

“Newspaper Heroes on the Air” — jheroes.com for short — will be a blog and podcast about radio’s depiction of journalists, from fictional characters like Clark Kent and Lois Lane to real-life legends like Horace Greeley, Joseph Pulitzer and other old-time editors, reporters, printers and publishers.

Along with their radio-broadcast versions, from time to time you will find here references to fictional and real journalists in films, novels, comic books, songs and other manifestations of popular culture. See my “[At the Movies](#)” page for some of the connections.

If you can’t wait for me to blog about a topic, see the [Image of the Journalist in Popular Culture](#) project for related materials. I’ve also [outlined a proposed course](#) that I may get to teach next year.

[Testing of this podcast idea began at my main blog](#) in December. Regular postings will begin here in January 2011, after I come up with an appropriate collage/logo for the top of the page — and around the time I start teaching a related course.

Meanwhile I’ll be compulsively editing and rewriting this start-up post, then moving its semi-finished contents to the “about” page.

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