## UPPNET Union Producers and Programmers NETwork

Established in 1989 to Promote Pro-Labor TV, Video, Radio, Film and Internet Production and Programming

## INTRODUCTION TO THIS PDF COLLECTION

These 38 issues of *UPPNET News* span 9 years from Spring 1997 to Fall 2006. They cover, as a quarterly, stories relevant to the development of (let us say struggle for) labor television and labor radio in the U.S. and also globally.

UPPNET (Union Producers and Programmers Network) was formed in the early 90's, and had produced a newsletter intermittently from its early days. I began editing and technically producing the newsletter in the Spring of 1997 and, in the Fall of '06, asked the UPPNET Board to permit me to retire from that chore, so that I could spend more time producing the Chicago-based Labor Beat cable-tv series. This collection represents only the issues that I oversaw. I remain a member of the UPPNET Board.

The format of these issues more or less follows technical changes over the decade in question. It began as a print-only publication (converted to pdf's only later for the archives). Next came creating the issues as pdf's, which were both snail mailed as well as sent out electronically. Then, finally, the pdf issues were hot-linked where web sites were mentioned in the articles. Somewhere along the line the issues evolved from being in black-and-white to color.

This newsletter collection is a unique and valuable resource for labor media studies, and I hope that readers will find the items in these issues as interesting and inspiring as I did as editor.

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