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CENTER ACQUIRES JOURNALIST JACK NEWFIELD'S PAPERS



Jack Newfield in his home office. Photographer unknown.

Veteran journalist Jack Newfield made a career out of exposing abuse and scams in his native New York City. For 24 years, Newfield wrote for the *Village Voice*, where he helped define the idea of the alternative press. He later worked for the *Daily News*, the *New York Post*, the *New York Sun*, and other publications. Additionally, he wrote ten books and produced documentary films.

In January 2007, Newfield's widow, Janie Eisenberg, donated approximately 200 boxes of research files, notes, correspondence, and

heavily annotated calendars that Newfield amassed during his three decades of work. Newfield's subject matter included local and U.S. social and domestic issues. But he also wrote frequently about boxing, baseball, music, and the counterculture. Newfield greatly admired Robert F. Kennedy Jr., and wrote a book about Kennedy's 1968 presidential campaign, "*Robert Kennedy: A Memoir*," that he later developed into a documentary. The Newfield Papers are a substantive addition to the Center's American News Media Archive.