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Travis Armstrong
Acting Publisher
Santa Barbara News-Press
715 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, California 93101

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

We, the newsroom employees of the Santa Barbara News-Press, can no longer remain silent about the intolerable conditions at the newspaper we love.

We respectfully request that you:

1. Restore journalism ethics to the Santa Barbara News-Press: implement and maintain a clear separation between the opinion/business side of the paper and the news-gathering side.
2. Invite back the six newsroom editors who recently resigned: Jerry Roberts, newsroom editor; George Foulsham, managing editor; Don Murphy, deputy managing editor; Jane Hulse, city editor; Michael Todd, business editor and Gerry Spratt, sports editor.
3. Negotiate a contract with newsroom employees governing our hours, wages, benefits and working conditions.
4. Recognize the Graphic Communications Conference of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters as our exclusive bargaining representative.

We look forward to discussing these issues further with you.

Thank you.