

# **Fired Reporters Hang Tough in Santa Barbara**

## **Still Fighting for Jobs and Contract**

It's been more than two years since eight of us reporters were illegally fired for union organizing at the Santa Barbara News-Press. In December 2007, a federal judge found the company guilty of more than a dozen labor law violations and ordered our immediate reinstatement.

However, the company appealed that decision — and we are still waiting to get our jobs back, not knowing from month to month if we will be able to pay our bills.

Beginning May 26, the government will prosecute the company on a new stack of unfair labor practice charges, including the unlawful termination of yet another reporter, a member of our negotiating team; and for bad faith bargaining, following 18 months of fruitless and insulting sessions at the table.

Teamster support throughout this struggle has made all the difference in the world to us. We just don't know where we'd be today without you. The Teamster donations we've received over the last two years have enabled us to stay in our homes and feed our families while we continue this fight for workers' rights.

Please consider sending another contribution so that we can see this struggle through the end. We hope that we may one day be in the position to return the favor.

In solidarity,



Dawn Hobbs



Melinda Burns

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