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2006 Economic Outlook for Santa Barbara County Topic of April 27 UCSB Presentation

The prospects for Santa Barbara County's economy in the coming year will be the topic of a special seminar to be presented this month by the Economic Forecast Project of the University of California, Santa Barbara.

The half-day program on Thursday, April 27, will feature speakers who will review the performance of the local and regional economies in 2005 and offer the outlook for the Santa Barbara County economy in 2006. The UCSB Economic Forecast Project is a research unit that provides regional economic data, analysis, and forecasts to the community.

The Santa Barbara County Economic Outlook 2006 seminar will be held at the Lobero Theatre, 33 East Canon Perdido St., Santa Barbara. Registration and breakfast begin at 6:45 a.m.; the program will conclude by 11:30 a.m.

Featured speakers for the program include:

- Dr. Bill Watkins, executive director of the UCSB Economic Forecast Project and a former research economist at the Federal Reserve in Washington, D.C.: "The Santa Barbara County Economic Review and Forecast"

·Dan Walters, syndicated newspaper columnist: "A New Year, A New Schwarzenegger"

·Brian S. Wesbury, Chief Economist, First Trust Advisors L.P, and economics editor, The American Spectator: "Changing Times"

Admission to the seminar is \$200 per person and includes a copy of "The 2006 Santa Barbara County Economic Outlook" publication and CD. To register, or for information, visit the UCSB Economic Forecast Project on the Web at www.ucsb-efp.com

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