The prospects for North Santa Barbara County's economy in the year ahead will be the topic of a special morning seminar to be presented by the UC Santa Barbara Economic Forecast Project on Friday, May 7, at Marian Theater on the campus of Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria. Registration and breakfast begin at 7 a.m.; the program begins at 8 a.m. and concludes at 10 a.m.

The UCSB Economic Forecast Project is a research unit that provides regional, state, and national economic data, analysis, and forecasts.

The May 7 program will include presentations by these featured speakers:

- Chris Thornberg, Founding Principal, Beacon Economics, and chief forecaster for California State Controller John Chiang: "The U.S. and California Economies"

- Brad Kemp, Director of Regional Research, Beacon Economics: "The North Santa Barbara County Economic Forecast"

- Cynthia Schur, Santa Maria Times; Tim Ness, City of Santa Maria; and Matt Turrentine, Turrentine Grape Brokerage: Panel Discussion of Local Business Issues

Admission to the seminar is $65 per person until April 30 and $75 per person after that date. The registration fee includes a copy of "The 2010 North Santa Barbara..."
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