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POST-RECESSION OUTLOOK

County economic forecast is upbeat

ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT FOR SLO COUNTY

- San Luis Obispo County unemployment is expected to peak in the fourth quarter of 2009 at 9.3 percent before it slowly declines through the end of 2013.
- Home prices in the county are poised to drop another \$45,000 on average, or about 12 percent by the first quarter of 2011.
- Taxable sales, forecasters predict, have fallen by more than 23 percent on a per-quarter basis from a peak in the fourth quarter of 2007, and are expected to continue falling in early 2010, returning to growth by the end of next year.

By JULIE LYNEM
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With mounting job losses, the housing market collapse and dwindling consumer spending, San Luis Obispo County's economy has not been spared the pain of one of the worst recessions in decades.

Despite these tough times, there is a glimmer of light at the end of a dark and

Economist sees the beginning of a recovery next year partly based on stimulus money

gloomy tunnel, economists say.

"You went into the recession earlier than other areas, but you'll come out of it much earlier than other communities," said Brad Kemp, director of regional research for Beacon Eco-

nomics. The Los Angeles-based firm presented the county's 2010 economic outlook on Friday for the UCSB Economic Forecast Project.

The county's economy, which has experienced flat growth for the past four

years, will likely see the beginning of a recovery next year, Kemp predicted, as some stimulus dollars trickle in to local projects, new retail sites such as the Paso Robles Lowe's pop up and travelers from other parts of California continue to visit the county for an affordable escape.

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DEATH TOLL AT 13



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Army Gen. George William Casey Jr., second from left, and his wife, Sheila, left, take part in a candlelight vigil Friday evening alongside Army soldiers and their families at Hood Stadium at Fort Hood.

Stories of heroism arise from slaughter

Fort Hood killer was shot several times by officer who herself was wounded

By ASHLEY POWERS, ROBIN ABCARIAN AND KATE LINTHICUM
Los Angeles Times

FORT HOOD, Texas — As the death toll in Thursday's shooting rampage at Fort Hood rose to 13, new details emerged Friday about the attack and its aftermath.

Sgt. Andrew Hagerman, a military police officer, was one of those who responded to the scene just minutes after the shootings occurred. Hagerman recalled Friday that he was patrolling a residential area at the Army facility when, about 1:30 p.m., he heard a terse call over the radio: "Shots fired. Officer down."

Lights on and sirens blaring, Hagerman sped to the Soldier Readiness Center, where Army psychiatrist Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, 39,

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Victims were new, longtime Army people

By CARYN ROUSSEAU AND ROBERT IMRIE
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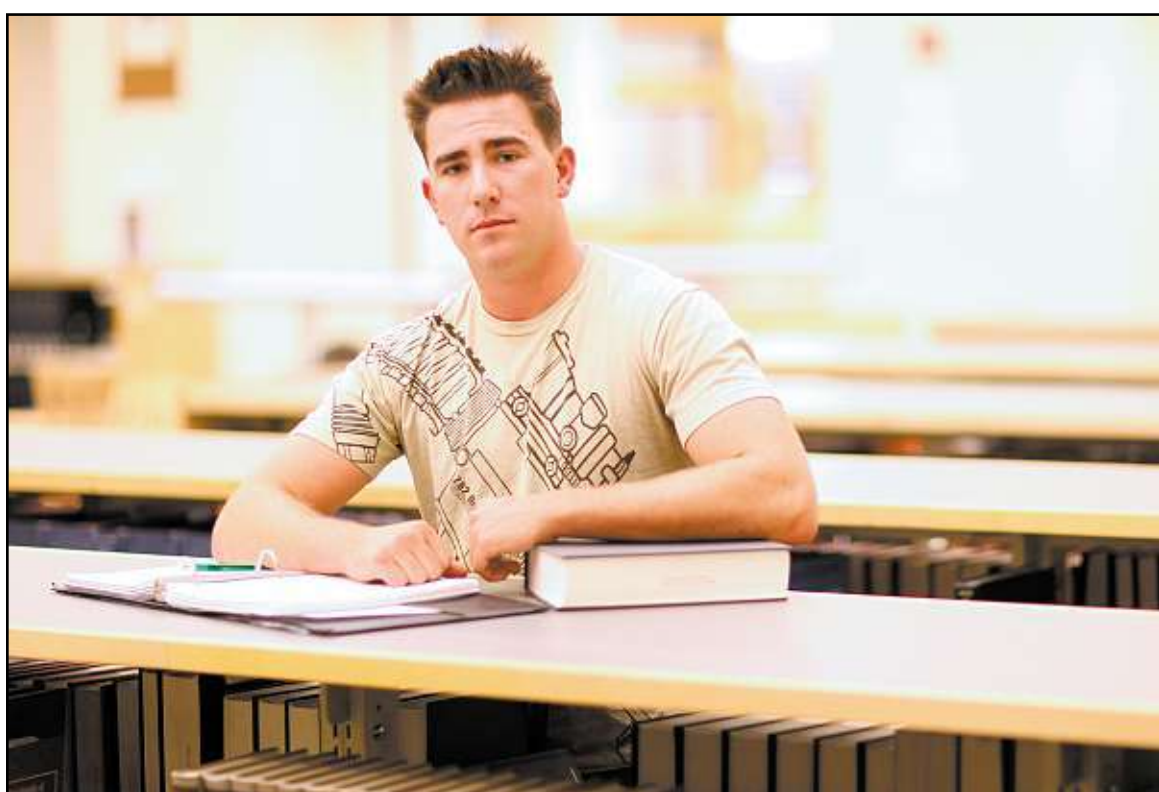
The 13 people who died after an Army psychiatrist opened fire on fellow soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas, included a pregnant woman who was preparing to return home, a man who quit a furniture company job to join the military about a year ago, a newlywed who had served in Iraq and a woman who had vowed to take on Osama bin Laden after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Here is a look at some of the victims.

Francheska Velez

Velez, 21, of Chicago, was pregnant and preparing to return home. A friend of

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CUESTA STUDENT ONE AMONG MANY VETERANS AWAIT GI MONEY



PHOTOS: ABOVE, BY JAYSON MELLOM; BELOW, COURTESY PHOTO

James Foote is a student veteran at Cuesta College. Below, Foote during his tour in Afghanistan.

By SONA PATEL
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For the past couple of months, James Foote's part-time job helped him pay for college expenses as he waited for money promised to him from the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

The delay has been longer than expected for him and thousands of other student veterans,

Emergency funds keep local student going while the government catches up

forcing them to figure out how to pay for housing, tuition, books and other expenses on their own.

"Luckily I tried to keep money in the bank and got a part-time job," said Foote, who works about 20 to 30 hours a week for

the Cuesta College Police Department.

Only recently did he receive his first government check.

The new Post-9/11 GI Bill, which took effect Aug. 1, awards benefits

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POSSIBLE FURLOUGHS

CSU layoff warnings – real or bargaining?

By NICK WILSON
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The unions representing Cal Poly's faculty and staff have received notices that could pave the way for layoffs at the university.

No specific job cuts have been discussed, and union

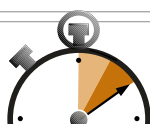
No specific amount or campus names are given; blame is put on state budget crisis

leaders said the Oct. 28 letter from the Office of the Chancellor is a legal precursor that's part of a collective bargaining agree-

40,000 students by the end of 2010-2011 mean layoffs may need to be implemented in the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

The planned reduction is due to the state budget cri-

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THE TWO-MINUTE TRIB: ABORTION IMPASSE IN HEALTH BILL IS CLEARED

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NATION, A4 EX-EMPLOYEE SHOTS UP FIRM

The shooting on the eighth floor of an office tower paralyzed downtown Orlando, Fla., for three hours. One person was killed and five were wounded.



SWINE FLU VACCINES BY INVITATION

Lines for H1N1 vaccines are rare in Europe because those most at risk are invited to get them. Page A6

WEB SITES TOLD TO STOP BEATLE SALES

Music-sharing sites were selling sites by The Beatles and other artists for 25 cents each. Page B5

CAL POLY SEEKS FIRST ROAD WIN

The Mustangs, 4-4, are 0-4 on the road this season as they travel to meet rival UC Davis today. Page S1

ONLINE EXTRAS AT SANLUISOBISPO.COM

'SIDETRACKED': "In 'High Water,' you can expect to see lots of huge waves. Speaking of which, it looks like we're going to get a mega swell of our own here in San Luis Obispo County this weekend."

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