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TCVN Forum Presents Panel Discussion on Raising Money from Family, Friends and Angels

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Tech Coast Venture Network will continue its funding roadmap theme on Feb. 23, 2006, at 6 p. m. at the Costa Mesa Hilton with a panel discussion on raising money from family, friends and angels for the financing of startups and early-stage companies.

According to Bart Greenberg, TCVN chairman, the Forum features a company founder who will tell how he raised money for his business solely through friends and family, and members of the Tech Coast Angels who will speak to what is expected of founders in order to get their business started and, specifically, the best practices in approaching and accessing angel investors.

"The goal is to allow our founders to better understand what is within their reach today while, at the same time, letting them know what they need to do today to better position themselves for tomorrow," Greenberg noted.

TCVN Forum panelists include:

- Atticus Wagner, director of investment screening, Tech Coast Angels, Orange County.
- Paul Foster, a 14-year veteran of the video games industry, who founded Pick Up and Play in 2002.
- John Harbison, vice president of the Orange County chapter of Tech Coast Angels. He is also co-founder and CEO of TechSpin.
- Stephen A. Block, member, Tech Coast Angels. He serves on the Orange County chapter's Executive Committee and is its representative to the TCA Board of Governors.
- Sid Mohasseb, member, Tech Coast Angels and the managing director of Venture Farm, an early-stage execution and funding organization.

The Forum moderator is Steven Mednick, president and founder of Plenum Revenue Group LLC. Based in Newport Beach, Calif., Plenum is a sales and revenue development company for emerging businesses to complex global enterprises and universities.

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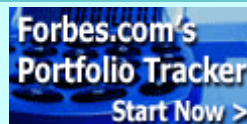
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Admission for the TCVN Forum is \$45 for registration through Feb. 22, and \$55 at the door. For further information, contact Tech Coast Venture Network via e-mail at execdir@tcvn.org, by phone at 714-258-8347, by fax at 714-669-9341 or on the Web at <http://www.tcvn.org/>.

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