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Chamber has small-business issues forum

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Small-business issues forum

The monthly Small Business Issues Forum, open to members of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, meets Wednesday, giving small-business owners a chance to meet and share information and resources.

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The forum is scheduled from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the chamber headquarters, 235 Montgomery St. Register at links.sfgate.com/ZFTS or call (415) 352-8818.

Also:

-- The chamber hosts a free forum for job hunters 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the chamber office, 235 Montgomery St.. For details, call (415) 392-4520 or go to www.thejobforum.org.

-- Spirit at work, a monthly brown-bag lunch meeting sponsored by the chamber's Women in Business Roundtable, is scheduled Thursday from noon to 1:15 p.m. in the chamber's Bay Room, 235 Montgomery St. The lunch is free and registration is not necessary. Go to links.sfgate.com/ZFUO for more information.

Reich to deliver economic forecast

As the economy nosedives into a crisis of unknown depths, hear economist and former U.S. Secretary of Labor Robert Reich lay out his thoughts on what lurks around the financial corner in 2009.

Reich, more recently a UC Berkeley professor and an economic adviser to President-elect Barack Obama, will deliver the Commonwealth Club's annual Bank of America-Walter E. Hoadley economic forecast Jan. 14 at the Hotel Nikko Ballroom, 222 Mason St. in San Francisco.

The talk is open only to Commonwealth Club members and one paying guest each. It begins with a lunch at 11:45 a.m., followed by the program at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$65 for members and \$75 for guests, with a registration deadline of Friday. For tickets, go to links.sfgate.com/ZFTT.

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The San Francisco law firm Coblentz, Patch, Duffy & Bass established the William K. Coblentz Civil Rights Endowment Fund at UC Berkeley's law school as a tribute to one of the firm's founding partners.

5 small-business classes offered

The U.S. Small Business Administration offers five classes this week at its SBA Entrepreneur Center in San Francisco. Topics include business law basics, financing, basic bookkeeping, organization and starting a business in San Francisco. Go to links.sfgate.com/ZCME.

Movers and shakers

-- **Kit Cole** was named chairwoman and chief executive officer of Novato's Circle Bancorp. She previously founded Tamalpais Bank and was its chairwoman and chief executive until 2007, when she underwent a successful kidney transplant.

-- **Bruce Diamond** was named president and chief executive officer of San Jose's Discera. He previously was chief executive of WJ Communications.

-- **Jennifer Lewis** was promoted to partner in the Oakland law office of Wendel, Rosen, Black & Dean LLP.

-- **Frederic Klaske** was named solar systems division manager at Oakland's Fidelity Roof Co. He previously was chief executive officer of Sky Power Systems.

-- **Mark DeLuca** was named eastern regional vice president of sales at San Francisco's Aravo Solutions Inc., and **Bruce Duchene** was named western regional vice president of sales. DeLuca previously was a senior manager at Accenture, and Duchene was a regional director at Ariba.

-- **Jeff Montgomery** was named chief revenue officer at San Francisco's 1020 Placecast Inc. He previously founded Sponsormetrix.

S.F. conventions and meetings

Allied Social Science Association, annual convention, through Monday, Palace Hotel.

Macworld Conference and Expo, Tuesday through Friday, Moscone Center, North and South.

CNA Insurance, 2009 National Program, Friday through Jan. 16, Fairmont Hotel.

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