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Silicon Valley Bancshares Chairman John Dean to Speak at Investors Choice International Equity Capital Conference in Maui on June 21

Maui, HI -- June 20, 2001 -- John Dean, chairman of Silicon Valley Bancshares, will be a keynote speaker at the Investors Choice International Equity Capital Conference in Maui, Hawaii on June 21. Dean will discuss current trends in the venture capital industry, implications for investors and entrepreneurs and the IPO market.

Investors Choice International is designed by and for venture capitalists, featuring the best new emerging high-growth firms. Carefully screened emerging companies from North American and the Pacific Rim will be presenting their companies to investors and provided networking opportunities.

Since Dean joined the Bank in 1993, assets have grown from $935 million to $4.8 billion; employees, from 235 to over 950; and, market capitalization from $63 million to $2.1 billion. From 1995 through 2000 the average return on shareholders' equity was 19.8%, 17.9%, 18.2%, 14.5%, 21.9% and 33.3% respectively. The Bank today is positioned as the dominant and only national provider of banking services to early-stage technology and life sciences companies.

About Silicon Valley Bank

Silicon Valley Bank serves emerging growth and middle market companies in targeted niches, focusing on technology and life sciences, while also addressing other specific industries in which it can provide a higher level of service and better manage credit through specialization and focus.

The Bank operates throughout the Silicon Valley: Santa Clara, Palo Alto and Sand Hill, the center of the venture capital community in California. Other regional offices within California include: Irvine, Los Angeles, Napa Valley, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, and Sonoma. Office locations outside of California include: Phoenix, Arizona; Boulder, Colorado; West Palm Beach, Florida; Atlanta, Georgia; Chicago, Illinois; Boston, Massachusetts; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Durham, North Carolina; Portland, Oregon; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Austin, Texas; Dallas, Texas; Northern Virginia; and Seattle, Washington. More information on the Bank can be found at www.svb.com.

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