■ Customizing ICs in Santa Clara

The 19th annual Custom Integrated Circuits Conference (**CICC '97**) comes to the Westin Hotel in Santa Clara (Calif.) May 5–8. After the exhibitors' preview, three days of technical sessions will include talks on core-based chip design, clocking, low-power design, wireless ICs, analog and digital tests, and DSPs.

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Billed as "the definitive text and reference of the historical developments in computing technology," Michael R. Williams's ***A History of Computing Technology*** has been revised. The second edition adds ten years' worth of advances and perspective.

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