

■ **Designers Congregate at DesignCon '98**

Design SuperCon and PLDCon have joined to become **DesignCon**, to be held at the Santa Clara (Calif.) Convention Center January 26–29. In addition to the exhibits, seminars will cover starting a consulting business, built-in selftest, VHDL, reconfigurable computing, and debugging, among other topics.

Advance registration (before 1/9/98) runs from \$250 for a single day to \$600 for a complete conference-and-seminar package; late registration adds \$50. To register or for more information, contact DesignCon (Chicago) at 888.486.8736 or point your browser to www.designcon.com.

■ **BDTI Reviews DSP From AT&T**

Digital-signal processing aficionados at Berkeley Design Technology (BDTI) have created a report that reviews the **Lucent DSP16000** chip. The report includes benchmark results, identifies strengths and weaknesses of the part, and compares it to key competitors from Motorola, TI, and others.

Copies of the report sell for \$950. For more information, contact BDTI (Berkeley, Calif.) at 510.665.1600, or access www.bdti.com/products/lucent.brochure.htm.

■ **ACM Tapes Out**

The IEEE's ACM is making available the complete footage of its ACM conference from March 1997 that includes several

industry luminaries' views on the next 50 years of computing. Speakers at the event included Nathan Myhrvold, Murray Gell-Mann, Gordon Bell, Reed Hundt, and many others.

Copies of the tapes cost \$75 for IEEE members, \$125 for nonmembers. To order ACM #710972, contact the IEEE (New York) at 212.626.0500 or send e-mail to orders@acm.org.

■ **Smaller, Faster, How Much Longer?**

...is the theme of the IEEE Computer Society's 1998 **Computer Elements Workshop**, scheduled to take place in Mesa (Ariz.) January 18–22. Fees cover lodging, meals, and the conference.

Registration fees run \$754 for IEEE members, \$794 for nonmembers. To register, contact the IEEE (Sunnyvale, Calif.) at 408.746.3303 or via fax at 408.746.7000.

■ **2000 Lawyers in Dallas**

How many lawyers does it take to change a calendar? Find out at **Year 2000 Crisis: The Litigation Summit**. The conference threatens two days of legal entanglement dedicated to suing people over the expected "Year 2000 Problem." No technical solutions are provided, but litigation strategies will be covered in depth. Dallas hosts the lawyer love-in January 22–23.

Registration costs \$1,095 per person. For more information, contact Fulcrum Information Services (New York) at 800.869.4302 or via fax at 212.647.9511.

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Westin Hotel, Santa Clara, Calif.
Seminar: *Microprocessors for PCs* by Michael Slater
Dinner Meeting: *The Case for Intelligent RAM (IRAM)*
- **Microprocessor Report Seminars**
Boston Marriott, Burlington, Mass.
February 23: *The Complete Intel* by Linley Gwennap
February 24: *Battle for the Desktop* by Michael Slater
- **Microprocessor Report Seminars**
Four Seasons Hotel, Austin, Texas
February 25: *The Complete Intel* by Linley Gwennap
Embedded Microprocessors by Jim Turley
February 26: *Battle for the Desktop* by Michael Slater
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- **October 12–16 Microprocessor Forum**
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