

■ Scalable, But Is It Coherent?

Kai Hwang and Zhiwei Xu and WCB/McGraw-Hill have published *Scalable Parallel Computing*, an 800-page hardcover book that seeks to explain parallel programming, performance metrics, distributed memory, threading, synchronization, symmetric and CC-NUMA multiprocessors, and more.

The book (ISBN 0-07-031798-4) can be ordered from WCB/McGraw-Hill by visiting www.mhhe.com.

■ The PIC of the Litter of Microcontroller Books

John B. Peatman of Georgia Tech has written *Design with PIC Microcontrollers*, a 260-page introduction to Microchip's popular 8-, 10-, and 12-bit microprocessors. After covering the architecture and instruction set, the book includes several samples of interrupt, timer, and conversion code, as well as a reference to parts in the family.

Copies of the book (ISBN 0-13-759259-0) are available through Prentice-Hall at www.prenhall.com.

■ Attend MIT, If Only for Two Days

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology is offering a two-day executive briefing on emerging trends, technologies, and *Management Strategies for R&D Organizations*. Held at the MIT Campus on May 6-7, the course is geared toward R&D directors, vice presidents, and technology officers. Five tracks

will be devoted to communications, materials and devices, sensors and actuators, life science, and managing innovation.

Course registration costs \$1,250 for both days, including meals and materials. For more information, or to register, contact Diane Kendall (Wellesley, Mass.) at 781.239.1111.

■ It's a DSP World in Santa Clara

The annual DSP World spring conference comes to the Santa Clara (Calif.) Convention Center April 21-23 for three days of raucous signal processing. After a full day of tutorials, there will be two days of exhibits, workshops, a keynote address by Edward Lee of UC Berkeley, and an evening wine tasting.

Registration costs \$795 for both show days or \$995 for the conference plus an all-day tutorial. Exhibit passes are going for just \$25. To register, or for more information, contact MFI (San Francisco) at 800.789.2223 or visit www.dspworld.com.

■ Among the 7 Million DVD-ROM Owners

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