■ Embedded Processor Forum: Call for Papers

We're looking for a few good microprocessors. The second annual **Embedded Processor Forum** will be held May 3–6 in San Jose (Calif.), and now is the time to submit significant new embedded chips for consideration. Proposals should be brief but identify the new embedded processor, DSP, or ASIC core that will be announced and describe what significant first-time technical detail will be disclosed. Proposals will be judged on technical interest as well as commercial significance.

Proposals can be submitted in confidence via e-mail to *EPFprogram@MDRonline.* Final selection of proposals will take place in December.

■ Conspicuous Consumption in Las Vegas

Where else but Las Vegas for the 1999 International **Consumer Electronics Show** (CES), which rolls into town January 7–10. The four-day exhibit and conference will spotlight digital cameras, PDAs, home networks, aftermarket automotive electronics, entertainment, mobile communications, and more. More than 1,500 exhibitors and 80 sessions will be sprawled over the Convention Center and three hotels. Keynote presentations will be provided by Howard Stringer, chairman of Sony Electronics, and John Chambers, CEO of Cisco Systems.

Registration is free before 12/18, or $75 thereafter. For more information, or to register, visit *www.CESweb.org.*

■ Emerging IC Applications '99

Market researchers IC Insights have produced a lengthy report entitled ***Emerging IC Applications***, *1999 Edition* that covers the obvious topic. The report predicts future market opportunities for chips by type of device, by application, and by geographic region. Numerous tables, charts, and graphs punctuate the predictive prose.

The report sells for $1,390 in either printed or CD-ROM format; additional copies are $395 apiece. For more information, contact IC Insights (Scottsdale, Ariz.) at 602.348.1133 or visit *www.icinsights.com.*

■ Thinking Different in San Francisco

The annual conclave of Macintosh aficionados, **MacWorld Expo**, makes its return to San Francisco January 4–8 in the Moscone Convention Center. After a "town meeting" and pre-conference workshops, the festivities begin with exhibits and conference programs on the 5th. The conference is divided into multiple tracks emphasizing networking/communications, creative work (two of these), and managing Macintoshes.

Admission fees range from $29 to $995, depending on the number of conference sessions attended. Early registration (before 12/1) gets a discount. For more information, call IDG (San Francisco) at 800.645.3976 or direct your Mac-compatible browser to *www.macworldexpo.com.*