

## Resources

### Virtual Symposium in Seattle

The first-ever *Virtual Reality Annual International Symposium* (VRAIS 93) will be held on September 18–22 in Seattle, the home of grunge rock. Monday's session will focus on virtual reality hardware, while Tuesday's program looks at software issues. Wednesday's presentations discuss human factors and perception. A variety of technical tutorials will be offered on the weekend before the conference proper.

Early registration (before 7/15) costs \$325 for IEEE members and \$375 for non-members. Tutorials cost an additional \$200 for the first and \$100 for additional sessions. Contact VRAIS 93 at 5665 Oberlin Drive #110, San Diego, CA 92121; 619/452-6222, fax 619/535-3880.

### Understanding Pentium and PCI

MindShare Press has published two new books in its PC System Architecture series. The titles say it all: *PCI System Architecture* and *Pentium System Architecture*. Earlier books in the series cover ISA, EISA, and the 486 architecture. MindShare is also developing books on SCSI and PCMCIA. The books cost about \$30–\$40 and are distributed by Computer Literacy Bookshops, 2590 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95131; 408/435-5017.

### Psssst! Wanna Buy a PDA?

If you're thinking about selling a PDA, check out *Buying Criteria for Personal Digital Assistants*, a new report from BIS Strategic Decisions. The report projects that PDA sales will top \$1.5 billion by 1998, based on a recent survey of potential PDA buyers. This research has helped identify the most important issues in selecting such a device. The report identifies potential price points and functions that could be most successful. It breaks the overall market into segments that focus on communications, computation, or organization and offers character-

izations for each segment. A second report, *Forecasting the Market for PDAs*, contains detailed market projections for each segment.

The report on *Buying Criteria* is priced at \$785, or \$1225 for the set of two reports. Contact BIS at One Longwater Circle, Norwell, MA 02061; 800/874-9980, fax 617/982-1724.

### Multimedia Explained

Media Vision has published a new book, *Mainstream Multimedia*, that takes a crack at explaining what multimedia is and what we should be doing about it. Authors Roger Fetterman and Satish Gupta look at both the business and technology aspects of this growing field. The book examines and compares multimedia platforms, applications, and markets. It explains how businesses can use these system to improve their efficiency.

The book is available in stores at a cover price of \$39.95. To order it directly, contact Van Nostrand Reinhold, Mail Order Department, PO Box 668, Florence, KY 41022; 800/842-3636 dept. Z3145, fax 606/525-7778.

### Seybold Solves Windows

Seybold presents *Windows Solutions* on September 15–18 at the Santa Clara (CA) Convention Center. The conference discusses hardware and software for Microsoft Windows, including topics such as microprocessors for Windows (RISC vs. CISC) as well as future PCs and servers. Other sessions cover Windows programming and applications, networking, the WOSA standard, and Windows NT. There will also be an exhibition for vendors of Windows products.

Early bird registration (by 7/15) costs \$895 for the conference. Write to Windows Solutions at PO Box 6710, Malibu, CA 90264; call 800/433-5200 ext. 1010 or 310/457-8500, fax 310/457-8599.