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ImageFX. Phone: 716-272-8030 or 800-229-8030. Fax: 716-272-1873. CompuServe: 76327,251.



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Microsoft Press. Phone: 800-MSPRESS. Fax: 800-PRIORDER. CompuServe/World Wide Web: GO MSP; http://www.microsoft.com/mspress.



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