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quarters in Tucson, AZ. Emphasis will be on the many specialized sample preparation techniques which make possible the ultramicrotomy of challenging materials. For more information, send an eMail to rnc@rnc-scientific.com or call Ann at (520)903-9366 x 251, Fax: (520)903-0132

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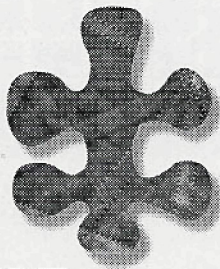
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