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Posted by duncan on Wed, 04 Oct 2006 02:15:29 GMT

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Posted by Aaron Allen on Wed, 04 Oct 2006 03:41:59 GMT
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Posted by duncan on Wed, 04 Oct 2006 04:45:43 GMT
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<know-spam@not_here.dude> wrote:

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Posted by John [1] on Wed, 04 Oct 2006 11:01:15 GMT
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Flat panels and Ghz for me !

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