Steve C: To edit the Registry (a database of user preferences and system configuration settings in Windows), open the Start menu and select the Run command. Type regedit in the Open field of the resulting dialog box and click the OK button. When the Registry Editor appears on-screen, highlight the My Computer listing in its left pane, and then open the Edit menu and click the Find command.

Steve C: In the Find What field, type the name of the offending file minus the file extension. If the error message mentions the Vshinit.vxd file, for instance, then you would type vshinit in the Find dialog box and click OK. The computer will locate any keys (Registry values) that match the file name. Delete whatever it finds. You can press the F3 key repeatedly to locate other matches. When the search is complete, quit the Registry Editor by opening the Registry menu and selecting Exit.

Steve C: To edit the System.ini file in Win98, open the Start menu and select the Run command. In the resulting dialog box, type sysedit. When the System Configuration Editor appears on-screen, click the System.ini file, open the Search menu, and select the Find command. In the Find field of the resulting dialog box, type the name of the file mentioned in the error message. If the Find utility locates the file, delete it. Press the F3 key repeatedly to locate other instances of the file. Reboot your PC.

Steve C: That's it.