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M idsize companies sometimes are the middle children of total quality—overlooked in favor of bigger and smaller siblings.

QCI International offers a free catalog on total quality especially for midsize organizations. The catalog includes books, manuals, videos, software, and training courses that focus on getting everyone in an organization involved in total quality. The products are designed to get all employees on board, even ones who work independently or in remote locations.

QCI also offers a free issue of its monthly magazine, *Quality Digest*.

For more information, contact QCI International, Red Bluff, California. *Circle 260 on reader service card.* 

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A free newsletter, *Executive Briefing: Success Strategies for Today's Managers,* offers original articles that address the needs of top-level managers.

Each biweekly issue features information and tips, as well as a two-page section, "Focus On...," which concentrates on a single topic. Recent issues cover such subjects as boosting sales, cutting costs, motivating employees, and enhancing executive skills.

For more information, contact Economic Press, Fairfield, New Jersey. *Circle 261 on reader service card.* 

## **Disability Devices**

About 43 million Americans have disabilities, according to Electronic Industries Association. Many people with disabilities are or can be productive workers with the aid of special devices. "Extend Their Reach" is a pamphlet that describes some of the thousands of electronic devices that can assist people with impairments in sight, speech, hearing, and motion. The pamphlet also lists companies that manufacture and sell some of the products. Additional sections offer suggestions on funding and on obtaining more information.

To receive the pamphlet, contact Electronic Industries Association, Washington, D.C.

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## A Little Light on the Subject

Make points in your next presentation with the Infiniter laser pointer from Alpec-Team.

The Infiniter can direct a bright red point of light exactly where you want your audi-



ence's attention. The pen-sized pointer can be used to highlight overhead transparencies, video monitors, slides, charts, and LCD panels. Simply push the pen clip and aim.

The Infiniter can operate for three hours using two AAA batteries; the beam will reach up to 100 yards. The cost is \$72 for the nickel/silver version, \$72 for matte black, and \$120 for a 24K gold finish.

For more information, contact Alpec-Team, Danville, California. *Circle 263 on reader service card.* 

## Too Much Light on the Subject

Now you can project visuals even in brightly lit areas. All it takes is one of

This month's tools focus on presentations and quality. Plus, a face only a mother could love is featured in Lite Tools.

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## New Training Tools

these two new projection tools and your usual video source.

The Imager 601 Retro and Imager 901 Retro projectors from GE Projection Display Products are designed to project in rooms in which presenters can't control the amount of ambient light that's available.

Each of the Imager Retro projectors is contained within an easy-to-

> assemble, twopiece unit that includes a 67inch diagonal, black-stripe, highgain rear-projection screen. The projec-

tors, which are constructed for wide viewing angles, feature 1,000 lines of

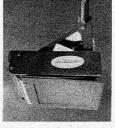
resolution and more than 800 lumens of brightness. Both projectors are compatible with a wide range of computer inputs and may be used to display images from almost any video source.

For more information, contact GE Projection Display Products, Syracuse, New York.

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## **Block the Light**

Have you ever struggled to find the on/off switch on an overhead projector so you could direct your audience's attention away from the screen and onto you?



The Vu-Block blocks the screen while you change transparencies and whenever you want people's eyes on you. There's no need to turn off the projector. The hinged Vu-Block device attaches easily to any projector and operates with the flick of a finger. It's small enough to fit in a briefcase.

The price of the Vu-Block is \$24.95. For more information, contact George Hetrick and Associates, Phoenix, Arizona.

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## **Training Tips**

Often promoted as the "trainer's trainer," Robert Pike now offers his widely delivered workshop on a videotape, "Creative Training and Presentation Techniques."

The video consists of four modules: Preparation, Openings and Closings, Motivation, and Creativity. The emphasis is on a step-by-step approach in which participants construct their own outlines for presentations and training programs.

The video comes with a 24-page facilitator's guide, which shows how to stimulate involvement and covers such topics as room logistics and seating arrangements. The 54-page participant's guide, which is designed to be a record of the workshop, includes bonus activities and back-on-the-job reference material.

The cost of the complete package is \$595. For more information, contact BBC Business and Training Media, New York, New York. *Circle 266 on reader service card.* 

## Round 'Em Up; Head 'Em Out

Here are two videos that can help make organizational change a reality— "Paradigm Pioneers" with Joel Barker and "Reinventing the Organization" with Gerald Ross and Michael Kay.

From the heart of Japan to the prairies of Wyoming, Barker talks with "paradigm pioneers," people who recognize opportunities brought about by paradigm shifts and who have the intuition, courage, and



commitment to drive those shifts from rough concept to application.

In "Reinventing the Organization," Ross and Kay are joined by three CEOs whose companies have undertaken massive change in the face of hostile environments. The CEOs describe how they revitalized their businesses by eschewing traditional approaches and by bringing people into the change process.

The video answers the question, "How do you change?" with tips on building empowerment, harnessing resistance, and reinventing people's jobs.

Each video costs \$895 to purchase and \$200 to rent. For more information, contact Videolearning, Haverford, Pennsylvania.

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#### Fortune Hundred or So

"Be realistic; demand the impossible." That's just one of the fortunes you'll find in *Fortune Cookies:*  *Management Wit and Wisdom*. The book is a collection of aphorisms from back issues of *Fortune* magazine, with insights on leadership, employee morale, and innovation ("Innovate or evaporate.")

The book is available through Vintage books, at bookstores, and as a Random House AudioBook.

## From the Horses' Mouths

Get the inside scoop directly from winners of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in the video, "Quality Secrets: The Baldrige Award Winners Speak."

For more information, contact Films for the Humanities & Sciences, Princeton, New Jersey. *Circle 268 on reader service card.* 

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#### **Lite Tools**

Just for fun.... Didn't go to Paris this year? No matter. Paris can come to you in the form of desktop gargoyles.

Just like the many gargoyles that protect Paris's castles and cathedrals, these medieval monstrosities will watch over your desk or bookshelf and look appropriately grotesque. The gargoyles are cast of weatherproof crushed stone and hand-finished with antique patinas to give them a centuries-old look.

Choose from "Fierce" and "Thinking." The cost of each twopound, 5-inch gargoyle is \$16.95. Two or more cost \$14.95 each. For more information, contact David Kay, Peoria, Illinois. *Circle 269 on reader service card*.

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