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The videotapes are available in either ¾-inch u-matic, ½-inch VHS or ½-inch Beta format. The program is licensed on a perpetual or weekly basis, with single copy prices at \$3,500 and \$950 respectively. For more information, contact: Boeing Computer Services, Software and Education Products Group, 7980 Gallows Court, Vienna, VA 22180.

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Generic courses are offered at General Physics sites, with locations and dates available on request. Generic courses, and courses adapted to client needs are presented at client sites as required. For further information, write: General Physics Corporation, 10650 Hickory Ridge Road, Columbia, MD 21044.

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The suggested retail price for *The Grafix Idea* is \$79.95. For additional information, contact: **Idea Ware**, **Inc.**, 225 Lafayette Street, New York, NY 10012.

Making Needed Changes

For A Change: Breaking Old Habits and Making New Ones, one of Spectrum Films, Inc.'s lifestyle series, presents a behavioral approach to lifestyle change. It features individuals who have made and maintained changes, such as giving up smoking, losing weight and adding exercise to their daily schedules. The film details a systematic method that could be applied to many habits, including learning to relax, avoiding caffeine or learning to be more assertive.

The people profiled did not rely on

luck or willpower to break lifelong habits. They changed by taking action. The intent of the film is to persuade the viewer that permanent change is possible, rewarding and positive and to move the viewer to action. An accompanying viewer's guide provides a reference for the viewer to keep.

For A Change: Breaking Old Habits and Making New Ones is available in 16mm or ¾-inch videocassette. Other formats may be obtained by special order. The film may be purchased for \$485. A three-day preview costs \$35 (free to nonprofit organizations), and three-day rental costs \$65. For more information, contact: **Spectrum** Films, Inc., P.O. Box 801, Carlsbad, CA 92008-9990.

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