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The nonprofit Independent Living Partnership (ILP) - working for the rights of all to live independently in their own homes and communities.

## ***Help Finding Assistive Technology—***

Assistive Technology Network offers free information and referrals for assistive technology supplies, daily living devices, community resources, funding and service providers throughout California. Call 1-800-390-2699, TTY: 1-800-900-0706 or visit [www.atnet.org](http://www.atnet.org).

## **This Magnifier Lights the Way to Clear Viewing**

This **MAXI-BRITE LED Magnifier** is designed to assist reduced-vision individuals with clear viewing of newspaper, books, magazines, photos, menus and for other everyday needs. The LED bulb provides extra light when necessary and never needs replacement. Measuring less than 6 inches in length, this magnifier can be comfortably used at home or tucked into a purse or briefcase. The magnifier comes in its own vinyl drawstring carry case. Three AAA batteries are required. Available for less than \$30.00. Search the words "Reizen magnifier handheld".



## **This Device is Ideal For Reaching Ceiling Fans, Ledges...**

...light fixtures, vaulted ceilings, high windows and much more. The **6.5" Telescopic Wool Angle Duster** is specially designed for quick and easy-to-reach dusting at any angle. It's made with a sturdy but lightweight aluminum telescopic wand. The duster detaches from the pole for hand dusting smaller jobs, and can extend from 4'5" to 6'5" for higher dusting. Thousands of soft, dense lambs wool fibers act as a magnet to naturally attract and hold dust particles without the use of cleaning chemicals or aerosols. Easy to clean: The wool head can be unscrewed from the handle for cleaning. Shake then twirl the duster head handle between your hands to spin the dust from the wool, as well as fluffing the fibers. This and similar products are available from multiple vendors online for less than \$15.00. To find this useful tool online search the words "telescopic wool duster".



## Ladies Talking Watch Features Two Voices

Simply press a button to hear the current time announced. With this versatile watch, you can even select what voice you want to hear - male or female. It is easy to set using the oversized crown and push button feature. It is powered by 2 lithium batteries (included) and is available for less than \$50.00. There are many styles and features available in talking watches. To find the perfect watch for you, word search "talking watch".



### June Is:

- ▶ National Safety Month
- ▶ Men's Health Month
- ▶ Cataract Awareness Month

### Special Days in June

- ▶ Father's Day, June 17th
- ▶ Summer Solstice, June 21st

Anne Frank  
6/1929-3/1945

Anne Frank is one of the most discussed Jewish victims of the Holocaust. Her diary has been basis for several plays and films.

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world".

Anne Frank

### VENDOR RESOURCE LIST

- Active Forever: [www.activeforever.com](http://www.activeforever.com)  
1-800-377-8033
- Active Medical: [www.activemedical.com](http://www.activemedical.com)  
1-866-866-2700
- Amazon: [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)
- Arthritis Supplies: [www.ArthritisSupplies.com](http://www.ArthritisSupplies.com)  
1-800-750-0376
- Body Back Buddy: [www.bodybackbuddy.com](http://www.bodybackbuddy.com)  
1-877-601-9118
- Bright Life Directs: [www.brightlifedirect.com](http://www.brightlifedirect.com)  
1-8977-545-8585
- Bruce Medical: [www.brucemedical.com](http://www.brucemedical.com)  
1-800-225-8446
- Dynamic-Living: [www.dynamic-living.com](http://www.dynamic-living.com)  
1-888-940-0605
- Elder Depot: [www.elderdepot.com](http://www.elderdepot.com)  
1-800-910-7790
- Gold Violin: [www.goldviolin.com](http://www.goldviolin.com)  
1-877-648-8400
- LS & S: [www.Lssproducts.com](http://www.Lssproducts.com)  
1-800-468-4789
- Make Life Easier: [www.make-life-easier.com](http://www.make-life-easier.com)
- Maxi Aids: [www.maxiaids.com](http://www.maxiaids.com)  
1-800-522-6294
- Overstock.com: [www.overstock.com](http://www.overstock.com)
- Sight Connection: [www.sightconnection.com](http://www.sightconnection.com)  
1-800-458-4888
- Silverts: [www.silverts.com](http://www.silverts.com)
- Simple Comforts: [www.simplecomforts.com](http://www.simplecomforts.com)  
1-800-361-1440
- Solutions: [www.solutions.com](http://www.solutions.com)  
1-877-718-7901
- Support Plus: [www.supportplus.com](http://www.supportplus.com)  
1-800-229-2910
- The Alzheimer's Store: [www.alzstore.com](http://www.alzstore.com)  
1-800-752-3238
- Walgreens: [www.walgreens.com](http://www.walgreens.com)
- Walmart: [www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com)

All of the products mentioned in this newsletter are available at some of the vendors mentioned above and may be available for different prices from different vendors. We encourage you to check with various vendors, merchants and Web search before making your final choice.

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## New Victor Reader Stream Goes Wireless

The **New Generation Victor Reader Stream** has wireless capabilities that will open up the world to the blind and visually impaired. With this Stream you can receive content from books and newspapers, podcasts and radio. It features a built-in speaker and headphone jack, self-voicing controls, a sleep key, and playback speed control. Use the “Where Am I” key to announce your page or chapter location, or a song title. The Reader Stream has a built-in mono microphone to record your voice notes. The high-contrast tactile keypad and popular Victor Reader bookshelf navigation makes this the easiest to use hand-held player on the market. Free software updates are accessible over wireless networks. The list price of the New Generation Victor Reader Stream is \$369.00. For more information search the words “Victor Reader Stream”.



## Feed Your Pet Without Straining Your Back

No more bending or stooping to feed your pet! The **No Bend Pet Bowl** has an easy grip adjustable handle that extends from 18” up to 28.5” high, allowing you to handle pet bowls from a standing position. Featuring removable handles, the two 9” diameter bowls are dishwasher safe. The Pet Bowl is great for seniors or



anyone who could benefit from the convenience of not having to reach down or stretch into a painful position to feed their pets. The price range for this item from

various vendors is \$11.95 to \$16.95. Search the words “no bend pet bowl” to find the vendor of your choice.

## This Device is Perfect For Making Egg Sandwiches

No need to turn on the burners to make an egg sandwich. The **Microegg** unit is bread shaped.

Simply crack an egg into the unit, close the top over it, and set your microwave 60 seconds. The egg is perfectly cooked and ready to be placed on bread or toast. Made of safe, stick-resistant silicone, it’s dishwasher-safe. This and similar products are available from multiple vendors online for less than \$8.79. To find this handy kitchen item and other egg cookers, search the word “Microegg egg cooker”.



## Increase Your Word Power

**Camaraderie** (kahm-’rah-dud-ree) n.

A: good fellowship. B: photographic.  
C: odd collection

**Answer: A** good fellowship. Despite a dismal win-loss record, our team has plenty of camaraderie

## No More Struggling with The Garden Hose

If you're tired of always having to unkink your watering hose, the compact, lightweight, and easy to store, the **Super Hydrohose Hose Reel** may be just what you're looking for. This versatile water hose stays clean and kink-free so you always get a steady, pristine stream of water. Made with the same technology as professional fire hoses, the **Hydrohose** is flat when it's not in use and expands to 3/4." It comes with 40 feet of green **Hydrohose** and a hose nozzle. The flat design and compact reel allow you to store the **Super Hydrohose** with a minimum of space. According to the vendor, the hose's rugged nylon outer casing prevents punctures and stays flexible in temperatures down to -30° F. We found the **Super Hydrohose Hose Reel** online for between \$25.21 and \$49.95. You can find this useful tool by searching online the words "hydrohose hose reel."



## Here's a Desk-Top Calculator That Speaks

This **Full Function Talking Calculator** features a giant 8-digit display and a clear, easy-to-understand female voice. The calculator also has repeat, memory, auto power shut-off, and adjustable volume features. And you can hear the spoken results in either units or by digit. The calculator uses 2 AA batteries (not included). It's available for less than \$15.00. This item can be found online from various vendors that sell assistive technology products. Search the words "talking calculator" to find the calculator that will best suits your need.



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