

FAMILY FUN

The Focus Is Now On Digital Slideshows

(NAPSA)—Slideshows that use a projector and slide carousel are slipping in popularity. Why? Like cameras and photo albums, slideshows have gone digital.

Today, people can use digital cameras to take photos, download the images to their computer, create entertaining slideshows using new slideshow software—then burn copies to CD or DVD and share them with family and friends on TV.

Not only is slideshow software quicker and easier to use, it also lets you add motion, music, text, video, narration and other fun stuff to your pictures so they join together to tell a story. Here are some tips for creating great slideshows:

- **Before you start.** It's important that you choose slideshow software that the critics recommend. One such product is Ulead CD & DVD PictureShow, which helps you create slideshows in just three easy steps. For families, there's the Disney Magic Artist version, which lets kids star in their own slideshow with Mickey Mouse, Winnie the Pooh and Cinderella characters. For more information, visit www.ulead.com.

- **Continuous Action.** Capturing the action of that big soccer game from moment to moment can be fun and rewarding. With slideshow software, you'll be able to play back that soccer game and add special touches. First, use your software's photo-editing feature to make sure your shots look their best. Then select a sports-themed template to frame your edited shots. Finally, use the pan-and-zoom feature to add motion to your photos with sweeping pans and animated zooms, or try adding props such as a soccer ball to spice up photos.



Slideshow software lets you turn your digital photos into entertaining slideshows that you can watch on TV.

- **Play the Angles.** Be spontaneous. Try different angles when taking shots of your baby's first steps, for instance. Zoom in and take some close-ups of him to show the delight (or surprise) on his face. Then use one of your software's special effects, such as "fade," to transition from one photo to the next. Add your favorite children's music and you'll end up with a slideshow that will have everyone smiling.

- **Plan Ahead.** Don't just limit yourself to the big holidays—also consider the smaller ones scattered throughout the year. Start off like the professionals by compiling a "shot list" of must-have shots, plus general shots that will help you tell your story. You can then arrange the order of the photos in your slideshow and add music, props and text—even narration and home video—to make it truly entertaining.

Finally, invite your friends and family over and watch your slideshow "special" on TV in the comfort of your living room.