## **Games Amuse And Connect Families And Friends**

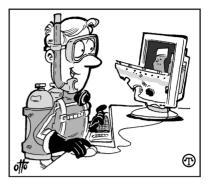
(NAPSA)—You'll always have Paris...and other fun places, too. Thanks to casual games, with a single mouse click, you can virtually experience well-known cities and intense adventures such as the underwater exploration of the Titanic—all from the comfort of your favorite chair.

## Families and Friends Connect for Fun

Travel and adventure are mind broadening and educational but oftentimes beyond the budget. Fortunately, you can now experience virtual explorations and adventures through casual games costing less than \$20. These family-friendly and fun games are fast becoming the preferred activity for Americans ages 5 to 95, and also create connections as mothers play with their children, grand-parents play with their grandchildren and friends stay in touch.

Zip off to Europe with the Travelogue 360 series from Big Fish Games that offers a unique experience using actual photos of famous locations and landmarks throughout Paris and other fun places. While players search for hidden and hard-to-find objects, they also learn more about these beautiful locations with the "Fun Facts" that appear after every stage of the game. Explore mysterious and exciting locations such as the Titanic where you go on an underwater scavenger hunt with the Hidden Expedition series from Big Fish Games.

As passion for casual games has grown, so has the interest in sharing this compelling hobby with friends. My Game Space™, a social network site for casual gamers, offers an easy way to create personal game spaces, write reviews, share favorite games with friends and earn cash rewards. Members generate rewards by referring friends to the game space. More than 600,000 members have



GAMES PEOPLE PLAY—Travel, adventure, fun and connecting with your family are just a click away.

flocked to sign up since its September 2006 launch. And while sharing casual games with friends and family is an enjoyable pastime, it is also a great way for you to have fun by yourself, to relax and relieve the stress of a hectic day.

## **Sharpen Your Wits**

Further good news is that these games can also help sharpen and maintain your mental agility. A New England Journal of Medicine study showed that people engaging in mental exercise, such as challenging, interactive games at least four times a week, reduced the probabilities of Alzheimer's and dementia by as much as 65-75 percent compared to those who did not play at all or only played once a week. The study followed more than 450 people for over 20 years. This combination of exploration, adventure and the benefits of mental exercise has helped Big Fish Games become a leading destination for casual gamers.

## A Game A Day

Big Fish Games offers a new game every day and is reported to have one of the biggest and highest-quality game catalogs on the Internet, with more than 400 titles. The good news: You can try out these games for free to see which one suits you best. To begin your next adventure, just visit www.bigfishgames.com.