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### Features Make For Enjoyable Net Experience

(NAPSA)—For the millions of Americans who are already “at home” on the Internet, and the millions more who’ll be making their first trip down the information superhighway this year, the key to an enjoyable Web experience is using an Internet Service Provider (ISP) that offers a winning combination of features, convenience and price.

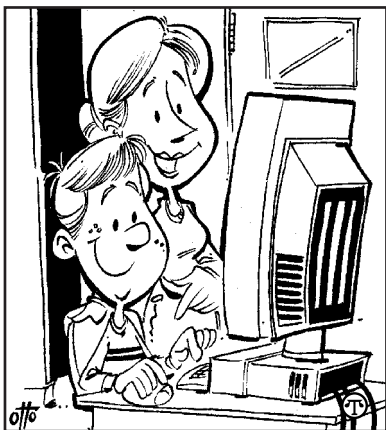
For example, many people access the Internet from multiple locations—school, work, home and so forth—so it’s helpful to be able to pick up and respond to e-mail wherever you are, rather than being tied to a single computer. Another essential feature for parents are parental control tools, to help make sure that children surf the Web safely.

The latest version of America’s most popular ISP incorporates these and other features—many of them in response to consumer requests—to give users the easiest, most convenient and most enjoyable Internet experience available today.

America Online (AOL®) members already sign on more than 70 million times a day, logging more than a billion hours a month, and the newest version of its software is likely to pad those statistics as new users sign up for the service. Some of the new features to be found on AOL® 8.0 include:

- **Self-expression:** An array of features make it fun and easy for members to express their personality through animated Buddy Icons and Buddy Sounds, colorful backgrounds for instant messages and e-mail stationery.

- **Taking an interest:** Members can now immediately connect with other members online—at any time, on any subject—through



**Parents need to keep tabs on their children’s Internet use, and a popular service provider makes it easier to do so.**

MatchChat™, which brings together people with common interests. Music Share™ makes it fun and easy for members to share their favorite music and videos via instant messages.

- **Enhanced reliability and safety:** The new software uses technology to automatically reconnect users if their sessions are interrupted, bringing them right back to the areas they were visiting. AOL’s industry-leading Parental Controls let parents see, at a glance, the settings for their children’s accounts and adjust restrictions—even while they are at work. Parents can even get a “report card” of their kids’ online activities.

The ISP also offers new e-mail management capabilities, instant polls, shopping, wireless and online alerts and reminders for news and other information, music exclusives and much more.

For more information, or to receive a free AOL 8.0 startup disk, call 1-703-265-1000 or visit the Web site at [www.aol.com](http://www.aol.com).