# Becky's pick of interesting web sites

Listed below are some web sites that may be of interest to you and your family.

#### www.computerlearning.org/

International nonprofit educational foundation dedicated to improving the quality of education and preparation of youth. Great source of introductory materials for parents.

#### www.abelltolls.com

A site that compares long-distance telephone plans.

#### www.stamps.com

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Download free software and open a print account to print out postage on your envelopes instead of going to the post office and waiting in long lines.

## Websites for finding out-of-print books:

www.abebooks.com www.alibris.com www.amazon.com www.bibliocity.com www.powells.com www.barnesandnoble.com www.bookfinder.com

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Is your computer Y2K ready?

As far as operating systems, Windows 98 is Year 2000 compliant. However, Windows 3.1 and older versions of Windows 95 will need software patches.

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Please feel free to call us regarding your computer equipment and the Y2K. We have already begun working with customers to make sure their computers are Year 2000 compliant.

# Children's Rules for On-Line Safety

With the school season around the corner, we decided to reprint some safety internet guidelines for children. Keep in mind there are a number of software programs to help parents guide a child's use of the web: SurfWatch Software (800-458-6600), Cyber Patrol (800-489-2001), Net Nanny (800-340-7177), Cybersitter (805-892-2557).

The best advice of course is for parents to sit with their child at the computer and explore what the Web offers in its vast goodies and how a child is using it. Showing your child the many fun and educational sites can dissuade the temptation to go down the dark streets of the Web. Safety rule suggestions:

1. I will not give out personal information such as my address, telephone number, parents' work address, or the name and location of my school without my parents' permission.

2. I will tell my parents right away if I come across any information that makes me feel uncomfortable.

3. I will never agree to get together with someone I "meet" on-line without first checking with my parents. If my parents agree to the meeting, I will be sure that it is in a public place and bring my mother or father along.

4. I will never send a person my picture or anything else without first checking with my parents.

5. I will not respond to any messages that are mean or in any way make me feel uncomfortable. It is not my fault if I get a message like that. If I do I will tell my parents right away so that they can contact the on-line service.

6. I will talk with my parents to that we can set up rules for going on-line, the length of time I can be on-line and the appropriate areas for me to visit. I will not access other areas or break these rules without their permission.

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