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Camera-Quality Pictures From A Wireless Phone

(NAPSA)—Technology is increasingly finding ways to combine two gadgets to save space and money. For example, there's the microwave/convection oven. And the DVD/VCR combo. And let's not forget the camera phone.

Although most camera phones are fine for quickly sending candid images to friends and family, the pictures generally aren't digital quality—the sort you'd want to print out and put in a photo album. Fortunately, the technological capability of wireless phones has increased, so that snapshots taken with the latest models are sure to satisfy any shutterbug.

For example, Samsung Telecommunications America and Verizon Wireless have introduced the SCH-a990, the first 3.2-megapixel digital camera phone in the United States that enables photo enthusiasts to take high-resolution photos of a similar print quality as a stand-alone digital camera.

In addition, the phone boasts a number of media capabilities, including video recording capabilities, V CAST to view video, V CAST Music to download music directly to the phone, and Bluetooth® wireless technology that allows a customer to print pictures directly to a Bluetooth-enabled printer. It also supports Verizon Wireless' VZ Navigator, a tool for customers that includes mapping, audible turn-by-turn navigation and the ability to find over 14 million points of interest.

"The launch of the a990 marks the first time a multimedia phone is fully integrated with a high-resolution camera in the U.S.," said Peter Skarzynski, senior vice



It's now possible to take digital camera-quality pictures with a wireless phone.

president, Samsung. "With a design that feels and looks like a phone and camera, it is the premiere print-quality camera phone for the photo enthusiasts in the U.S. market."

The SCH-a990 has a unique design that at first glance appears to be an ordinary camera and then, when the screen is rotated 180 degrees, looks like a cell phone. This innovative design, along with the high resolution and features such as a flash and in-camera photo-editing software, makes this the first mobile device that is as much a camera as it is a multimedia phone.

Users can also download games, ring tones, wallpapers and more through Verizon Wireless Get it Now service, as well as use the SCH-a990's Mobile Web 2.0 capabilities to access the latest in news, sports, weather and more.

For more information, visit a Verizon Wireless Communications Store, call (800) 2-JOIN-IN or visit www.verizonwireless.com.