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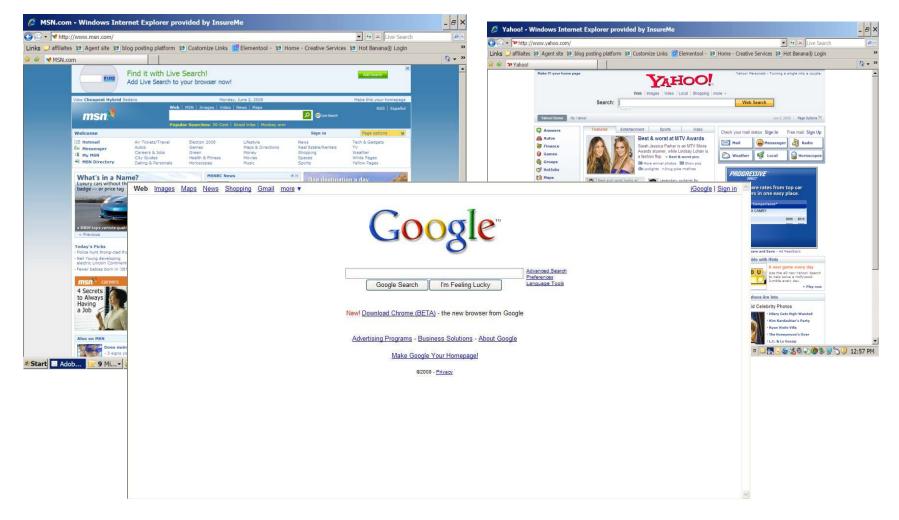
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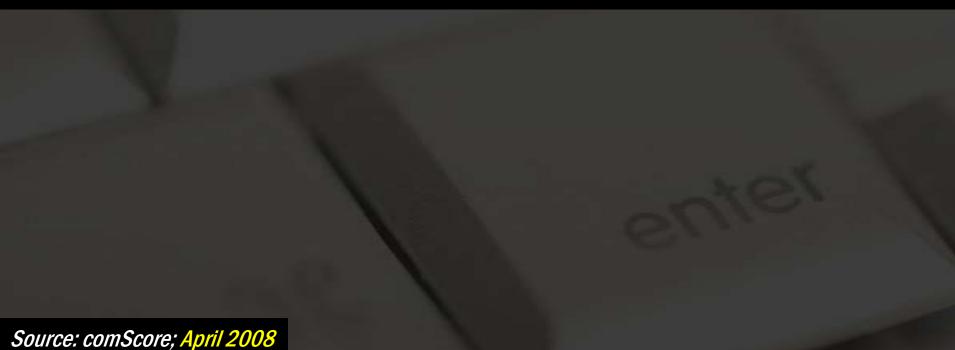




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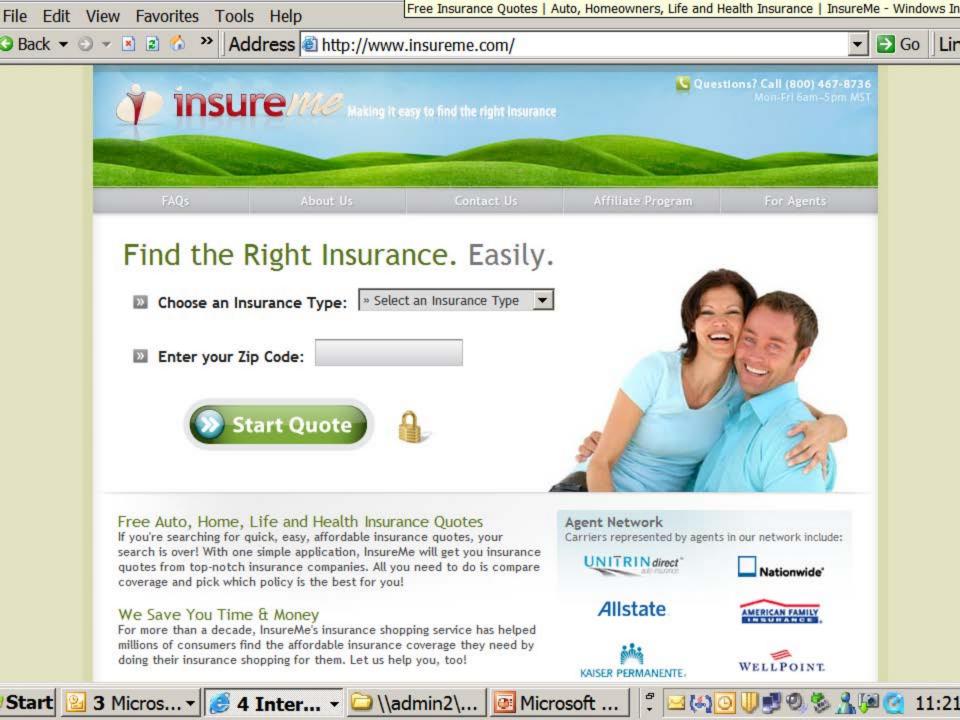
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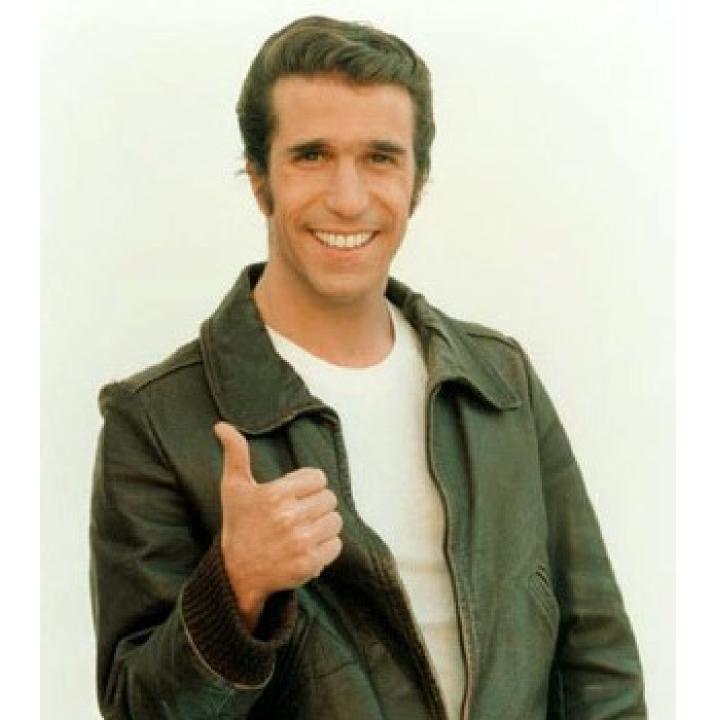
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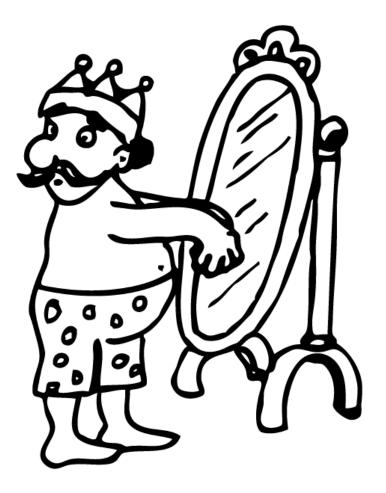
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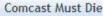
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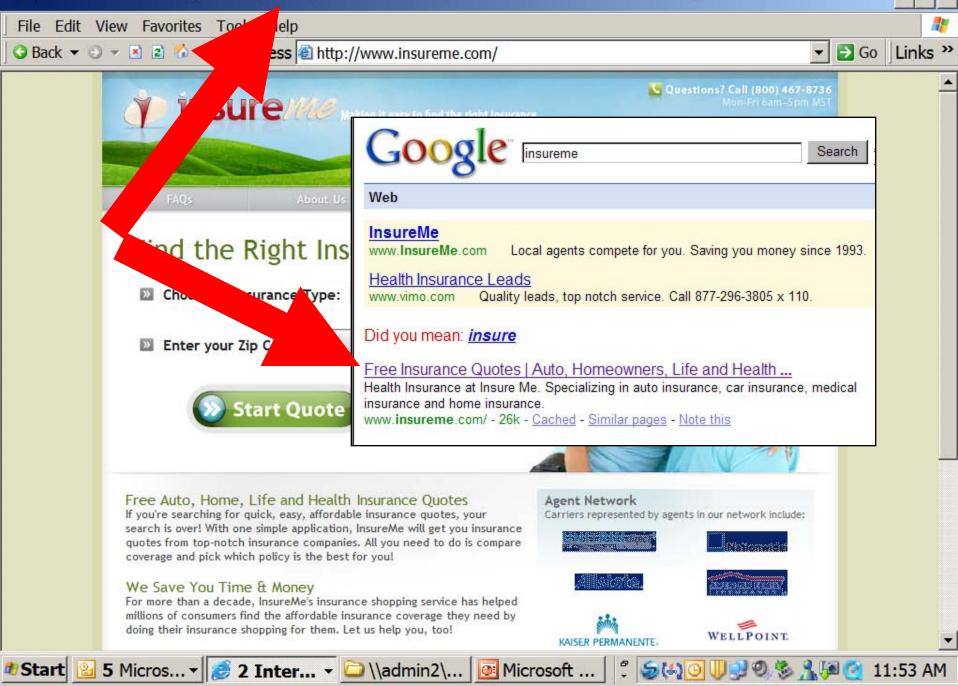


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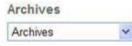
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9/16/2005 12:54:00 PM Posted by Marissa Mayer, Director of Consumer Web Products

If you do a Google search on the word [failure] or the phrase [miserable failure], the top result is currently the White House's official biographical page for President Bush. We've received some complaints recently from users who assume that this reflects a political bias on our part. I'd like to explain how these results come up in order to allay these concerns.

Google's search results are generated by computer programs that rank web pages in large part by examining the number and relative popularity of the sites that link to them. By using a practice called googlebombing, however, determined pranksters can occasionally produce odd results. In this case, a number of webmasters use the phrases [failure] and [miserable failure] to describe and link to President Bush's website, thus pushing it to the top of searches for those phrases. We don't condone the practice of googlebombing, or any other action that seeks to affect the integrity of our search results, but we're also reluctant to alter our results by hand in order to prevent such items from showing up. Pranks like this may be distracting to some, but they don't affect the overall quality of our search service, whose objectivity, as always, remains the core of our mission.

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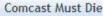
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Dear Friend and/or Fellow Traveler,

In the next few days, our site ComcastMustDie.com will be changing. This is partly because we have declared victory against Comcast, a vast, greedy, blundering, tonedeaf corporate colossus which, in one short year, has seen the light. Now it is now merely a vast, greedy, blundering corporate colossus.





But tone deaf no more.

As both The New York Times and Washington Post have recently reported, the company has heard our angry voices and taken concrete steps in the process of putting customers first. Meantime, it has used ComcastMustDie to specifically resolve many hundreds of customer complaints. There is a long way for Comcast to go, but there is also no question that it has been forced by us to reckon with us. Now we will employ the same formula to other serial customer-abusers.

In the next few days, inquiries to ComcastMustDie will be redirected to the newly created CustomerCircus.net, where other infamously arrogant corporations will be subjected to power of aggregated rage. (No worries. Comcast will still be one of them). We hope they, like Comcast, we see this not merely as a threat, but as an opportunity to connect with and regain the confidence -- even loyalty -- of its customers.

At the same time, I will be stepping away from the project, which now will be operated by my friends at Voyager360 in Santa Fe, NM, who have provided the technical back-end from the start. As a parting request, I ask that you revisit the ComcastMustDie video on YouTube and send it to everyone. Everyone. Just to remind Comcast, and everyone else, that declaration of victory does not mean our work is done.



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