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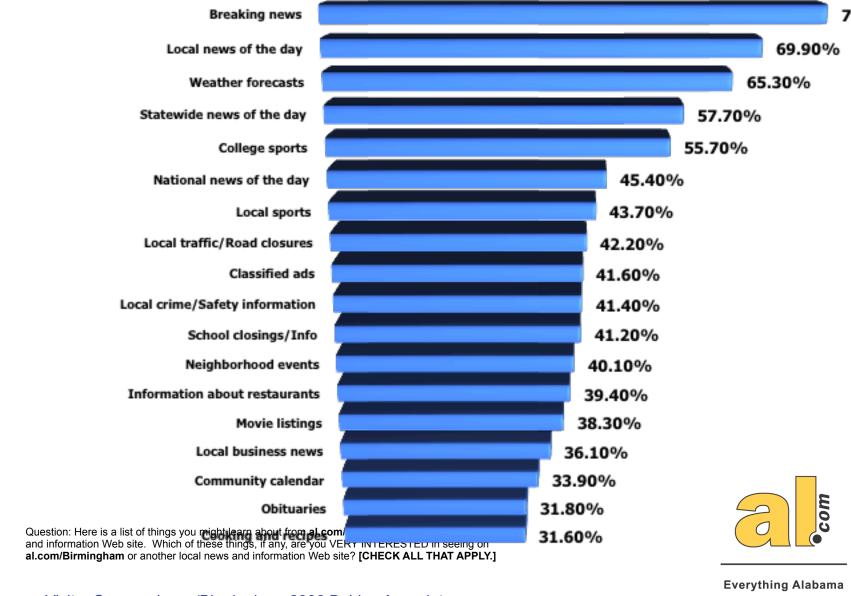
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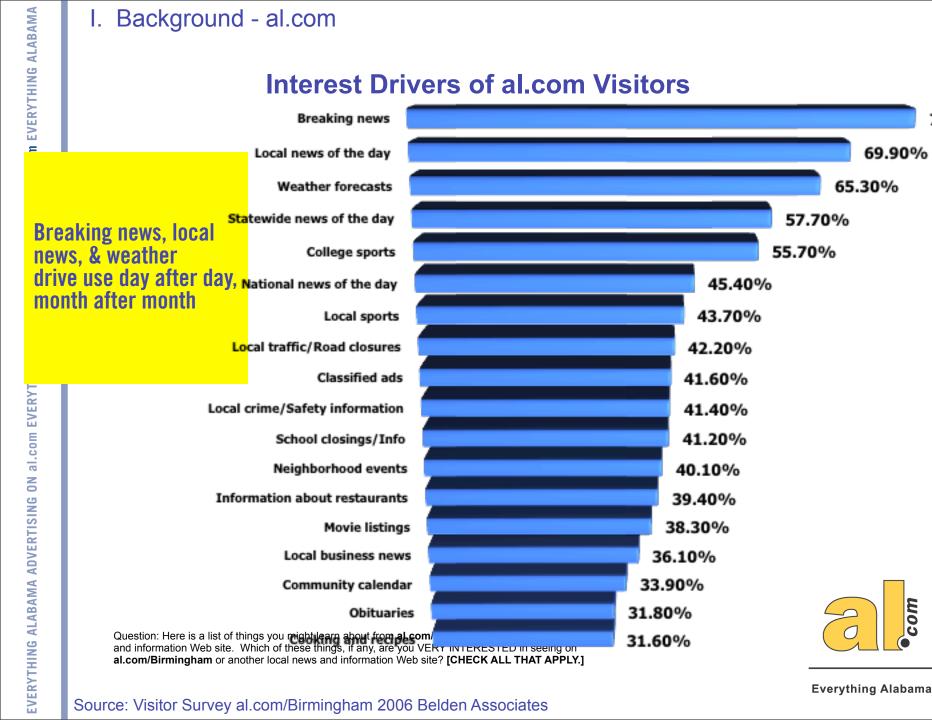
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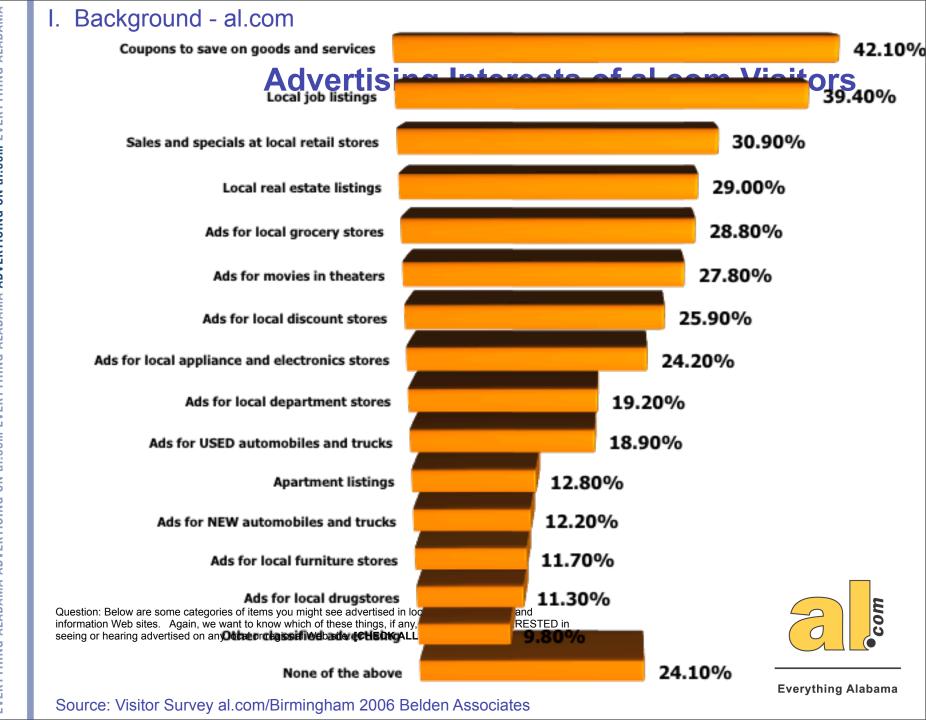


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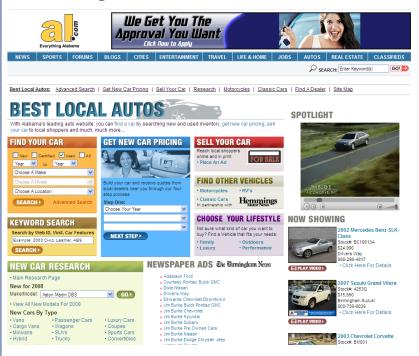


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	al.com*	AL Census**
Gender	54% Men 46% Women	49.9 % Men 50.1% Women
Ages 18-44	59% 18-44 years old	
Median Age	42 Years	37.2 Years
Median Income	\$70,300	\$38,473
Education	58% College Graduate or More	21.1%
Residence	83% Alabama Residents	

























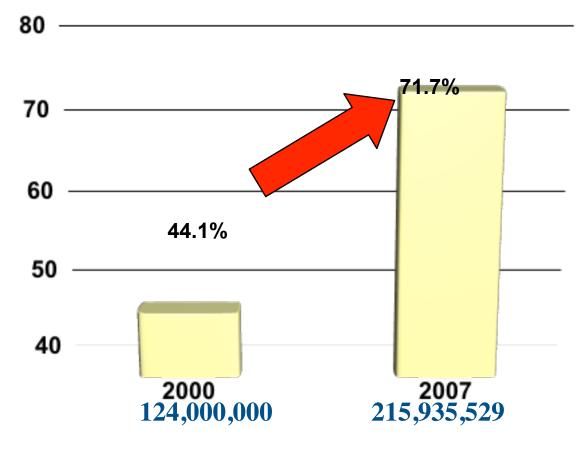


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Percentage of adult Americans who are Internet users*

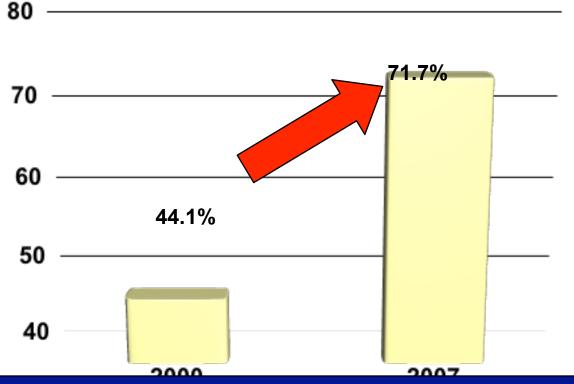




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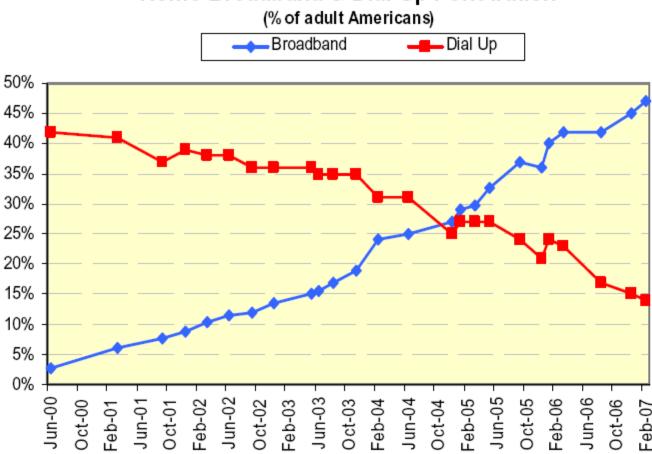


More Americans Have Internet Access (71.7%)
Than Cable TV (58%)**

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Home Broadband & Dial-Up Penetration



In 2007, 47% of US Households had broadband access



Daily Activities of Internet Users*

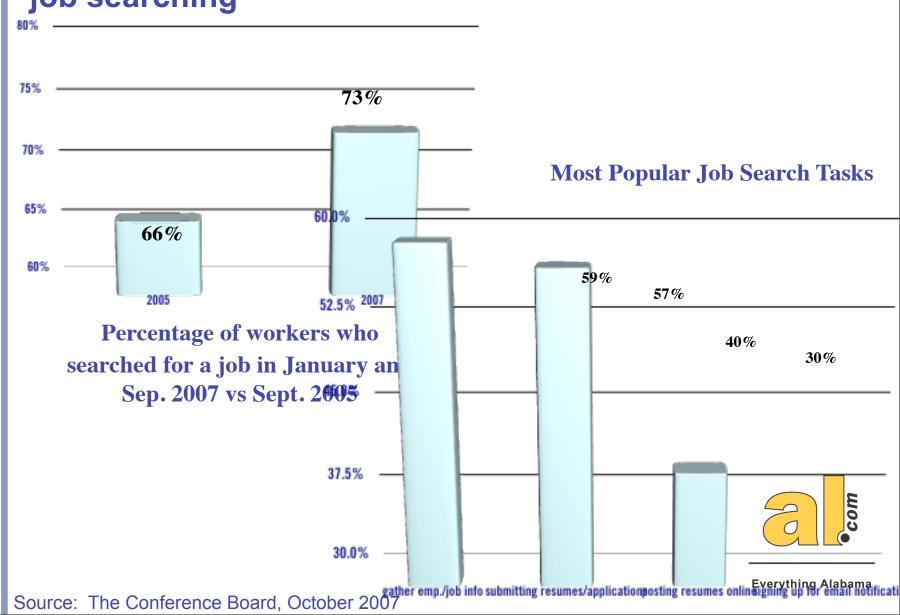
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Send or read e-mail		60
Use search engine	41	
Get news	37	
Surf for fun	28	
Check weather	22	
Do any banking	21	
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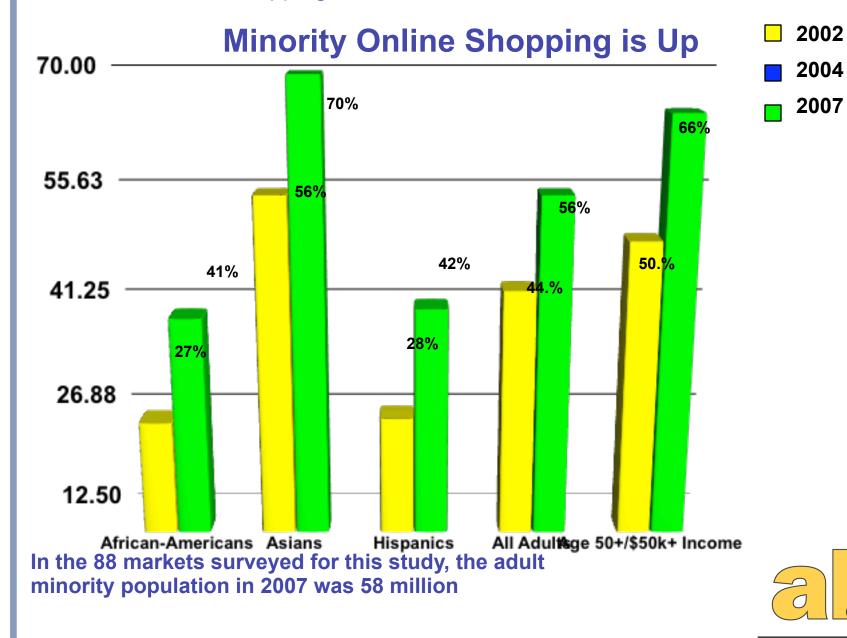


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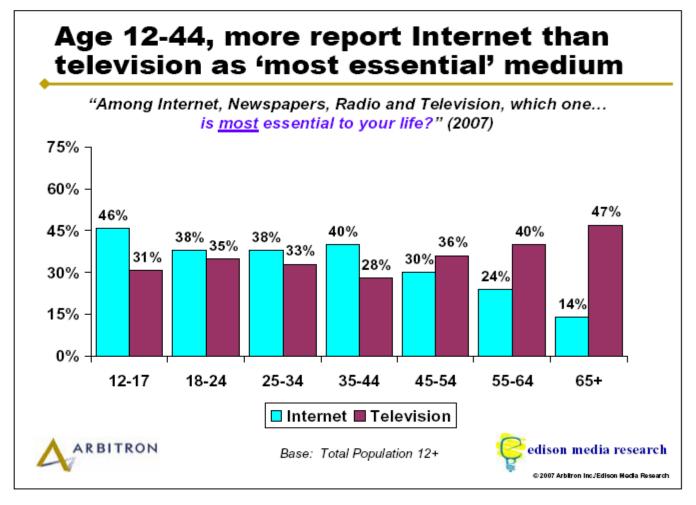
The Internet has become the most popular method of job searching



II. Trends - Online Shopping



Source: The Media Audit





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Average Time per Week that US Internet Users Spend With Select Media: September-October 2007 (Hours)*

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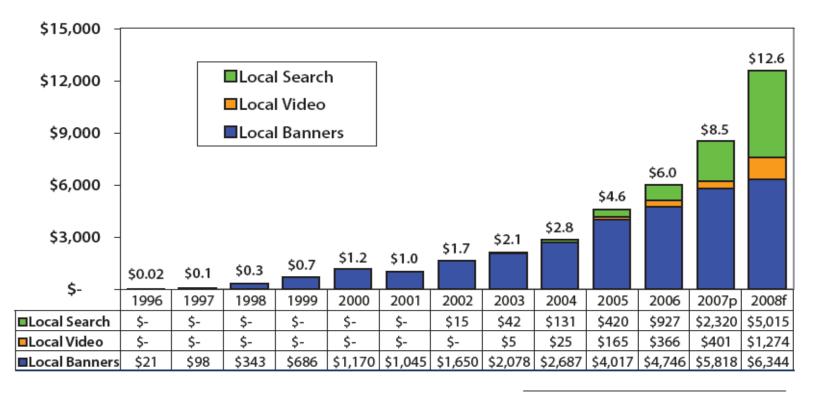


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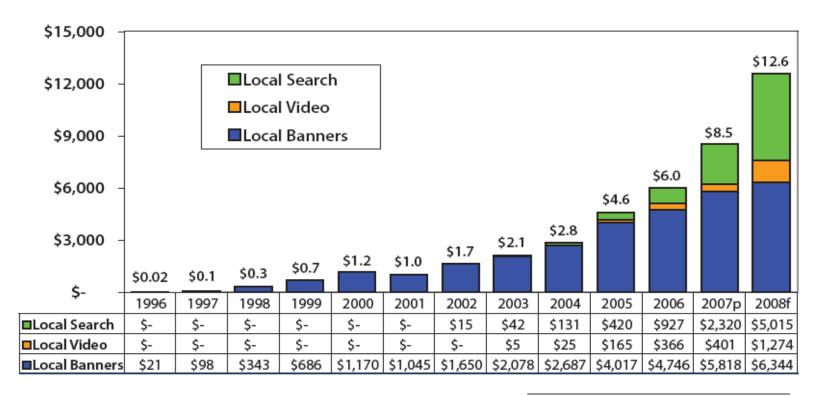


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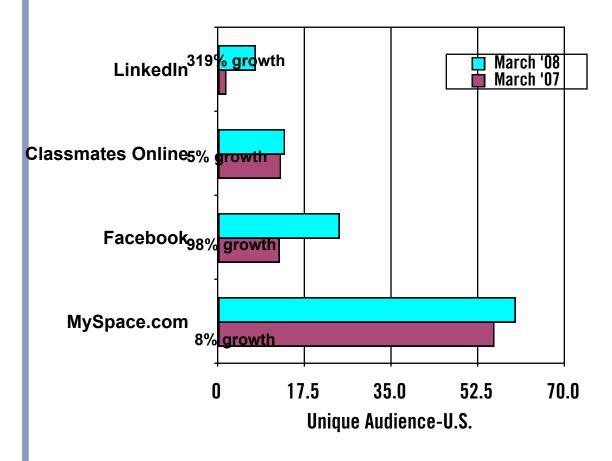
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The Internet will usurp television as the biggest advertising medium in Britain by the end of 2009*



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Growth in the four leading social networking sites*



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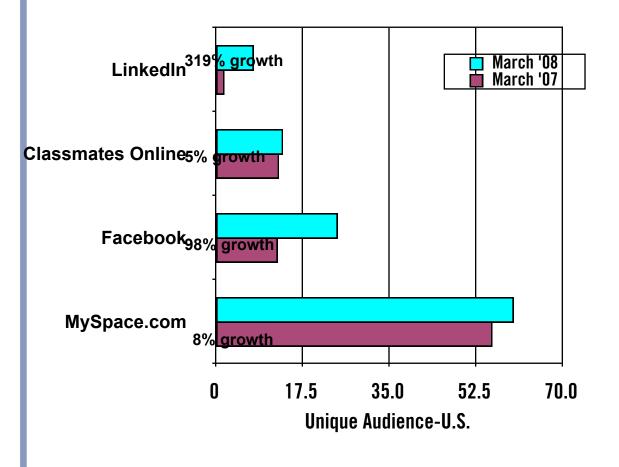
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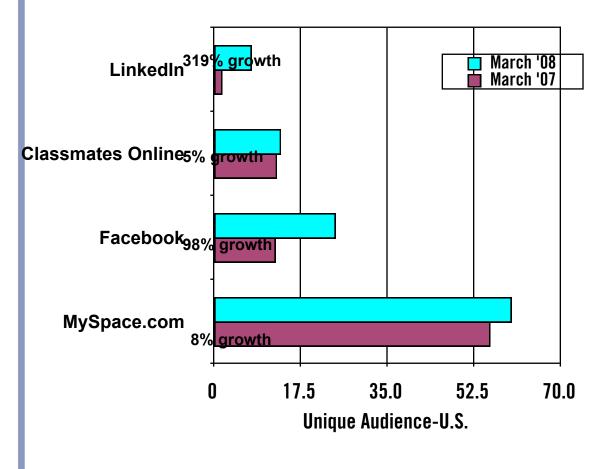
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eMarketer predicts that 44% of US consumers will use social networking at least once per month in 2008

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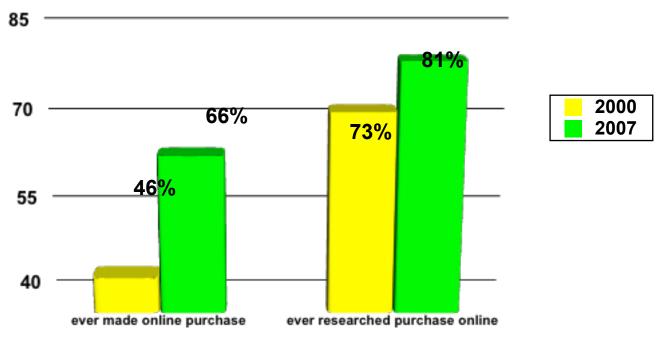
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Internet User Shopping Behavior



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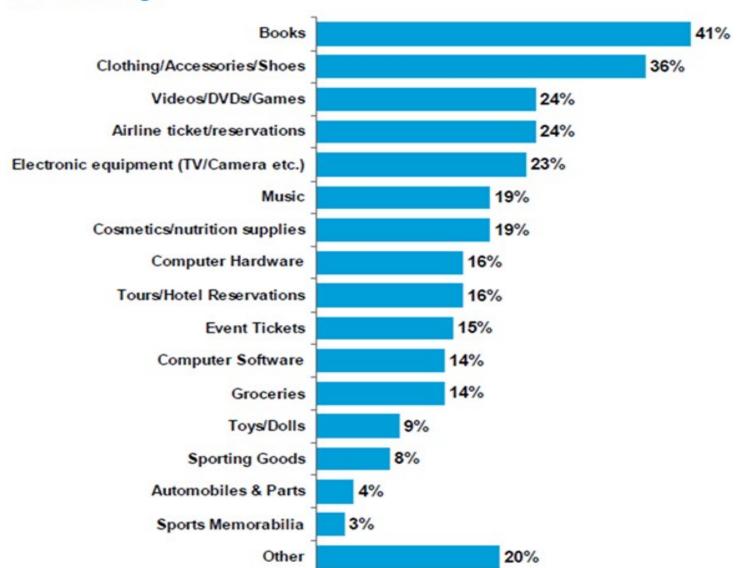
78% of consumers use the Internet to research products and services and then purchase offline at a local business.



*Nielson netRatings Survey, November 2007

III. Trends – Online Shopping

In the past 3 months what items have you purchased on the Internet? Global average





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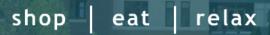
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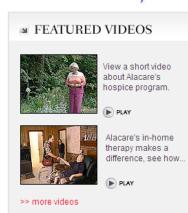
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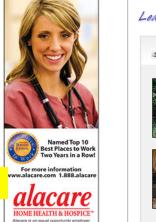
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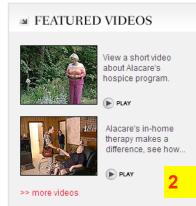
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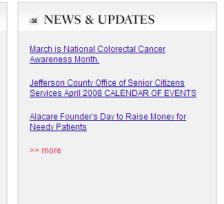
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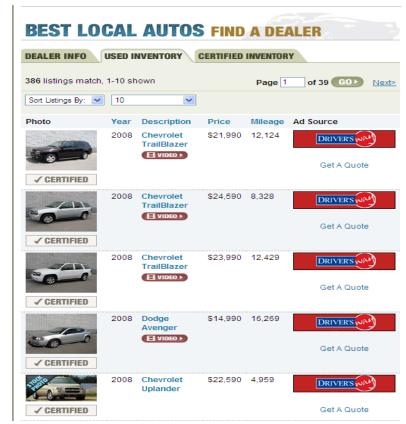
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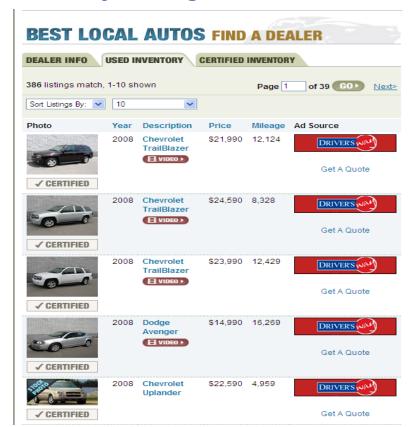
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- •Cell phones and GPSs will become **AD VEHICLES**
- •The **BLUR** between media will continue

