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By Ashr Efran

Countle Inc. increasingly is promoting some of its own content over that of rival websites when users perform an online search, prompting competing websites to cry foul.

The Internet glant is displaying links to its own services—such as local-business in formation or its Google Beath service—above the links to other, non-Google content found by its search engine.

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Google, which is developing more content or specialized-search sites in hopes of boosting ad revenue, says that prominently displaying links to them is more useful to Web searchers than just displaying links to sites that rank highly in its search system. But the moves mean Google increasingly is at oids with websites that rely on the search origine for visitors.

Those companies say their finits are being pushed lower on the trisults page to make room for the Google sites. Critics in clude executives at travel site. TripAdvisor.com, health site.

Weblath.com and local-business reviews sites Yelp.com and City-scarch.com, among others,

"There is no denyth that today Google is compelling furthmany websites] for the same Web traffic and the same advertising dollars," said Jay Herratt, chief executive of CiryCrid Wedia, a unit of McCinterActive-Corp. that owns Citysearch and sister sifes Urbanspoon.com and InsiderPages.com.

Mr. Herratti said he believes
Google's moves are hurting the
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chasing us and I don't like it one bit," said Mr. Kaufer, adding that he has been negotiating with Google for about two months to try to improve his situation.

"We built Google for users, not websites, and our goal is to give users answers," a Google spokeswoman said in a statement. "Sometimes the most useful answer isn't '10 blue links,' but a map for an address query, or a series of images for a query like 'pictures of Egyptian pyramids.' We often provide these results in the form of 'quick answers' at the top of the page, because our users want a quick answer."

She declined to comment on any specific criticisms or any discussions with other websites.

The complaints underscore how crucial Google searches are to virtually every business online, and the increasingly close scrutiny of how Google operates. In November, the European Union's top antitrust authority said it began a formal inquiry into whether Google manipulates its search results to disadvantage competing Web services, or give preferential placement to Google's own services.

The EU received a complaint from a shopping-search site that claimed it and other similar sites saw their traffic drop after Google began promoting its own Product, Search service above conventional search results.

Google said it has never intentionally hurt competing services. It has also said the complaints to the EU were made by companies with ties to rival Microsoft Corp.

The latest complaints by Web competitors don't focus on Google's underlying search algorithms—which show links that are supposed to be most relevant to a particular query—but the way it displays links to its own services. The company insists it is simply helping users.

The issue isn't entirely new. The company for several years has used prominent links to services such as Google Finance and Google Maps to boost their popularity, with varying results.

But Google's recent moves seem to be prompting more complaints from competitors. Since last fall, Google has pointed users to business listings, called "Place pages," when they search for things such as "New York spa." Such searches often bring up results that list specific businesses but also include large red pin symbols for each of them. Clicking on those

pins often takes users to the local business's website or a Google Piace page that shows details about the business.

Links to some non-Google local-business review websites appear lower on the results page.

Links to Piace pages have become more prominent in recent months, and Google has introduced new ad initiatives associated with the changes.

Over the past year or so Google has also directed people who search for mortgages or credit cards to Google's own marketplace for such offers, an effort that competes with websites like Bankrate.com. A spokesman for Bankrate Inc. declined to comment.

And last year, Google began showing links to Google Health pages when people type allments such as "cancer" or "emphysema." The Google Health pages

Google says it simply is trying to make relevant information easier for Web searchers to find.

organize information such as causes, symptoms and news. Links to those pages appear above regular search results.

"It's contrary to the notion of a natural search," said Adam Grossberg senior vice president of corporate communications at Wehlad Health Corp. He said his company hadn't seen negative repercussions but is watching closely.

Google plans to use similar methods to steer search-engine traffic to two services begun last month, company representatives

The first, Hotpot, lets people rate businesses, museums or public places and share those ratings with friends, similar to Yelp and other such sites. The second service, Boutiques.com, is aimed at online shoppers of apparel and accessories.

Google's promotion of its own content over others' has been one of many issues raised during the federal antitrust review of the company's acquisition of ITA Software Inc., people involved in the discussions have said. ITA is the underlying search engine for travel sites like Kayak.com, and Google said it intends to use ITA technology to develop its own travel-search site. Analysts expect Google to show links to the new site on top of results for travel-related searches.

Google executives have said the government will conclude that online travel will remain competitive after the acquisition closes, and that the deal shouldn't raise antitrust concerns because Google doesn't compete with ITA.

The vast majority of Google's revenue comes from ads placed next to search results. But growth in that core business has slowed from several years ago. Meanwhile, Google has developed websites that go deeper into categories like comparison shopping.

Bing, Microsoft Corp's search engine, also points users in some cases to its local-business pages, finance or airfare services. But Bing's influence is smaller—it handles less than 30% of U.S. Web searches, including those on Yahoo Inc. sites, compared to Google's 66%, according to com-Score figures for October.

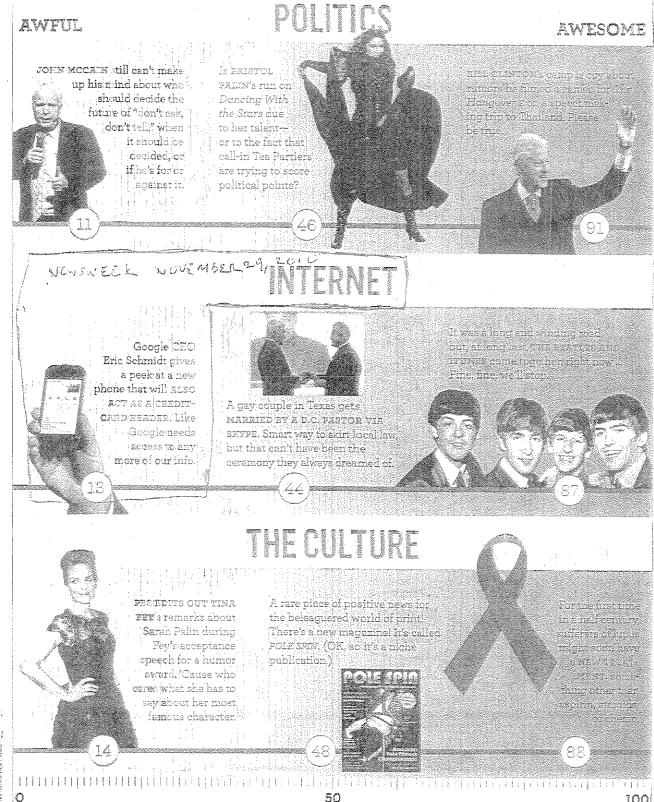
one AF least MayoClinic.com, a Web publisher of health information, said Google's changes led to a small uptick in traffic. Brian Laing, a MayoClinic.com executive, artributes that to Google showing a link to MayoClinic.com next to the Google Health link for certain health queries, even if MayoClinic.com links den't show up on the first page of regular results-which are determined by a special ranking algorithm.

Google's expansion into local information has been a particular source of friction. This fall, Google made links to its millions of Place pages even more prominent on the first search results page, pushing sites such as TripAdvisor.com farther down the page for searches on "Berlin hotels," for instance.

Carter Masian, a Google product management director, acknowledged "a little bit" of tension between Google and local-information sites. But he said the changes are meant to improve users' experience by getting them more information about businesses faster, and to provide links to review sites.

Yelp Inc. CEO Jeremy Stoppelman has complained about Google's use of Yelp content for Google Place pages and is negotiating with Google over the issue. He said Google "is trying to leverage its distribution power"—the search engine—"to take an inferior product and put it in front of the user."

Mr. Maslan said the company's data show that users have been happy with Google's changes to local-business searches.



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