Subject: Re: OT: Need some computer Pop-Up help
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I hate the new adware creations some of these folks have come up with. They're basically viruses
designed to show advertisements. Some redirect your browser and other tcp/ip traffic through
one of their dedicated servers to track your internet activity. Others just plant pop-ups and search
engines on your machine.We've come a long way in the last 25 years or so - What used to be just
pranks became hacks then viruses and then adware and spyware. The latest trends are putting
digital systems in things you would have normally considered "inert" - Items like clothing and tires
and toaster ovens. Soon "big brother" (government) and his "uncles" (large companies) will be
watching everything we do, making "suggestions" to improve our lives along the way.Anyway,
back to the problem at hand. Get an adware detection/removal program and check for viruses,
adware and spyware. After running it twice, monitor your system to see if the problem has gone
away. Some of those programs do a pretty good job and can remove all but the most offensive
problems.If you have one that is very stubborn, you may need to get into the registry and do some
manual removal. If you find a virus/adware/spyware program that is particularly stubborn, it will
usually show up in scans even after you've removed it. Recurring runs will always show it as
being active. If that's the case, do a search on the internet and you'll probably find a few websites
with instructions how to manually remove the virus.To recap: Download or buy a
virus/adware/spyware removal program and run it first, and if you can't get rid of one or two
stubborn ones, use the virus program to identify them and look them up on the internet to find
specific removal instructions. Then run the virus/adware/spyware detection program again to
make sure your system is clean.