I agree with ZoneAlarm. They may not look so good by their site, and the interface of ZoneAlarm is easy but still maybe less than your expectations. However, I have never had a better firewall than Zone Alarm. I have been using it for quite a while and if you can get what in my eyes is the best as freeware, you should go for it. I recently switch to Zone Alarm Pro and I will never get rid of it.
Additionaly Zone Alarm has won many awards.
> Zone Alarm<

For AntiVirus I have tried many things, even more than what I have tried for Firewalls. What I like most is Anti-Vir, it has never failed me and is simple. Also their search-engine technology is only the best. I get updates on a daily basis, just today I got 4 or more web updates for AntiVir. Also like Zone Alarm, AntiVir is an award winner. Very good software, I would rather have this better free product than have to pay for another anti-virus product.
>AntiVir<

My opinion on Norton, no I don't think it's udder crap. I just think their is better. I am a former norton user and had it on my computer for a long time. The whole time I had it I thought I was safe and wasn't even able to learn alot of all the types of malware and internet threats there are out there.

(The following paragrah is a story and is optional to read)
When the SVK issue occured I ignored it, I then fixed my SVK problem. Then later I have another Renguard problem. "This program has encountered an error and needs to close", I got this after I had using RenIP a few time. I know it was related to RenIP because I have had other problems to Renguard occur in the past related to RenIP. This happened when a bad server port was entered, and I tried to join, due to a server port change. Well then that problem occured 100s of times and would not stop. RG was unusable. I tried everything, from uninstalling RG, uninstalling RG and Ren, uninstalling RG and Ren and deleting the folder cleaning the registry and everything RG and Ren related completle, to reinstalling windows. Everything I tried, I have tried over 2 times. I had no choice to format, or it would result in losing mod powers on some servers and getting kicked from my clan, which both came close to happening.

After the format I had reinstalled Norton and it was screwing up my computer, it was causing a problem. What was happening was that it did not let me log into my user account, as if I didn't have the rights. I had to format again, then I tried a different anti-virus.

Well as I said I got nothing against Norton it's isn't bad at all, but I would rather have the better freeware products on my computer that I have now than the worser pay service. Even though I need multiple programs than one suite it's much more satisfying, especially because my computer is spyware immune now. ;D (Unless I DL something off the net)

I am protected by Ad-Aware, Spybot S&D, HijackThis, Rootkit Revealer as scanners. Now when I say I mean litteraly immune, that means I can't get it! I have SpywareBlaster, I user the Immunizer

of Spybot S&D, I browse with Firefox and use the extensions Adblock Plus, Adblock Filterset.G Updator and NoScript.

Have not gotten a single thing found in my spyware scan results with all my scanners.

Did I just take this off topic? Yes I did! No but seriously, I have learned how to make the best of the web when it comes to surfing, my browser, and keeping myself immune and safe. Considering the fact for the last 2 years I have not gone to school and have stayed home all day on the computer. Yep, for 2 years, since 9th grade. I learned alot, recently about all the cool extensions that are of great use in Firefox ;D.

Edit: Here is more spam!!!!!!!!!!!@@@@@!!!@$$$!!!!