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Gentlemen,

In regards to spyware and adware, I have a Hewitt Packard computer sitting on the floor that is full of it. It crashed so many times and I have spent many hours on the phone with the HP service people trying to figure the problem out. I foolishly downloaded Gator and entered all my personal information when I first started on the internet. I still get about 75 junk emails a day from unknown companies (hotmail address) with my personal information in it, and I haven't filled out that information anywhere else! After listening to Kim Kommando on the radio several times I downloaded Spybot Search amd Destroy and Adaware to my new computer from her site. My new Norton Works also has anti adware on it. It's always the same companies that are looked for by all and found. My new computer runs smoothly and there are no unknown cause crashes. I have downloaded the same to my computer at work and was amazed at the spyware on it with just a few necessary searches on the internet during work. There is no good reason to attach spyware to any computer. If the site is good, the person will return, if not, we don't need to be bombed with it's information, nor information about related sites, nor our personal information passed to strangers without our consent. Too much of the spyware is for sexually explicit sites and I have grand children who do not need to be seeing that. Thank you for letting me vent.

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