

FOR DINNER, HE'LL HAVE
YOUR 7TH FAIRWAY.

Do Ju-no...

There's A Free E-mail Service Online?

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Do you have a computer and modem yet? Are you on the Information Superhighway better known as the

Internet? I have talked to a lot of people who have both but for one reason or another are not on line yet. As a matter of fact, I was one of those people not that long ago.

I first got a computer at work to be

used for the irrigation system. There were going to be two important functions of the computer.

One was to control the irrigation field satellites through a program called "Maxi Stratus." The other is called "Pump Log," which allows me to remotely monitor the irrigation pump station.

Talk about handy! I can check the current operating pressure, flow coming out of the pump station, change settings on pressure, set lockouts, and even turn off the pump station from my office.

I was telling my uncle who lives in Arizona about all this technology that had been bestowed on me and how much I enjoyed it. He asked me, "Do you have Juno?"

I said, "You know what?"

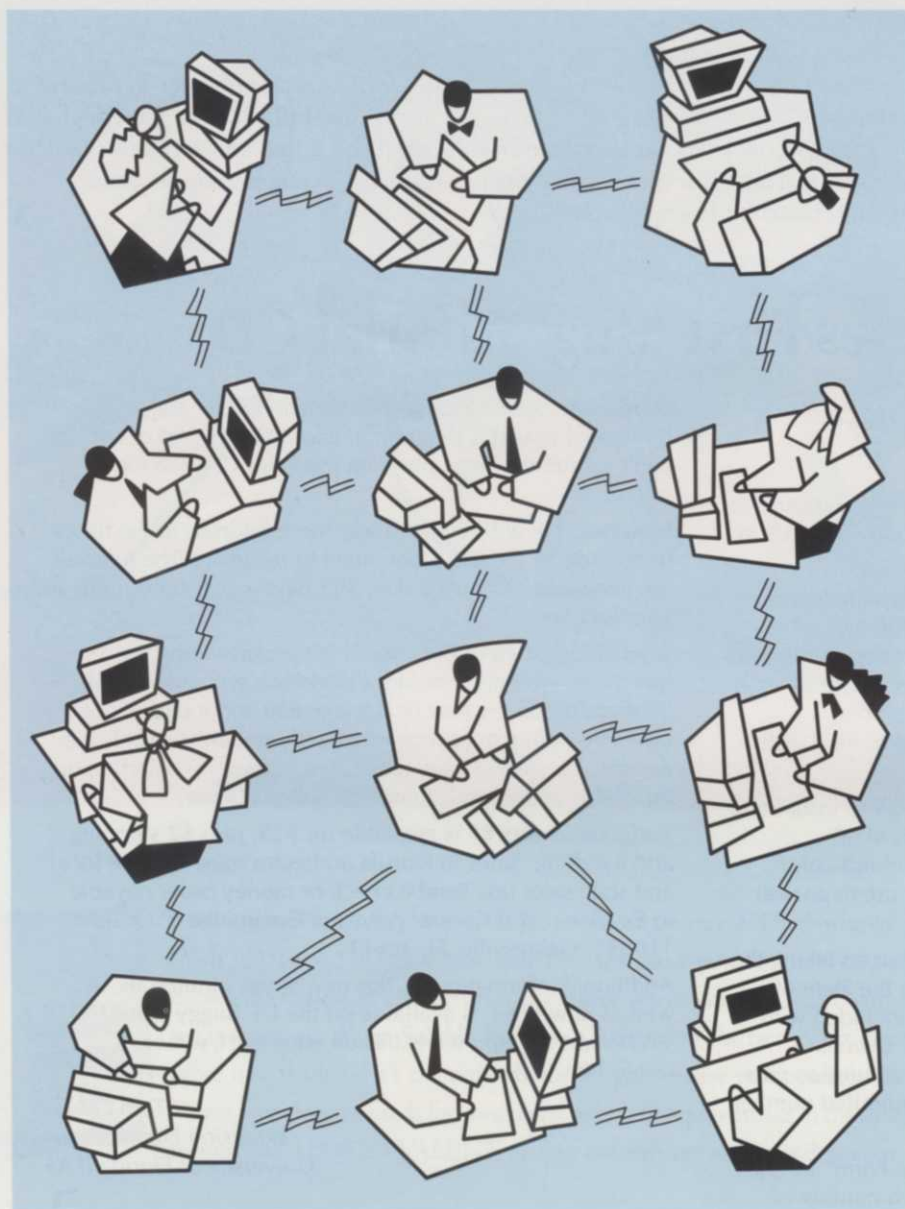
He explained, "No J-u-n-o. It's a free e-mail (electronic mail) service. It's not the Internet but you can send and receive e-mail for free."

I told my uncle that I was definitely interested and to please send me a copy. This would be an easy way for us to keep in touch with each other.

Juno is simply a free e-mail service. You can use Juno to exchange e-mail with anyone in the world who has an e-mail address. Because the service is advertiser-supported, you don't have to pay Juno a thing.

To use Juno, all you need is a 386 PC equipped with Windows, at least 4MB RAM 15 megabytes free on your hard drive, and a 9600-baud (or faster) modem.

There are more than 400 telephone numbers across the country for your computer to dial into. Approximately 95 percent of the membership has a local telephone number for Juno access.





Juno charges no monthly fees, no hourly fees, no membership fees, no per-message fees and no fees of any other sort. Juno sponsors pay so you don't have to.

And unlike other online services, Juno's free offer doesn't go away after 50 free hours, and you don't have to buying anything. It's free! Period!

With Juno your messages will go out over the Internet, meaning that you will be able to send mail and receive mail from anyone on the Internet or any of the commercial on-line services (such as American Online, CompuServe, Prodigy etc.).

However, Juno can't be used for online activities other than e-mail, such as "surfing" the World Wide Web. Also Juno cannot be used through an existing Internet account. To use Juno you have to get a copy of the custom software they have developed and then dial into Juno's central computers with your modem.

There are two ways to get a copy of this

software: (1) download a copy of the software from their website (<http://www.juno.com>) or (2) Call 1-800-654-JUNO to receive a floppy disk.

The disk will cost you \$8.82 which is a very small price to pay for free e-mail. If you download a copy and decide to keep your existing Internet account, you can use Juno to save on costly online hours for just sending e-mail.

I don't live in a big city so for me to connect to Juno's computers to send and receive mail, I have to dial a long-distance phone number. The phone call is always less than one minute long to send and retrieve mail. That cost me just 15 cents per call and, on average, I check my mail at least three times a week, which costs less than \$2/month.

Now that's affordable communication.

I have friends in Southeast Asia and it's cheaper and faster for me to send e-mail than for me to send a single letter through

the U.S. Postal Service which can take up to 14 days!

Remember when you send e-mail in the Continental U.S., it reaches its destination in less than 5 minutes; for overseas it may take up to 15 minutes.

I not only have Juno at home but I have it at work as well. My employers did not mind at all when they found out the cost and no worries of being connected to the Internet.

The Internet is a great tool but as with all tools, it can be abused. It has almost been a year since I received my free copy of Juno and I never thought it would happen to me, but I can now say that I am an e-mail junkie! I send and receive mail from colleges, business associates, family, and friends.

If this article helps you get started in using the Information Superhighway, drop me a line and let me know. My address is craignteri@juno.com.

IFAS Releases First 'Bug' Tutorial CD

Earn CEUs at Home or Workplace, Increase Professional Skills

Extension entomologists at the University of Florida are releasing a series of computer-verified training tutorials to support industry.

The first tutorial is "Turfgrass Insects #1," which covers several arthropod problems in turfgrass. The tutorial, which requires the Windows operating system, comes with the same self-installing program used by most commercial software. The tutorial creates a UF icon on your computer's screen and uses less than 4 MB of hard disk space.

A short two-page set of instructions tells how to install and start the tutorial. The tutorial itself consists of 50 questions, with on-screen access to text and full-color photographs that students or professionals use to answer the questions.

Questions 1 and 50 also include information on taking the tutorial, printing the results and submitting the State of Florida "Attendance Form," which is also included with the program, to obtain one (1) CEU on the Lawn & Ornamental category. A score of 90% is required to pass the test, but the tutorial can be taken an unlimited number of times to achieve this score.

Submitting the test results and "Attendance Form" for the CEU costs \$10 per person, but an unlimited number of

people can use one program to obtain CEUs. Once an individual uses this program to earn the CEU, he or she can't submit the same program again for CEUs in the future.

However, UF will release many more tutorials in the future to provide all the CEUs you need to recertify. The tutorials are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for training at your location.

An added feature of the tutorial is that answering the questions correctly provides individuals with additional information on the pest or damage that is not part of the test. Answering questions incorrectly not only reveals the answer you should have made, but often gives information that helps you to understand the subject better.

Turfgrass Insects #1 is available for \$25, plus \$2 shipping and handling. Sales to Florida addresses must include local and state sales tax. Send a check or money order payable to Extension Pest Control Advisory Committee, P.O. Box 110831, Gainesville, FL 32611.

Additional information on this new series of tutorials, as well as new titles, is available on the UF Buggy Software WWW site at <http://www.ifas.ufl.edu/~ent1/software/fasulo.htm>

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