

APPLE'S JOBS: After a 2½-year stint as interim chief, during which he brought Apple back from the brink, Steve Jobs told the MacWorld trade show Wednesday it was finally time to become permanent CEO. "I'm pleased to announce today that I'm going to drop the interim," he told the crowd.



By Lou Dematters, Reuters

Steve Jobs: No longer interim CEO

chip sell-off in Hong Kong.

FREE INTERNET: Excite At Home will announce today that it's joining the ranks of free Internet service providers. The company is launching FreeWorld, a dial-up ISP that will access the Web at speeds up to 56 kilobits a second. Excite At Home, which already provides Internet service via cable TV lines, joins companies such as Kmart, which recently teamed up with Yahoo to provide free Net access.

STOCK FRAUD: The Securities and Exchange Commission sued a well-known amateur stockpicker, who calls himself Tokyo Joe, saying he defrauded investors on his Web site by failing to tell them he was selling the same stocks he was advising them to buy. The SEC filed a civil complaint against Yun Soo Oh Park, who ran a New York-based Web site called Tokyo Joe's Societe Anonyme, which charged members up to \$200 a month for stock tips. The SEC says Park often sold a stock shortly after making a recommendation, locking in a profit, and frequently sold his shares below the price he told members he expected the stock to reach.

GATEWAY WARNING: Personal computer maker Gateway said its revenue and earnings for the fourth quarter of 1999 will be below analysts' expectations. The company cited a slowdown in its business-to-business sales in December because of Y2K concerns and processor supply issues. Gateway said it expects revenue of \$2.45 billion for the quarter, a 6% increase from the same period a year ago. Gateway's stock fell 14%, or 9, to \$54 a share Wednesday.

MONICA'S ADS: Some Jenny Craig weight-loss franchises are refusing to run ads featuring Monica Lewinsky, saying the former White House intern at the center of President Clinton's impeachment scandal is not an appropriate role model. David Lahey, owner of Jenny Craig locations in Green Bay, Wis.; Grand Chute, Wis.; and Des Moines, says he plans to stick with old ads instead. A Jenny Craig spokesman said other franchises have declined to run the ads.

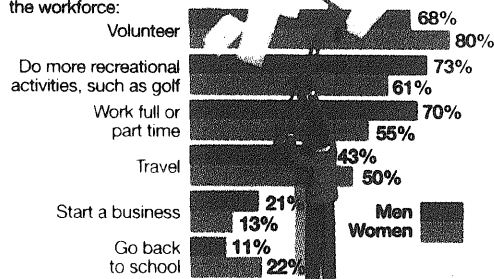
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Thinking of retirement

Half of people 35 to 54 plan to retire between 60 and 69. What men and women plan to do after they leave the workforce:



Source: Market Facts for Bancorp Paper, Jaffray

By Anne R. Carey and Sam Ward, USA TODAY



A window full: Patrons at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport watch American Airlines planes as they come and go from bo

Packing runway

FAA analysis shows schedules outstrip airports' capacity

By David Field
USA TODAY

CHICAGO — On a clear night, when the landing lights of approaching jets string 20 miles across Lake Michigan, the path to O'Hare International Airport looks like a crowded freeway at evening rush hour.

But if you're an O'Hare air-traffic controller, you don't have time to enjoy the stunning view from the tower 260 feet above ground. This really is the evening rush hour.

From 7:45 to 8 p.m. is the busiest 15 minutes of the day at the nation's second-busiest airport. The average number of scheduled arrivals in that quarter hour was more than double the airport's ideal capacity for the 12 months ending last August, according to a Federal Aviation Administration analysis for USA TODAY.

So it may be no surprise that many planes don't reach their gates in this 15-minute window. One way controllers cope with the traffic is by pushing some



By John

Organizer: Amy Tober tracks American Airlines planes as they come and go from bo

flights into the next quarter hour — beyond. In August, 318 major air flights in the peak quarter hour — were 15 minutes or more late.

Flight scheduling is gaining after as airlines and the FAA look for ways to reduce delays, which rose 36% between April and August last year, compared with the same months in 1998. Airline and the FAA say weather and breakdowns in the air-traffic control system were the main reasons. But oversch

Disney denies Eisner and

22% drop in earnings irks shareholders

By Keith L. Alexander
USA TODAY

In a surprise move, Walt Disney refused to give CEO Michael Eisner an annual performance bonus because the world's No. 2 entertainment company failed to meet financial targets in 1999, Disney said in its proxy statement filed Wednesday with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Weakened by declining sales of its home videos and toys,

Disney's fiscal 1999 earnings declined 22% to \$1.4 billion.

Roy Disney and Sandy Litvack, Disney vice chairmen, were also denied bonuses.

It's the first time Eisner hasn't received a performance bonus since 1993. In 1997, Eisner received about

\$10 million in bonuses. The following year, his bonus dropped to \$5 million. Despite that, he was the nation's highest-compensated executive. At that time, he exercised \$570 million worth of Disney options. Last



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