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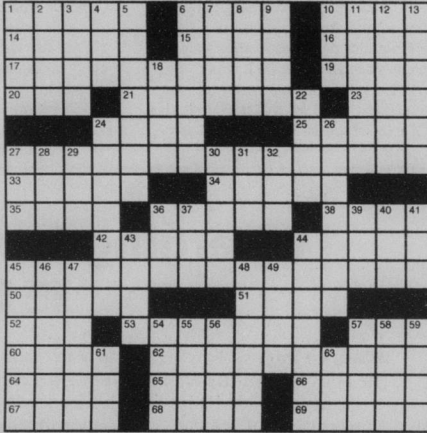


**THE Daily Crossword**

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Took a swig
  - 6 French father
  - 10 Security for freedom
  - 14 Dude from Dubuque
  - 15 Oblong circle
  - 16 Sea eagle
  - 17 Start of Evan Esar quote
  - 19 Incongruous literary movement
  - 20 Round Table knight
  - 21 Pekoe piece
  - 23 Bridge opening
  - 24 Greek letters
  - 25 French river
  - 27 Part 2 of quote
  - 33 Dieter's lunch, perhaps
  - 34 Tasty tidbit
  - 35 Fateful day in the Forum
  - 36 Prairie dweller, once
  - 38 Monthly payment
  - 42 Entertainer Massey
  - 44 Part of LEM
  - 45 Part 3 of quote
  - 50 Thread from flax
  - 51 Without: Fr.
  - 52 Scope out
- DOWN**
- 1 Floppy storage device
  - 2 Workington work schedule
  - 3 First to putt
  - 4 Natalie's father
  - 5 Furlowed, as
  - 6 Fertilizer compound
  - 7 Wickedness
  - 8 Speed contest
  - 9 "Born Free" lioness
  - 10 \_\_\_ & breakfast
  - 11 Jordan's language
  - 12 Mrs. Gandhi
  - 13 Sluggish
  - 18 Fix in place
  - 22 Icy sheet
  - 24 Intentionally vague
  - 26 Escapes from
  - 27 Greek letter
  - 28 Way cool!
  - 29 Corrida cry
  - 30 Analyze chemically
  - 31 Tango team
  - 32 Craving
  - 36 Python or anaconda
  - 37 Hostelry
  - 39 Part of the U.K.
  - 40 Collar
  - 41 Give it a go
  - 43 Horne or Olin
  - 44 Makes ready
  - 45 Annapolis
  - 46 Saudi Arabia's capital
  - 47 Lake near Utica
  - 48 African fly
  - 49 Mata \_\_\_
  - 54 PC operator
  - 55 Greek portico
  - 56 Combat vehicle
  - 57 Journalist Jacob August
  - 58 "New Jack City"
  - 59 Nordic capital
  - 61 Small boy
  - 63 Italian three



# Court Sets Hearing Date For Microsoft Punishment

**The Justice Department and 19 states have until April 28 to file their proposed sanctions against Microsoft.**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The federal judge who ruled that Microsoft Corp. illegally used its monopoly on computer operating software to crush its competitors set a May 24 hearing on punishments against the company.

Also Wednesday, U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson met privately with attorneys for a second consecutive day to discuss the next phase in the case: how to prevent Microsoft from future violations against federal antitrust law.

He gave the Justice Department and the 19 states suing Microsoft to submit their proposed sanctions against the company by April 28.

The government and the states might file separate briefs if they fail to agree on a punishment, but both assured Jackson they would make a single proposal.

Microsoft was given until May 10 to

respond, according to the judge's formal order. The government would have until May 17 to file its rebuttal.

"All sides seem interested in a prompt and expeditious schedule for the next phase of the trial, which now seems fully achievable," said Attorney General Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut, one of the states in the suit.

Jackson left room for both sides in the case to revive attempts to reach an out-of-court settlement.

He backed away from his previous request to have each side submit the final offers made during negotiations, which collapsed last weekend. Those talks were overseen by a court-appointed mediator, Judge Richard Posner of the 7th Circuit Appeals Court in Chicago.

"It occurs to me that at some point you may wish to go back to Judge Posner and, therefore, I am going to abandon any request that you submit any offers that may have been made in the course of mediation, either in the clear or under seal," Jackson said, according to a transcript of the meeting.

As Jackson met with attorneys in his chambers, Microsoft Chairman Bill

Gates met with lawmakers on Capitol Hill just a few miles away.

He later participated in an economic meeting with President Clinton and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan.

Jackson has told attorneys in the case he wants to move through the remedial phase of the case quickly and is encouraging both sides to take any Microsoft appeal directly to the Supreme Court.

"My transcended objective is to get this thing before an appellate tribunal — one or another — as quickly as possible because I don't want to disrupt the economy or waste any more of yours or my time on a remedy if it's going to come back here," Jackson said, according to a transcript of the meeting Tuesday.

In his meetings with lawmakers, Gates expressed confidence that his company would see Jackson's verdict overturned on appeal, but said he thought a speedy appellate process was unlikely because of the complexity of the issues involved.

"I think that it is safe to say that Microsoft would prefer that it go through the regular process," said Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash.

# Judge Calls Home 'Time Bomb'

**A judge says a Michigan boy accused in a school shooting was a victim of negligence at home.**

Associated Press

FLINT, Mich. — A man accused of carelessly storing the handgun that authorities say a 6-year-old boy used to kill a classmate will stand trial on an involuntary manslaughter charge.

District Judge John Conover made the ruling Tuesday, calling the living arrangements for the boy and his brother a "time bomb."

The boy was living with his 8-year-old brother, his 22-year-old uncle and defendant Jamelle James, 19, when he found James' gun and took it to Buell Elementary School, prosecutors said.

The boy used it Feb. 29 to fatally shoot first-grade classmate Kayla Rolland, police said.

"That's absolutely as negligent as you get," the judge said in court. "What in the world did the defendant expect to happen" with a loaded gun in the house?

"Who feeds them? Who clothes them? Who disciplines them? Who nurtures them? Who says 'I love you' before they go to bed and when they get up? No one," he said.

The boy, who has not been charged, testified in the preliminary hearing last week that he had seen James playing with the gun, a .32-caliber semiautomatic pistol, and demonstrated how James twirled it in his hands.

The boy said he had seen the gun and some quarters in a shoebox in James' room.

He also said he remembered Rolland being shot, but when asked if he shot

her, he shook his head "no" and blamed another boy to whom he said he had given the gun.

"I wasn't playing with the gun, I wasn't," the boy said.

The judge bound James over for trial at the conclusion of the preliminary hearing Tuesday.

Defense lawyers pointed to James' roommate and the boy's uncle, Sir Marcus Winfrey, as the owner of the gun.

"So Marcus Winfrey was buying the bullet, buying the holster. Whose gun do you think it was?" attorney Bob Polasek said. "I think it's clear."

Federal grand jurors last month indicted James; Winfrey, 22; and Robert Lee Morris III, 19, all from nearby Mount Morris Township, on charges that they possessed stolen firearms and unlawfully used marijuana while possessing the weapons.

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