

## MICROSOFT

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A second that would handle all other Microsoft software, such as its "Word" program and Internet browser.

The Justice Department and 17 of the 19 states recommended that the company be broken into the two pieces.

Assistant Attorney General Joel I.

Klein, head of the Justice Department's antitrust division, said, "The court's order is the right remedy for Microsoft's serious and repeated violations of the antitrust laws."

Jackson's ruling also forbids the company from entering into "exclusive dealing" that would restrict the development of competitors' products.

"Microsoft, as it is presently orga-

nized and led, is unwilling to accept the notion that it broke the law or accede to an order amending its conduct," Jackson said, explaining why he believed the breakup was necessary.

"Microsoft has proved untrustworthy in the past," Jackson said, citing its failure to comply with a court ruling earlier in the 1990s that preceded the antitrust case.

The judge had ruled April 3 that Microsoft had violated federal antitrust law by using illegal methods to protect a monopoly in computer operating systems. He found the company tried illegally to expand its dominance into the market for Internet browsers.

Federal antitrust law allows for cases of broad public importance to go directly to the Supreme Court, but the justices do not have to accept the fast-track system. If Microsoft appeals directly to the Supreme Court, it can send the appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, where it would be handled like virtually all other appeals from U.S. District Court rulings.

The only previous time the appellate court was bypassed in an antitrust lawsuit was the last case of this magnitude: the AT&T breakup.

## Federal judge orders that Microsoft be split

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson issued his ruling Wednesday in the Microsoft antitrust case. Here is a breakdown of the remedies he has imposed.

**Structural remedies**

Microsoft will be broken into two separate companies. One company will develop the Windows operating system and the other will develop all other software, which includes the Microsoft Office suite and the Internet Explorer browser.

**Company one:** Windows operating system

**Company two:** Internet Explorer, Microsoft Office, Access, Excel, Word, PowerPoint, All other Microsoft holdings

**Behavioral remedies**

- ▶ Microsoft may not take action against computer makers who support competing technologies.
- ▶ Microsoft must allow computer makers to make changes to the Windows start-up sequence.
- ▶ Microsoft must sell Windows for the same price to all computer makers.
- ▶ Microsoft must disclose parts of the Windows source code to software developers.

The company will ask for a stay, however.

▶ The time issue

- ▶ Microsoft has 90 days to put behavioral remedies into effect and four months to devise a plan for the breakup.
- ▶ The two companies must remain separate for at least 10 years.

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## HEALTH

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Griffith said stress is a natural occurrence of one's everyday life. But, if emotional stress is left untreated it can affect your health, strength, serenity and personal or professional relationships.

Sometimes tobacco use is one method male A&M students use to deal with emotional stress.

Russell Durrant, a senior sports management major, said he started smoking two years ago.

"One reason why I started smoking was because of family problems," Durrant said.

He smoked his first cigarette at a party, and he continues to smoke today because it gives him an oral sensation. After smoking, Durrant found himself getting sick easier than before. He also said he is more prone to catching "the common cold" faster than he was before he started smoking.

Durrant said he wishes he could stop smoking and is trying to quit.

There are many smoking-related health factors that can lead to death.

The Minnesota Institute of Public health states that 41 percent of smoke-related deaths are due to cardiovascular diseases, 35 percent are due to cancer, 23 percent are due to respiratory diseases, and 17 percent are the result of cigarette-ignited fires.

Some college students feel they are invisible when it comes to their health and that they are not prone to the different health problems today.

"I'm not scared of cancer," Durrant said.

He does not feel any health-related issues due to smoking will affect him since he will be quitting soon.

Margaret Griffith said eating healthy and getting your cholesterol checked before age twenty should reduce your risk for cardiac arrest and many other health issues.

## Sweet as honey



Ruby Hernandez, a worker at R. Weaver Apiaries in Lynn Grove, searches for the queen bee in a hive of hundreds.

## E-TICKET

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wouldn't be in the student section, but at least you'd be in the stands," Martin said. "Fans will find this to be a very convenient service."

Convenience of locating tickets is a definite benefit of E-Ticketboard, Spencer said. The service also caters to sports fans.

"This Website is based on feedback from sports fans. We are thinking like sports fans. Where we go is all based on what sports fans ask for. We will continue to customize and change this service to what Aggies want when it comes to sporting events," Spencer said.

"A&M has one of the best athletic programs in the country and arguably the most loyal fans. We want to complete the experience for fans attending games."

As popular as E-Ticketboard is, Spencer said there are some important things to keep in mind when using the service.

"E-Ticketboard is not a broker and does not handle tickets. We are a membership community where members meet to exchange tickets. We do not get involved in the transaction," Spencer said.

Martin reiterated the fact that E-Ticketboard does not handle the tickets, and stated that "it is the buyer and seller's responsibility to get together — no more changes hands through the athletic department."

Spencer called the decision to make E-Ticketboard services available to Aggie fans "the beginning of a great relationship between Texas A&M, Aggie sports fans and E-Ticketboard."

"I'm very excited about this. I couldn't have picked a better school — the Twelfth Man is legendary," Spencer said.

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