



Musk v. Altman: Jury Begins Deliberating Whether OpenAI Betrayed Its Founding Mission

A nine-person jury in Oakland, California began deliberating Monday in the most consequential tech-industry legal battle in years — Elon Musk's lawsuit against OpenAI and its CEO Sam Altman, in which the world's richest person accuses Altman of abandoning the company's original nonprofit mandate to benefit humanity.

The three-week trial exposed bitter personal and ideological rifts between two of Silicon Valley's most powerful figures. Musk, who co-founded OpenAI in 2015 and contributed \$38 million to the organization, claims Altman and co-founder Greg Brockman improperly restructured the AI lab into a for-profit entity now valued at approximately \$850 billion. He is seeking Altman's removal, the reversal of OpenAI's corporate restructuring, and the redistribution of billions from its commercial arm to its nonprofit. OpenAI has denied all allegations.

When Altman took the stand in the trial's final week, he offered a starkly different account. He alleged that Musk had sought "total control" of the company in 2017, including potentially passing that control to his children — something Altman said he could not accept. "We did not think that artificial general intelligence should be under the control of a single person," Altman testified. During closing arguments, OpenAI's lead counsel attacked Musk's absence — he left for China with President Trump during the proceedings even after the judge declined to excuse him — while Musk's attorney accused Altman of lacking integrity.

The jury must first resolve a threshold question: whether Musk's 2024 lawsuit, filed four years after his last contribution to OpenAI, was filed within the legal time limit. If not, the case ends there. Should it

proceed, jurors must determine whether OpenAI's founders breached charitable trust and unjustly enriched themselves. The jury's verdict is advisory only; Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers retains final authority on liability, and a remedies phase began simultaneously on Monday.

The stakes for the broader tech industry are enormous. An adverse ruling could force OpenAI to unwind its 2025 recapitalization, jeopardize its planned IPO, and sever ties with Microsoft, Amazon, and SoftBank, who have collectively poured tens of billions into the company. OpenAI projects losses of \$14 billion in 2026 and serves roughly 700 million weekly ChatGPT users. A ruling against leadership could also accelerate regulatory scrutiny across the AI sector and reshape how AI companies are governed.

Dorchester Elementary School News & Events

TONIGHT: Gr. 2 into 3 Transition Meeting for Parents — 7:00 PM

A Gr. 2 into 3 Transition Meeting for Parents is scheduled for tonight, Monday, May 18, at 7:00 PM. This is an important opportunity for families with children currently in 2nd grade to learn about what to expect as students move into 3rd grade. Families should check the school website and any communications from Dorchester for location details.

Top Tech and AI News



Google I/O 2026 Kicks Off Tomorrow — Gemini Upgrades, Android 17, and Googlebooks Expected

Google's annual developer conference, Google I/O 2026, opens Tuesday May 19 at 10 AM PT at the Shoreline Amphitheatre in California, with the two-day event running through May 20. The opening keynote will be livestreamed on YouTube.

Expectations are running high for sweeping AI and product announcements. Google is anticipated to reveal a major new version of Gemini, its AI platform, along with Android 17 features and updates. The company already previewed a new laptop platform called "Googlebooks" — devices running a combined Android/ChromeOS operating system codenamed "Aluminium OS" — with manufacturing partners including Acer, ASUS, Dell, HP, and Lenovo delivering the first devices this fall. Android XR smart glasses partnerships may also be spotlighted. Google has signaled the full two-hour keynote will be heavily focused on AI, agentic capabilities, and cross-device experiences.

Musk v. Altman Jury Begins Deliberating — OpenAI Fate Hangs in Balance

Jury deliberations began Monday in the landmark trial of Elon Musk's lawsuit against OpenAI and CEO Sam Altman. The nine-person Oakland jury is weighing whether OpenAI's leadership breached charitable trust when they restructured the AI lab from a nonprofit into a for-profit company now valued at \$850 billion. Musk is seeking Altman's removal, a reversal of the corporate structure, and redistribution of billions to OpenAI's nonprofit arm. If successful, it could force OpenAI to abandon its IPO. The jury's verdict is advisory, with Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers making the final call.

Top Global News



WHO Declares Ebola Outbreak in DRC and Uganda a Global Health Emergency

The World Health Organization on Sunday declared the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda a "public health emergency of international concern." The outbreak is driven by the Bundibugyo strain of the Ebola virus, for which there are no approved vaccines or specific treatments — a fact WHO called "extraordinary."

As of May 16, health authorities reported 8 laboratory-confirmed cases, 246 suspected cases, and 80 suspected deaths in DRC's Ituri Province. Two laboratory-confirmed cases, including one death, were also recorded in Uganda's capital, Kampala, among individuals who had traveled from DRC. WHO cautioned the true scale of the outbreak may be much larger than currently detected, given the high positivity rate of early samples.

The CDC has activated its emergency response center and plans to send additional personnel to its offices in DRC and Uganda. Exit screening measures are in place in both countries. The CDC stated the risk to the American public currently remains low. Doctors Without Borders (MSF) is preparing to scale up its response in Ituri Province.

Ukraine Strikes Moscow Region; Russia Hits Ukrainian Civilians Overnight

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Ukraine News

Russia Launches Overnight Drone-Missile Barrage; Ukraine Hits Moscow Region

Russian forces launched a combined drone and missile attack on Ukraine's central and southern regions overnight into May 18, injuring at least 20 people including two children. Russia launched 524 drones and 22 missiles; Ukraine's air defenses shot down 503 drones and 4 missiles, but direct hits were recorded at 34 locations, damaging residential buildings across multiple regions.

The overnight assault came in apparent retaliation for Ukraine's major long-range drone strike on the Moscow region on the night of May 16-17, in which Ukrainian unmanned systems struck an oil loading station in Solnechnogorsk and set fire to the Technopark Elima-Zelenograd, killing at least four people near Moscow. President Zelensky called the Moscow-region strike a "completely fair response" and said Ukraine's long-range capabilities are changing the overall perception of the war. Over the past week, Russia launched more than 3,170 attack drones, over 1,300 guided bombs, and 74 missiles at Ukraine.

Zelensky's Ex-Chief of Staff Released on \$3M Bail in Major Corruption Probe

Andriy Yermak's predecessor as chief of staff to President Zelensky was released on bail of over \$3 million amid a significant corruption probe. The bail funds were reportedly gathered from multiple sources, including contributions from Serhii Rebrov, the former Ukraine national football team coach. The development

adds to domestic political pressures facing the Zelensky administration even as the war continues.

Separately, Russia has lost over 1,350,000 troops in Ukraine since February 24, 2022, according to Ukraine's General Staff, with 1,220 additional casualties recorded in the past day. European officials continue debating how to engage with Moscow, amid uncertainty about US peace-process efforts.

Top US News



Musk v. Altman Jury Deliberations Begin — OpenAI's Future in the Balance

A nine-person jury began deliberating Monday in Oakland, California, in the high-stakes lawsuit between Elon Musk and OpenAI CEO Sam Altman. Musk, who co-founded OpenAI as a nonprofit in 2015, claims Altman and co-founder Greg Brockman breached charitable trust when they restructured the organization into a for-profit entity now valued at \$850 billion. He is seeking \$134 billion in damages, Altman's removal, and the unwinding of the company's corporate restructuring.

The jury's verdict is advisory only — Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers will make the final call. A simultaneous remedies phase began Monday. If successful, the case could force OpenAI to abandon its planned IPO and sever ties to Microsoft, Amazon, and SoftBank.

Vietnamese News

Vietnam Marks President Ho Chi Minh's 136th Birth Anniversary

Vietnam is marking the 136th birth anniversary of President Ho Chi Minh (May 19, 1890), with events across the country including a special art programme featuring musical works and spoken dramas to be staged free of charge, jointly organized by Cao Bang province, the Viet Nam National Drama Theatre, and Heritage World Magazine. Party General Secretary and State President To Lam wrote a commemorative article affirming that Ho Chi Minh Thought continues to serve as a guiding light for Vietnam's development path.

The Vietnam Youth Federation launched the annual "I Love My Fatherland" journey in Nghe An Province, marking the 70th anniversary of the federation alongside the Ho Chi Minh anniversary. Internationally, wreath-laying ceremonies were held in Venezuela and the Republic of Korea.

Vietnam Seizes 84 Metric Tons of Radioactive Rare Earth Ore; Base Salary to Rise in July

Police in Vietnam seized 84 metric tons of monazite, a radioactive rare earth ore, and

Sen. Bill Cassidy Loses Louisiana Senate Race After Trump Endorses Opponent

Sen. Bill Cassidy, one of the few Republicans who voted to convict President Trump after the January 6 attack on the Capitol, lost his Louisiana Senate reelection bid. Trump had endorsed Rep. Julia Letlow as his opponent. Cassidy's defeat underscores the lasting political consequences for Republicans who broke with Trump, and analysts noted it as a significant example of Trump's influence in shaping Republican primaries heading into the 2026 cycle.

Top NJ/NY News



LIRR Strike Enters Day 3 — Talks Resume Monday Morning

The Long Island Rail Road strike — the first in more than 30 years — entered its third day on Monday as the MTA and a coalition of five striking unions resumed talks at 7:30 a.m. at the direction of the National Mediation Board. Service on the busiest commuter rail system in North America remains fully suspended, stranding the approximately 250,000–300,000 passengers who depend on the LIRR daily.

Approximately 3,500 union workers — including engineers, signalmen, and trainmen — walked off the job just after midnight Saturday after negotiations over wages and healthcare premiums broke down. The unions are seeking roughly a 5% wage increase beginning in June. Gov. Kathy Hochul has urged employers to allow remote work and has activated shuttle bus alternatives, while warning that there is "no substitute" for the LIRR. Hochul attributed the breakdown partly to what she called a "highly unusual" move by the Trump administration to release unions from federal mediation. MTA Chair Janno Lieber said if a deal is reached, service could resume the next day.

detailed a company director accused of preparing to illegally ship the material abroad, according to VnExpress. The seizure highlights Vietnam's growing strategic importance in rare earth minerals amid global competition for critical materials.

Separately, the Vietnamese government issued a new decree raising the basic salary for public employees and armed forces from VND 2,340,000 to VND 2,530,000 (approximately \$96 USD per month) starting July 1, 2026. Vietnam's coastal tourism sector is entering its peak 2026 summer season on a strong note, with major destinations including Da Nang, Nha Trang, and Phu Quoc recording robust visitor growth from early May.

Meet Australia 2026 Trade Event Opens in Ho Chi Minh City

"Meet Australia 2026," a high-level trade and investment promotion event aimed at strengthening economic ties between Vietnam and Australia, opened Monday in Ho Chi Minh City and runs through May 20. The event is one of a series of bilateral engagements as Vietnam positions itself as a major regional economic hub. Malaysia has also expressed growing interest in Vietnam's Doi Moi reform experience, particularly in land policy and agricultural technology, as both nations seek to expand practical cooperation.

Financial and Stock News

US Futures Slip Monday as Iran Tensions, NVIDIA Earnings, and Oil Prices Weigh on Markets

US stock futures edged lower Monday morning, driven by continued US-Iran conflict concerns keeping oil prices elevated. Brent

crude climbed above \$110 per barrel, and President Trump's weekend warning that Tehran is "running out of time" to reach a deal pushed futures further down. S&P 500 futures fell about 0.46% and Nasdaq futures were off roughly 0.40%.

The week's key catalysts include NVIDIA's Q1 FY27 earnings on Wednesday, seen as a major test of the AI-driven rally. Earnings from Walmart and Target will offer signals on consumer resilience under elevated energy costs. Last week, the S&P 500 shed 1.24%, closing at 7,408.50, while the Nasdaq dropped 1.54% to 26,225. Traders have now fully priced out Fed rate cuts for 2026, with the 10-year Treasury yield spiking to 4.55% last Friday — the highest in a year.

AI Mega-Spending Dominates Q1 2026 Earnings Season; S&P 500 Profit Margins Hit Record

As Q1 2026 earnings season winds down, the blended net profit margin for the S&P 500 stood at 13.4% — the highest since FactSet began tracking the metric in 2009. The Information Technology sector led with a Q1 net margin of 29.1%, up from 25.4% a year earlier. Around 84% of S&P 500 companies beat earnings estimates and 81% beat revenue targets in Q1.

However, markets are increasingly differentiating between AI investments that show returns and those that don't. Alphabet surged 34% in April on strong Q1 cloud and advertising results, while Meta fell roughly 9% for raising capex guidance to \$125–145 billion. The S&P 500 forward P/E ratio stands at 20.9 — above both the five-year and ten-year averages — leaving the market sensitive to any deceleration in the second half of 2026.

CALENDAR

TODAY — MAY 18

12:00 AM Bo Tao's birthday
5:00 PM Lizzy Ballet
6:00 PM WCL Hoops - Free Clinic (2nd Grade Girls REC)
7:00 PM Transition 2nd to 3rd grade
7:00 PM Gr. 2 into 3 Transition Meeting for Parents

TOMORROW — MAY 19

4:00 PM Lizzy: Hip hop

WEDNESDAY — MAY 20

12:00 AM Hien Nguyen's birthday
9:30 AM Huang: Patient follow up
7:00 PM Racquetball weekly

THURSDAY — MAY 21

5:00 PM William: Karate

FRIDAY — MAY 22

12:00 AM Memorial Day Weekend - School Closed
10:00 AM Hearing test

SATURDAY — MAY 23

12:00 AM Clean house front walls
2:00 PM Music class William and Elizabeth

MONDAY — MAY 25

12:00 AM Reminder: Order no fuss lunch for kids.
12:00 AM Memorial Day
12:00 AM Memorial Day - School Closed

MOVIES



Flower Bot

In theaters May 17, 2026

In a scorching hot desert, Betty, a young robot still grieving her kind, discovers a miraculous flower. To protect her, Betty will have to face the elements and her ties to the past...



The Sheep Detectives

In theaters May 8, 2026

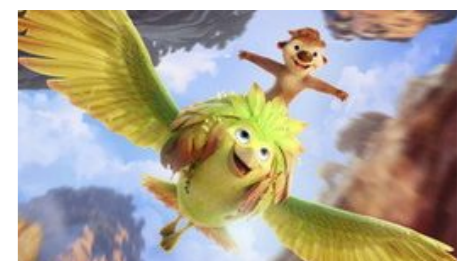
George Hardy is a shepherd who reads detective novels to his beloved sheep every night, assuming they can't possibly understand. But when a mysterious incident disrupts life on the farm, the sheep realize they must become the detectives. As they follow the clues and investigate human suspects, they prove that even sheep can be brilliant crime-solvers.



My Hero Academia: More

In theaters May 2, 2026

Eight years later, Deku and his friends are on their adult hero journeys, but something is bothering Uraraka...



Swapped

In theaters May 1, 2026

A small woodland creature and a majestic bird, two natural sworn enemies of the Valley, magically trade places and set off on an adventure of a lifetime to switch back. Their journey soon uncovers a greater threat—one that could endanger not only their species, but the entire valley they call home.



That Time I Got Reincarnated as a Slime the Movie: Tears of the Azure Sea

In theaters May 1, 2026

After concluding the opening ceremony of the Demon Kingdom Federation Tempest, Rimuru and his companions are invited by the Celestial Emperor Hermesia of the great elven nation — the Magi Dynasty Salion — to visit her private resort island. As the group enjoys their brief vacation, a mysterious woman named Yura appears. A new incident unfolds again the backdrop of the boundless azure sea.