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OpenAI gets victory over Musk in court

Judge rejects Tesla CEO's claim that co-founders use company for personal gain

BY GERRIT DE VYNCK

A federal judge dismissed all of Tesla CEO Elon Musk's claims against OpenAI on Monday after a jury found that he exceeded the statute of limitations in a lawsuit against the artificial intelligence company.

The decision is an outright win for OpenAI in a trial that pitted Musk against the maker of ChatGPT and two of the men with whom he co-founded the company in 2015: OpenAI's chief executive, Sam Altman, and its president, Greg Brockman. Musk left OpenAI in 2018 after a conflict with Brockman and Altman over who would control the organization. (The Washington Post has a content partnership with OpenAI.)

After a three-week trial in Oakland, California, that featured hundreds of pages of documents and hours of testimony from Musk, Altman and a parade of former OpenAI executives and board members, the jury deliberated for just two hours.

After the jurors' advisory verdict was read, the judge, who held the ultimate authority to decide the case, confirmed the decision and threw out Musk's claims that Altman and Brockman had betrayed OpenAI's founding mission and turned the company into a for-profit entity for personal enrichment.

The decision removes a significant potential threat to OpenAI's ability to keep up in the hotly

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EPA wants to repeal limits on 'forever chemicals'

Proposal would end Biden-era drinking water limits on some PFAS

BY BRADY DENNIS, JAKE SPRING AND LAUREN WEBER

The Environmental Protection Agency on Monday proposed repealing limits on four types of "forever chemicals" in drinking water, while delaying regulations on two others.

Shortly after President Donald Trump took office, the EPA signaled its plans to rescind the 2024 protections against per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, known as PFAS. But the agency waited more than a year to issue a formal proposal.

If finalized, the EPA's proposal would end the Biden-era drinking water limits for four toxic PFAS compounds: GenX, PFHxS, PFNA, and PFBS. It also would give utilities two additional years to comply with limits on the amounts of two other prevalent compounds, known as PFOS and PFOA. The agency said in a statement that it would evaluate those PFAS and issue new regulations, while stating it "cannot predetermine the outcome" of that process.

The EPA said that, separate

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Ebola outbreak alarms world health officials



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A border health officer at the Busunga crossing between Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo checks a traveler's temperature in Bundibugyo on Monday. The CDC said Monday that an American tested positive for Ebola over the weekend while working in Congo and was taken to Germany for treatment. **Story, A11**

President holds off Iran strike to let talks continue

BY CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR., JOHN HUDSON, DAN LAMOTHE AND SUSANNAH GEORGE

President Donald Trump said Monday that he had tentatively called off plans for the United States military to attack Iran after the heads of three countries in the Middle East asked him to give negotiations more time.

In a Truth Social post Monday, Trump said Qatari Emir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and United Arab Emirates President Mohamed bin Zayed al-Nahyan had asked him to "hold off" on a planned military strike on Iran — originally scheduled for Tuesday — in light of

Trump said he withheld planned attack in light of 'serious negotiations'

"serious negotiations" on a peace deal.

"Based on my respect for the above mentioned Leaders," Trump wrote, he had instructed U.S. military leaders "that we will NOT be doing the scheduled attack of Iran tomorrow."

Trump told reporters at a White House event a few hours after his post that the leaders had asked him to hold off on an attack for "two or three days — a short period of time."

The move was the latest sudden turn by Trump in the 11 weeks since the U.S. and Israel launched their attack on Iran on Feb. 28. In recent days, he had threatened renewed attacks. On Sunday, he wrote on Truth Social that Iran needed to move fast "or there won't be anything left" and that "the Clock is Ticking."

In his latest post, Trump insisted, however, that the U.S. military is prepared to launch a "full, large scale assault on Iran, on a moment's notice" if negotiations sour and that any deal has to include no new weapons for Iran.

"We've had periods of time where we ... thought [we were] pretty close to making a deal and it didn't work out," he told reporters Monday afternoon. "But this is

a little bit different."

The U.S. and Iran remain locked in a tense standoff over the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow Persian Gulf waterway through which 20 percent of the world's oil supply passes.

The two countries have imposed competing blockades and military restrictions around the strait, disrupting global energy markets, driving up gas prices and contributing to growing public anxiety about the economy five months before the midterm elections.

Last month, in an address to the nation, Trump declared that the war with Iran was "nearing completion." But in the weeks since, he has offered mixed sig-

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A senior year spent in protest

Teen leads her community's charge to block an ICE detention center from opening near her Arizona high school



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Cali Overs, second from left, and her friends hang out at a Dutch Bros Coffee after their last day of high school in Surprise, Arizona, on May 7. DHS purchased a warehouse in her Phoenix suburb. **SEE STUDENTS ON A20**

BY DANIEL WU

SURPRISE, ARIZ. — It was around midnight when Cali Overs approached the lectern in city hall in early February. She peered up at the dais in front of her and the mayor, Kevin Sartor, and spoke nervously.

"I am a current student at Dysart High School and the student body vice president," Overs said. "With a GPA of 4.3, before anyone passes me off as young and dumb."

Overs had joined the packed city council meeting to voice her concern about the Department of Homeland Security's recent purchase of a warehouse in her Phoenix suburb, which the government planned to turn into an Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention center.

The facility sits blocks away from her high school, Overs told her mayor.

She feared that federal agents would target students and families from Dysart, where the student body is 60 percent Hispanic, and that the detention center could bring the chaos and violence

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Trump to drop his IRS lawsuit

\$1.8B FUND CREATED, DRAWING BACKLASH

President's allies could receive taxpayer payouts

BY JEREMY ROEBUCK, MARK BERMAN AND PERRY STEIN

President Donald Trump has agreed to drop his family's lawsuit against the IRS as part of a highly unusual agreement that establishes a nearly \$1.8 billion fund to compensate those who, like him, have claimed they have been targets of a "weaponized" justice system.

The deal, laid out in documents released Monday creates what officials described as an "Anti-Weaponization Fund" with broad authority to distribute payments to individuals — all with limited oversight and outside of the normal processes for negotiating legal claims against the government. It is the latest, and by far the most sweeping, tool the president has aimed at financially rewarding supporters and political allies he asserts have been wronged by Democratic administrations. Under the settlement's terms, the president and his family would be excluded from receiving any money, officials said.

Legal experts and ethics watchdogs quickly panned the fund as a product of self-dealing that was negotiated between the president and agencies he oversees at tax-

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NextEra set to purchase Dominion in power merger

Data center surge spurs what would be world's largest regulated utility

BY EVAN HALPER

Electricity colossus NextEra plans to buy Virginia-based Dominion Energy as the utility industry struggles to build all the power needed for data centers amid the nation's artificial intelligence boom.

The all-stock deal would create the world's largest regulated utility, bringing together Florida-based NextEra Energy — the biggest developer of renewable energy in the United States and a rapid builder of large natural gas plants — with the electric company serving the world's largest concentration of data centers.

Virginia is home to nearly a quarter of the massive computer warehouses in the U.S., and the utility and state lawmakers have faced a deluge of demands from tech companies for more power. Meanwhile, everyday ratepayers have grown increasingly anxious about the economic and environmental toll of the AI build-out.

A recent Washington Post-Schar School poll found that Virginia voters, who only a few years ago warmly welcomed data

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