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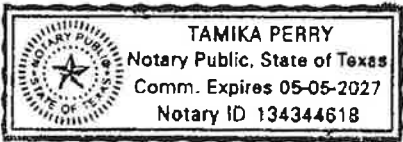
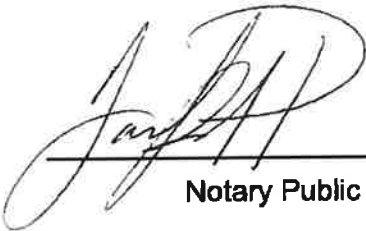
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# Judge blocks DOGE from some data access

By Lindsay Whitehurst  
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WASHINGTON — A federal judge on Thursday temporarily blocked billionaire Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency from Social Security systems that hold personal data on millions of Americans, calling their work there a "fishing expedition."

The order also requires the team to delete any personally identifiable data in their possession.

U.S. District Judge Ellen Hollander in Maryland found that the team got broad access to sensitive information at the Social Security Administration to search for fraud with little justification.

"The DOGE Team is essentially engaged in a fishing expedition at SSA, in search of a fraud epidemic, based on little more than suspicion," she wrote.

The order does allow DOGE staffers to access to data that's been redacted or stripped of anything personally identifiable, if they undergo training and background checks.

"To be sure, rooting out possible fraud, waste, and mismanagement in the SSA is in the public interest. But, that does not mean that the government can flout the law to do so," Hollander wrote.



Demonstrators protest the Department of Government Efficiency's access to Social Security data on March 14 outside of a Baltimore courthouse.

The Trump administration says DOGE is targeting waste in the federal government. Musk has been focused on Social Security as an alleged hotbed of fraud, describing it as a "ponzi scheme" and insisting that reducing

waste in the program is an important way to cut government spending.

The ruling, which could be challenged on appeal, comes in a lawsuit filed by labor unions, retirees and the advocacy group Democracy Forward. They argued that DOGE access violates privacy laws and presents serious information security risks. The

lawsuit included a declaration from a recently departed Social Security official who saw the DOGE team sweep into the agency said she is deeply worried about sensitive information being exposed.

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment. DOGE detailed a 10-person team of federal em-

ployees at the SSA, seven of whom were granted read-only access to agency systems or personally identifiable information, according to court documents.

The staffers were all federal employees allowed to access the data under federal privacy laws, the government argued, and there's no evidence that any personal data was improperly shared.

The Justice Department also said that DOGE access doesn't deviate significantly from normal practices inside the agency, where employees are routinely allowed to search its databases. But attorneys for the plaintiffs called the access unprecedented.

Lee Saunders, president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, called the ruling a "major win for working people and retirees across the country."

Skye Perryman, president of Democracy Forward, said that "the court recognized the real and immediate dangers of DOGE's reckless actions and took action to stop it."

DOGE has gotten at least some access to other government databases, including at the Treasury

Department and IRS.

At SSA, DOGE staffers swept into the agency days after Trump's inauguration and pressed for a software engineer to quickly get access to data systems that are normally carefully restricted even within the government, a former official said in court documents.

The team appeared to be searching for fraud based on inaccuracies and misunderstandings, according to Tiffany Flick, the former acting chief of staff to the acting commissioner.

Hollander, 75, who is based in Baltimore and was nominated by President Barack Obama, is the latest judge to consider a DOGE-related case.

The team has drawn nearly two dozen lawsuits. Earlier this week another Maryland judge found that DOGE's dismantling of United States Agency for International Development was likely unconstitutional.

While other judges have raised questions about DOGE's sweeping cost-cutting efforts, they have not always agreed any risks are imminent enough to block the team from government systems.

## Disney in search of key sequel — a successor to Iger

By Michelle Chapman  
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Behind the red carpet movie premieres and new thrill-inducing rides for fans of its amusement parks, there is a quiet search underway to find the successor to Bob Iger, the face of Disney for most of the past two decades.

Disney went through the CEO search recently,



Iger

and it was nearly a disaster. Only two years after stepping down as CEO, Iger returned to Disney in 2022 after a period of clashes, missteps and a weakening financial performance under his hand-picked successor, Bob Chapek.

But how do you replace a chief executive who is considered by many to be the gold standard?

Iger strengthened the Disney brand through his acquisitions of Pixar, Marvel and Lucasfilm, oversaw the expansion of the company in China and India and had a laser-like focus on technology that both made the Disney product better and more accessible. Iger, at the same time, is approachable, media savvy and has deftly managed a company that is like no other.

Under Disney's umbrella are theme parks, movies studios and streaming technology, all with priorities seemingly at odds with each other, or at least vying for the attention of the company's chief executive.

Disney did not provide succession updates at its annual shareholders meeting on Thursday. Still, the question of who can follow Iger remains on investors' minds.

Disney created a succession planning commit-

tee in 2023, but the search began in earnest last year when the company enlisted Morgan Stanley Executive Chairman James Gorman to lead the effort.

Gorman said in a January letter to shareholders that the committee had made "strong progress" over the past year.

"The full board is engaged in and committed to finding the right leader for the company and we are planning for a smooth leadership transition that will enable Disney's continued success," he wrote.

Disney does have the benefit of time. After signing a two-year contract mostly to right Disney's trajectory after a rocky two years under his hand-picked successor, Iger agreed to a contract extension that keeps him at Disney through the end of 2026.

Disney declined to comment on its succession planning efforts.

It is a broad search. Disney is looking inside and outside of the company. Internal candidates are being mentored by Iger, interacting with the company's 15 board members (including Iger) and receiving external coaching.

The internal candidates are widely believed to include the chairman of Disney-owned ESPN, Jimmy Kimmel, Chairperson of Walt Disney Parks and Resorts Josh D'Amaro, Disney Entertainment Co-Chairman Alan Bergman and Disney Entertain-

ment Co-Chairman Dona Walden.

Individuals on that short list are notably more visible at a time in which Iger has taken a bit of a step back from public appearances. Walden appeared at the Morgan Stanley Technology, Media & Telecom Conference this month to speak about varying components of the business.

"Disney is a great technology company and a great storytelling company," she said. "We have moved forward significantly throughout time embracing technology as a vital tool to deliver these stories."

Bergman and D'Amaro showed up at the South by Southwest festival this month to discuss collaborative efforts taking place at Disney.

Given the complex and unique nature of Disney, many expect the next leader of the company to come from within.

"Internal candidates make sense when a company doesn't need a major shake-up and when the bench of potential candidates is deep," Jason Schloetzer, associate professor at Georgetown McDonough School of Business, said.

Henning Piezunka, associate professor of management at Wharton Business School of the University of Pennsylvania, agrees.

"The challenge for Disney — but also the beauty

of it, is that it is a somewhat unique company," he said. "While it is very feasible for Ford to recruit from GM, and for Volkswagen to recruit from BMW, it is less evident what is an equivalent for Disney. So, it is harder for an external CEO to hit the ground running."

Yet is there anyone on Disney's roster that can oversee parks, films and streaming as adeptly as Iger has?

Schloetzer said that Walden's experience in television and streaming positions her well for the CEO post, although she lacks experience with the company's theme parks.

With D'Amaro, Disney has someone who has been with the company for almost 30 years and who has deep experience with the theme park division, he said.

"Ultimately, the choice will probably come down to which candidate the board feels most comfortable working with and who can motivate the next level of executives to push the company forward," Schloetzer said.

Disney has been energized of late. The company was buoyed in its first quarter by the strong box office performance of "Moana 2" and subscriber growth at Disney+ and Hulu.

And the entertainment giant is continuing to double down on some of its most successful titles Iger on Thursday announced

that a sequel of Pixar's "Coco" is officially in the works, for example. While that film is in its initial stages, he also pointed to popular TV series set to return with new seasons in the coming year, such as FX's "The Bear" and Hulu's "Only Murders in the Building."

Thursday's meeting also spotlighted other growth efforts — including updates on an ESPN "direct to consumer" offering set to debut this fall and expansions across various Disney-owned parks and cruises.

"Right now, we have more projects underway around the world than at any time in our history," Iger said in prepared remarks.

And beyond updates from Iger, Disney shareholders voted on several proposals Thursday. Of note, shareholders overwhelmingly rejected a proposal requesting that the company end its participation in the Human Rights Campaign's Corporate Equality Index — a measure of workplace inclusion for LGBTQ+ employees that several other big names, including Ford and Lowe's, have recently cut ties with amid wider attacks on diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives.

Disney's board previously recommended that shareholders vote against this measure. It received approval of just 1% in a preliminary count Thursday.

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## Jobless application benefits inch up; layoffs low

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Slightly more Americans applied for unemployment benefits last week, but layoffs remain historically low.

U.S. jobless claims filings rose by 2,000 to 223,000 for the week ending March 15, the Labor Department said Thursday. That's just less than the 224,000 new applications analysts forecast.

Weekly applications for jobless benefits are considered a proxy for layoffs, and have remained mostly in a range between 200,000 and 250,000 for the past few years.

The four-week average, which evens out some of the week-to-week swings, inched up by 750 to



The four-week average for jobless benefits inched up by 750 to 227,000.

227,000. It's not clear when job cuts ordered by the Department of Government Efficiency, or "DOGE," will show up in the weekly layoffs report, though

the Labor Department's February jobs report showed that the federal government shed 30,000 jobs. That's the most since June of 2022. Economists don't ex-

pect the federal workforce layoffs to have much of an impact until the March jobs report.

Those layoffs are part of the Trump administration's efforts to shrink the size of the federal workforce through DOGE, spearheaded by billionaire Elon Musk.

Senior U.S. officials set the government downsizing in motion late last month via a memo dramatically expanding President

Trump's efforts to scale back the workforce. Thousands of probationary employees have already been fired — enough two federal judges last week issued orders requiring the rehiring of thousands of those workers.

Despite showing some signs of weakening during the past year, the labor market remains healthy with plentiful jobs and relatively few layoffs.

The Labor Department reported that U.S. employers added a solid 51,000 jobs last month, and while the unemployment rate ticked up to a 4.1%, it remains a historically healthy figure.

Some high-profile companies have announced job cuts already this year, including Workday, Dow, CNN, Starbucks, Southwest Airlines and Facebook parent company Meta.

The total number of Americans receiving unemployment benefits for the week of March 8 rose by 33,000 to 1.89 million.