

MORNING BRIEF

Thursday, 26 February 2026

BHAGAVAD GITA — VERSE 1.7 (7/12)

*asmakam tu vishishta ye tannibodha dvijottama
nayaka mama sainyasya samjnartham tanbravimi te*

O best of Brahmanas, now let me tell you about the distinguished commanders of our army. I name them for your information.

True self-belief is quiet and doesn't need constant reinforcement through comparison.

LAW 19: KNOW WHO YOU'RE DEALING WITH – DO NOT OFFEND THE WRONG PERSON (19/48)

There are many different kinds of people in the world, and you can never assume that everyone will react to your strategies in the same way. Deceive or outmaneuver some people and they will spend the rest of their lives seeking revenge.

PAUL GRAHAM — WHAT YOU CAN'T SAY (19/97)

Every era has its moral fashions — ideas that are so widely accepted that questioning them invites social punishment. The Victorians had theirs; we have ours. To find what you can't say, look for ideas that people get angry about rather than arguing against rationally, topics where the 'correct' view is enforced socially rather than proven logically, and ideas that would get you in trouble at work despite being defensible.

Test your intellectual independence by asking: what do I believe that I'd be nervous to say publicly? If you can't find anything, you're probably going along with current moral fashions rather than thinking for yourself.

paulgraham.com/say.html

GIFT NIFTY 25,666.00 +46.50 (+0.18%)

Gap from NIFTY close: **+184 pts** (+0.72%)

INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
NIFTY 50	25,482.50	+57.85	+0.23%
Sensex	82,276.07	+50.15	+0.06%
Bank NIFTY	61,043.35	-3.95	-0.01%
India VIX	13.49	-0.66	-4.68%

FII / DII Flows

	NET (CR)
FII / FPI	+2,992
DII	+5,119

India Market Sentiment: **88** (Extreme Greed) — VIX at 13.5

US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
S&P 500	6,946.13	+56.06	+0.81%
Nasdaq	23,152.08	+288.40	+1.26%
Dow Jones	49,482.15	+307.65	+0.63%
S&P Futures	6,949.75	+46.00	+0.67%
Nikkei 225	58,981.97	+1,660.88	+2.90%
Hang Seng	26,765.72	+175.40	+0.66%

US Fear & Greed: **46** (neutral)

COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	4.05	+0.01	+0.37%
Gold	5,205.00	+49.20	+0.95%
Silver	90.60	+3.14	+3.59%
Crude Oil	65.66	+0.03	+0.05%
USD/INR	90.85	-0.07	-0.08%

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading above prev NIFTY close by 184 pts (+0.72%) — signals a gap-up open.
- NIFTY ended flat (+0.23%) — range-bound session.
- India VIX at 13.5 — low fear, complacency territory.
- Both FII and DII were net buyers — broad institutional support.
- Wall Street closed strong (S&P +0.81%) — positive cue for Asian markets.
- S&P futures pointing higher (+0.67%).
- Gold up +0.95% at \$5,205.

CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$68,437.00	+3.63%
ZEC	\$249.49	+0.88%

Fear & Greed Index: **11** (Extreme Fear)

- BTC surging +3.6% — strong momentum, watch for overextension.
- Fear & Greed at 11 (Extreme Fear) — historically a good accumulation zone.

HACKER NEWS

1. Danish government agency to ditch Microsoft software (2025)

Danish government agency to ditch Microsoft software in push for digital independence Denmark's tech modernization agency plans to replace Microsoft products with open-source software to reduce dependence on U.S. tech firms.

2. **Never buy a .online domain**

I've been a .com purist for over two decades of building. Once, I broke that rule and bought a .online TLD for a small project. This is the story of how it went up in flames.

662 pts · 408 comments

3. **New accounts on HN more likely to use em-dashes**

I've had this sense that HN has gotten absolutely inundated with bots last few months.

593 pts · 499 comments

4. **Claude Code Remote Control**

Remote Control is available as a research preview on Pro and Max plans. It is not available on Team or Enterprise plans.

495 pts · 285 comments

5. **US orders diplomats to fight data sovereignty initiatives**

443 pts · 379 comments

6. **Following 35% growth, solar has passed hydro on US grid**

On Tuesday, the US Energy Information Administration released full-year data on how the country generated electricity in 2025. It's a bit of a good news/bad news situation.

399 pts · 331 comments

7. **Bus stop balancing is fast, cheap, and effective**

Bus stop balancing is fast, cheap, and effective. It can turn a service people tolerate into one they're happy to use. When people talk about improving transit, they mention ambitious rail tunnels and shiny new trains.

293 pts · 456 comments

8. **Jimi Hendrix was a systems engineer**

3 February 1967 is a day that belongs in the annals of music history. It's the day that Jimi Hendrix entered London's Olympic Studios to record a song using a new component.

290 pts · 106 comments

9. **The Om Programming Language**

The Om language is: The Om language is not: This program and the accompanying materials are made available under the terms of the Eclipse Public License, Version 1.0, which accompanies this distribution.

229 pts · 48 comments

10. **LLM=True**

Hi HN! Discussion thread here. Disclaimer: this post has been written without AI.

211 pts · 137 comments

11. **AI's can't stop recommending nuclear strikes in war game simulations**

Advanced AI models appear willing to deploy nuclear weapons without the same reservations humans have when put into simulated geopolitical crises.

206 pts · 228 comments

12. **Show HN: A real-time strategy game that AI agents can play**

LLM Skirmish An Adversarial In-Context Learning Benchmark Where LLMs Write Code to Battle February 4, 2026 TL;DR - LLM Skirmish is a benchmark where LLMs play 1v1 RTS (real-time strategy) games against each other - LLMs write their battle strategies...

192 pts · 69 comments

13. **Show HN: I ported Tree-sitter to Go**

Pure-Go tree-sitter runtime — no CGO, no C toolchain, WASM-ready. go get github.com/odvcencio/gotreesitter Implements the same parse-table format tree-sitter uses, so existing grammars work without recompilation.

184 pts · 74 comments

14. **Windows 11 Notepad to support Markdown**

Notepad and Paint updates begin rolling out to Windows Insiders Hello Windows Insiders, today we are beginning to roll out updates for Notepad and Paint apps to Windows Insiders in the Canary and Dev Channels on Windows 11.

183 pts · 314 comments

15. **100M-Row Challenge with PHP**

Important The 100-million-row challenge is now live. You have until March 15, 11:59PM CET to submit your entry! Welcome to the 100-million-row challenge in PHP!

165 pts · 92 comments

MARKET NEWS

Global Market Today | Asian stocks climb, Nvidia pares earlier gains

The MSCI Asia Pacific Index rose 1% to another all-time high, with South Korea's Kospi Index — a bellwether for AI investments — jumping 1.9% to a record.

US Stock Market | Earnings fail to lift stocks amid AI woes

Companies in the S&P 500 grew earnings by 13% in the fourth quarter, almost six percentage points better than expected. They also served up optimism about the coming year.

Export uncertainty may dull domestic momentum for solar companies

"Companies with minimal or no exports to the US will also be impacted by CVD. They face indirect risk, if export volumes from peers are redirected to India.

SP Group's Rs 25,000 crore bond issue price likely to be lower

One basis point is a hundredth of a percentage point. The proposed round of fundraising, likely to be completed early April, could have a 2:1 split in favour of the domestic market.

Analysts cautious on IRFC OFS, see limited upside

"The stake sale appears largely aligned with the government's minimum public shareholding requirements rather than signalling any structural shift in the company's fundamentals," said Raj Gaikar, research analyst at Samco Securities.

Pre-market action: Here's the trade setup for today's session

STATE OF THE MARKETS - Tech View: Going forward, analysts expect the market to remain sideways until there is an improvement in investor confidence.

Stocks in news: IRFC, Adani Ports, Lodha Developers, Lupin, RIL

In today's trade, shares of IRFC, Adani Ports, Lodha Developers, Lupin, RIL among others will be in focus due to various news developments.

Vedanta board clears Rs 3,000 crore NCD fundraise

In a separate filing, Vedanta also informed that CRISIL has assigned a 'CRISIL AA' rating to the NCDs, while placing it on 'Rating Watch with Developing Implications'.

Bulk Deal Buzz: Promoters offload 5.3% in Aditya Infotech, shares rally 7.3%

The two entities sold 62.6 lakh shares at ₹1,470 apiece. As of December 31, Hari Khemka Business Family Trust held 16.8% stake in the company, while Dixon Technologies owned 6.2% stake. They offloaded 5.3% of the company's total equity in the deal.

India's stock market offers scale and growth: Pandey

"India's proposition is simple. We offer scale. We offer growth.

Sebi ramps up broker dealing room scrutiny

Officials of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) and stock exchanges have been conducting inspections at various broking firms-both large and small-in the past few months with a focus on institutional and high net worth investor...

SAT adjourns hearing in Jane Street case to April 17

In July last year, Sebi had passed an interim order imposing a trading ban and a fine of ₹4,844 crore on Jane Street for alleged manipulation of the local derivatives market.

Metal stocks rise 7%, analysts see potential upside of up to 25%

Lloyds Metals and Energy jumped 7.5% after Nomura initiated coverage on the stock with a 'Buy' rating. National Aluminium Company and Vedanta gained around 4.5% each. Hindustan Copper and Hindustan Zinc rose 4% and 3.6%, respectively.

IT bounce breaks 5-day losing run, but analysts warn relief may be short-lived

The Nifty IT index closed 1.6% higher at 30,526.35 on Wednesday, giving up a portion of the 3.1% gains notched up early in the day. The Nifty gained 0.2%, or 57.85 points, to close at 25,482.5 after rising as much as 0.9%.

RBI summons Yes Bank executives over forex card breach

Card details and CVV numbers of several users were allegedly compromised.

Microfinance in revival mode; MFIs, private banks expand business in January

Equifax monthly data reviewed by ET shows that NBFC-MFIs' portfolio rose to '1.34 lakh crore at the end of January, from '1.32 lakh crore a month ago, while the portfolio of private banks increased to '84,735 crore from '82,347 crore.

Credit card spends moderate in Jan from festival highs in Dec

In January, Indians spent Rs 1.99 lakh crore through credit lines offered by their banks, down from Rs 2.05 lakh crore in the previous month, but higher than the Rs 1.82 lakh crore they had spent last January.

IIFL Finance to raise up to \$750 million via ECBs, dollar bonds

The gold-loan focussed non-bank lender is in talks with existing investors as well as banks from Singapore and Taiwan, Nirmal Jain, managing director, told ET.

Yes Bank-BookMyForex forex card breach costs customers Rs 2.5 crore, hits 5,000 users

The incident was detected after the lender's fraud-monitoring systems recorded an unusual spike in transaction declined on specific bank identification numbers (BINs) tied to cards issued in partnership with BookMyForex.

RBI to conduct Rs 25,000 crore switch auction on March 2

The auction will take place between 10:30 AM and 11:30 AM. The result of the auction will be announced on the same day, and settlement will take place on March 4, RBI said in a release.

Ahead of Market: 10 things that will decide stock market action on Thursday

Meanwhile, the volatility gauge India VIX ended at 13.49, down 4.68% from the last closing.

US Stocks: Circle shares surge 20% as revenue tops expectations on strong stablecoin circulation

USDC, Circle's primary stablecoin, is seeing a surge in adoption as favorable regulations such as the GENIUS Act, which was signed into law by U.S. President Donald Trump last year, establish a federal framework for dollar-pegged stablecoins.

Market Trading Guide: Buy Central Bank of India and Colgate Palmolive on Thursday for short term returns

Listen to this article in summarized format Rupak De, Senior Technical Analyst at LKP Securities said investors largely remained on the sidelines, as the index has spent the last two days trading broadly within the range of its 200-DMA (25,341) and...

US stock market today: S&P 500, Nasdaq at two-week highs ahead of Nvidia results

Listen to this article in summarized format February has been a choppy month for U.S. equities as investors questioned if massive AI spending touted by technology giants was actually paying off.

Govt to skip green shoe option as IRFC OFS not fully subscribed

Listen to this article in summarized format The issue, which opened for non-retail investors today, was subscribed 95% of the 2% stake accounting for 26.13 crore shares.

HSBC India profit up 11% led by corporate, institutional business

Listen to this article in summarized format Profit before tax increased to \$1.86 billion in 2025 from \$1.68 billion a year ago with corporate and institutional banking making up \$1.50 billion of the profit up 14% year on year from the \$1.32 billion...

Zerodha's Nithin Kamath bats for loan against shares facility to service high interest loans

Listen to this article in summarized format Kamath said that Zerodha offers LAS through Zerodha Capital. He added that he has not spoken much about this business for a variety of reasons, including regulatory.

India's bond bankers push regulator for more funding flexibility

Listen to this article in summarized format The intermediaries known as merchant bankers in India say the move would give them more financial flexibility to underwrite debt issuances, the people said, asking not to be named discussing private...

Investor appetite lifts India long bonds; benchmark flat as supply looms

The benchmark 6.48% 2035 bond yield ended at 6.6777%, after closing at 6.6812% on Tuesday. Yields on 30-40 year bonds fell 4-5 basis points. Bond yields move inversely to prices.

Tech, AI to play big role in strengthening mkt surveillance, improving risk management: Sebi chief

Addressing global and domestic institutional investors at the Kotak Investor Conference, he pointed out that as India's economy scales up, the next phase of growth will be defined less by volumes and valuations and more by market quality, governance...

US Market | US stock futures rise in run-up to Nvidia earnings as AI worries subside

Listen to this article in summarized format February has been a choppy month for U.S. equities as investors questioned if massive AI spending touted by technology giants was actually paying off, while tariff uncertainty further stoked volatility.

Copper hits two-week high on demand optimism after US tariffs struck down

Listen to this article in summarized format Benchmark copper on the London Metal Exchange was up 0.6% at \$13,241 a metric ton at 1100 GMT after rising to \$13,320 earlier in the session, the highest since February 12. The U.S.

Ascendas Firstspace buys 9 lakh sq ft industrial warehousing space in Gujarat for Rs 275 cr

Listen to this article in summarized format In a statement on Wednesday, AARE Consulting said it has facilitated the deal between Ascendas Firstspace and Crystal Group.

Adani Ports completes \$495 million bond buyback; early tenders at \$196.94 million

Listen to this article in summarized format According to the exchange filing, valid tenders received stood at \$101.58 million for the 2027 notes and \$95.36 million for the 2031 notes.

Stock market quote of the day by Robert Arnott | "In investing, what is comfortable is rarely profitable."

In the world of investing, comfort often feels like safety — familiar companies, popular trends, and consensus opinions provide psychological reassurance.

Indian stocks set for another lacklustre year amid geopolitical uncertainty: Poll

Listen to this article in summarized format After selling over \$18 billion of equities in 2025, the highest ever yearly outflow, foreign investors have also remained net sellers so far this year.

Gainers & Losers: Concord Biotech, IRFC among 6 top movers on Wednesday

Gainers & Losers: Concord Biotech, IRFC among 6 top movers on Wednesday Shivendra Kumar, ETMarkets.com Newsmakers of D-Street Indian benchmark indices ended with gains on Wednesday aided by strong action in IT and auto stocks though financials, FMCG...

Union Bank Of India among 6 Financial Services stocks that hit 52-week high; rally up to 15% in a month

On Wednesday, the benchmark Sensex rose by 50 points to close at 82,276. Amid this uptrend, six stocks in the BSE Financial Services index hit their 52-week highs, reaching their highest levels in the past year.

Vedanta set to raise Rs 3,000 crore via bonds: Report

The metals-to-oil conglomerate is likely to sell two-year bonds or three-year bonds, or a combination of both, the sources said, requesting anonymity, as they are not authorised to speak to the media.

Bagmane REIT is said to seek \$3.9 billion valuation in India IPO

Discussions are ongoing and details such as the size and timing of the share sale could change, the people said. A spokesperson for Bagmane REIT didn't respond to a request for comment.

Rupee ends flat, NDF maturity-linked dollar bids blunt modest inflows

Despite expectations of elevated dollar demand related to NDF maturities this week, appetite to wager against the currency has also dulled due to expectations that the Reserve Bank of India will intervene to curb sharp falls.

India's wealth management industry poised for high-teen growth as IPO wave mints new millionaires

Listen to this article in summarized format [The IPO engine](#) At the heart of this expansion is India's booming primary market. Over 360 IPOs hit the capital markets in 2025, collectively raising close to ₹2 lakh crore.

Realty Income forecasts annual FFO below estimates on slowing demand, higher costs

Shares of the company fell 0.9% in after-hours trading. The San Diego, California-based company said it expects adjusted 2026 FFO per share between \$4.38 and \$4.42.

Market Wrap: Sensex ends 50 pts higher, Nifty above 25,400 as bank stocks keep rally in check

Listen to this article in summarized format [At close](#), Sensex was up a little over 50 points at 82,276. This marks a fall of around 682 points from its intraday high of 82,958, which it had hit in the morning amid strong buying in IT stocks.

More trouble for broader markets? CLSA sees high EPS downgrade risks in smallcaps, here's why

Listen to this article in summarized format [This comes as broader markets continue to see strong volatility](#), after an earlier sharp rally raised questions around fair valuations.

TCS can offer Rs 35 dividend, share buyback soon, says CLSA after Rs 3,593 target price

Listen to this article in summarized format [The brokerage said that there could be a Rs 35 dividend in Q4 and a "possibility of share buyback over the next few quarters given recent changes in the Budget around favourable tax treatment for share...](#)

Global Markets | European shares at record peak as HSBC raises lending target, AI disruption fears ease

Listen to this article in summarized format [The pan-European STOXX 600 index was up 0.4% at 631.6 points by 0824 GMT, having briefly hit an intraday record high of 632.40 points earlier in the session.](#)

Nifty near 28,000 by Feb 2027? Prabhudas Lilladher says current consolidation setting stage for next rally

Listen to this article in summarized format [The domestic brokerage in its latest India Strategy Report said that the prolonged phase of consolidation seen in Indian stock markets appears to be setting the stage for renewed optimism as structural...](#)

AI concerns keeping investors wary of IT stocks: Ayon Mukhopadhyay

Listen to this article in summarized format ["From May 2024 till early this year, we saw relentless selling due to technical factors. Other markets like Japan, Korea, and China were performing better, while Indian valuations seemed very high.](#)

Multibaggers: FIIs raise stakes in 11 high-growth stocks; rally up to 268% in a year

It's always exciting to track high-growth stocks. They grow fast, with rising sales and profits, but the real boost comes when big institutional investors, especially FIIs, increase their stake in them. It adds an extra spark.

CRYPTO NEWS

Bitcoin snaps back near \$69,000 but analysts warn the market may not be out of the woods yet

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Nvidia earnings smashed expectations as the world's largest company CEO says AI is only getting better

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MrBeast editor nabbed by prediction market firm Kalshi for alleged insider trading

MrBeast editor nabbed by prediction market firm Kalshi for alleged insider trading The company said it punished the MrBeast employee and another user it said tried to get away with contracts relying on inside information.

What early Bitcoin architect Adam Back thinks of this cycle

What early Bitcoin architect Adam Back thinks of this cycle Cited in the 2008 Bitcoin white paper, Back argued volatility is typical even as regulatory clarity and institutional access expands.

Blockfills co-founder and CEO Nicholas Hammer has stepped down

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The UK is picking winners for its digital dollar future while Coinbase CEO cries foul

The UK is picking winners for its digital dollar future while Coinbase CEO cries foul Coinciding with the FCA's announcement of its stablecoin trial, Coinbase's Brian Armstrong criticized the U.K.'s regulatory process, saying it puts the region's...

Tether invests \$200 million in digital marketplace Whop to expand stablecoin payments

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Crypto Long & Short: When ETF options start driving bitcoin

Crypto Long & Short: When ETF options start driving bitcoin In this week's Crypto Long & Short Newsletter, Gregory Mall of Lionsoul Global on how ETFs have shifted a growing share of bitcoin volatility into U.S. equity options markets.

A \$100 million crypto campaign fund with a pro-Trump vibe so far failed to show up

A \$100 million crypto campaign fund with a pro-Trump vibe so far failed to show up The Fellowship political action committee promised \$100 million, with reports that Tether may have been tied as a backer, but the fund has so far delivered zero.

Billionaire Alan Howard's crypto incubator WebN closes down

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Bitcoin climbs above \$68,500, Circle leads crypto stocks higher, as bounce strengthens

Bitcoin climbs above \$68,500, Circle leads crypto stocks higher, as bounce strengthens Ether, solana and dogecoin are among the altcoins posting 10% or more advances.

Bitcoin treasury firm GD Culture set to sell BTC holdings to fund share buybacks

Bitcoin treasury firm GD Culture set to sell BTC holdings to fund share buybacks The company's stock has lost about two-thirds of its value since peaking last year, nearly in step with bitcoin's record price above \$126,000.

XRP jumps 6% as exchange data points to institutional accumulation

Share this article XRP jumps 6% as exchange data points to institutional accumulation Break above \$1.37 draws strong spot demand, with ETF inflows and retail buying suggesting positioning shift. Feb 25, 2026, 3:04 p.m.

Endowment funds eye crypto allocations amid tougher return outlook for traditional investments

Endowment funds eye crypto allocations amid tougher return outlook for traditional investments Lower expected gains from traditional assets have prompted some funds to test bitcoin and ether exposure to diversify portfolios.

CoinDesk 20 performance update: Polkadot (DOT) surges 17.2% as all assets rise

CoinDesk 20 performance update: Polkadot (DOT) surges 17.2% as all assets rise Avalanche (AVAX), up 12.9% from Tuesday, was also among the top performers.

The chief of the SEC is headlining an event sponsored by a crypto firm at war with it

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These bitcoin-linked stocks are doing better than BTC

These bitcoin-linked stocks are doing better than BTC Your day-ahead look for Feb.

Circle Q4 earnings beat estimates as USDC issuance grows, shares surge

Circle Q4 earnings beat estimates as USDC issuance grows, shares surge The issuer of the USDC stablecoin posted EPS of 43 cents for the fourth quarter, beating the consensus estimate of 16 cents. The shares surged as much as 29%.

U.S. Senator opens probe on Binance over alleged \$1.7 billion flow to Iranian entities

U.S.

Crypto rebounds from oversold levels, altcoin season indicator revisits January high

Crypto rebounds from oversold levels, altcoin season indicator revisits January high Bitcoin rose as much as 3.7% overnight before paring gains, while altcoins outperformed and the altcoin season indicator hit its highest level since January.

One of the longest mining capitulations nears end, signaling potential BTC price bottom

One of the longest mining capitulations nears end, signaling potential BTC price bottom Hash Ribbon recovery and sub production pricing suggest the worst of the bitcoin drawdown may have passed.

Strategy becomes most heavily shorted U.S. stock – but don't assume pure bearishness

Strategy becomes most heavily shorted U.S. stock – but don't assume pure bearishness Short interest in MSTR equals 14% of market cap, yet much of the positioning may reflect basis trades rather than outright bets on a continued decline.

Leading stablecoin Tether shrinks again as market cap looks set for second straight monthly drop

Leading stablecoin Tether shrinks again as market cap looks set for second straight monthly drop Growth of tether and other top stablecoins has stalled, posing risk to the broader crypto market.

Vitalik Buterin sold 17,000 ETH this month as ether fell 37%

Vitalik Buterin sold 17,000 ETH this month as ether fell 37% The Ethereum co-founder's tracked wallets dropped from 241,000 ETH to 224,000 ETH in February, with sales routed through CoW Protocol in small batches to limit market impact.

Crypto firm with U.S. bank charter holds bitcoin holder Strategy's preferred stock

Crypto firm with U.S. bank charter holds bitcoin holder Strategy's preferred stock Anchorage Digital, the first federally chartered U.S. crypto bank, has added perpetual preferred stock in bitcoin treasury firm Strategy to its balance sheet.

TECH & STARTUPS

Gushwork bets on AI search for customer leads — and early results are emerging

As AI-powered search tools reshape how businesses are discovered online, India-founded startup Gushwork is helping companies capture customers from platforms such as ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity — with early traction that is beginning to draw...

Anthropic acquires computer-use AI startup Vercel after Meta poached one of its founders

Anthropic on Wednesday announced that it has acquired Vercel, an AI startup with deep roots to some of the biggest names in Seattle's tech scene.

Nvidia has another record quarter amid record capex spends

Chip giant and world's most valuable company Nvidia reported record profits in its most recent quarter on Wednesday, as demand for AI compute continues to skyrocket.

The White House wants AI companies to cover rate hikes. Most have already said they would.

The proliferation of AI data centers plugging into the national electrical grid has helped increase consumer electricity prices, driving up the average national electricity price by more than 6% in the last year.

US cybersecurity agency CISA reportedly in dire shape amid Trump cuts and layoffs

U.S. cybersecurity agency CISA is reportedly in dire shape, according to bipartisan lawmakers and industry leaders who fear that the agency's ability to perform its core mission has been diminished and left it unprepared for a cybersecurity crisis.

Welcome to the post-hype crypto market

Crypto is creeping back into the startup conversation, but at ETHDenver last week, the buzz was as much about Washington as it was about tokens.

Alphabet-owned robotics software company Intrinsic joins Google

Google is moving further into physical AI by bringing a familiar robotics software platform under its wing.

Snapchat announces 'The Snappys,' its first-ever creator awards show

Snapchat announced on Wednesday that it's hosting its first-ever awards show on March 21.

An accountant won a big jackpot on Kalshi by betting against DOGE

When Alan Cole saw Elon Musk fans eagerly bidding up a contract on the prediction market Kalshi that the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) could effectively reduce federal spending in a year, he knew he had to take the bet, according to a...

Inside the story of the US defense contractor who leaked hacking tools to Russia

A veteran cybersecurity executive who prosecutors said "betrayed" the United States will spend at least the next seven years behind bars, after pleading guilty to stealing and selling hacking and surveillance tools to a Russian firm.

Samsung shows off new display tech that adds a privacy screen to apps and notifications

At Samsung's Galaxy S26 live event on Wednesday, the company introduced a new display technology that allows users to turn on a privacy mode and prevent so-called "shoulder surfing" on a per-app basis.

Wearable startup CUDIS launches a new health ring line with an AI-fueled 'coach'

Wearables startup CUDIS is launching its newest series of health rings this week. The updated ring comes equipped with a number of features, including an AI "agent coach" designed to keep users on track to attain their fitness goals.

Kalshi fined a MrBeast editor for insider trading on markets related to the YouTube star

An editor for YouTube's most popular creator, MrBeast, has been accused by the predictions market Kalshi of insider trading on the platform.

The public opposition to AI infrastructure is heating up

Across the country, discontent has exploded over the ever-growing glut of server farms that have accompanied the AI boom. Anger has grown so loud that it's begun to shift legislative agendas.

Waymo to begin testing in Chicago and Charlotte

Waymo is bringing its robotaxis to Chicago and Charlotte as part of its push to continue scaling autonomous vehicles, the company said Wednesday.

Gemini can now automate some multi-step tasks on Android

Google on Wednesday announced a series of updates to its Gemini AI-powered features on the Android operating system, the most notable being a new way to use the AI to handle multi-step tasks like ordering an Uber or food delivery.

OpenAI COO says ads will be 'an iterative process'

Last month, OpenAI said that it is going to introduce ads to users of the free and Go tiers in ChatGPT.

OpenClaw creator's advice to AI builders is to be more playful and allow yourself time to improve

Peter Steinberger, the creator of the viral AI agent OpenClaw who has since been hired by OpenAI, has some advice for those experimenting with AI technology, including AI agents.

Have hard-won scaling lessons to share? Take the stage at TechCrunch Founder Summit 2026

If you've built, backed, or operated inside high-growth startups, your experience could shape how the next wave of founders scales.

About 12% of US teens turn to AI for emotional support or advice

AI chatbots have become embedded in the lives of American teenagers, according to a report published Tuesday by the Pew Research Center.

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