

MORNING BRIEF

Friday, 27 February 2026

BHAGAVAD GITA — VERSE 1.8 (8/12)

*bhavanbhishmashcha karnashcha kripashcha samitinjayah
ashvatthama vikarnashcha saumadattirjayadrathah*

Yourself (Drona), Bhishma, Karna, Kripa who is ever victorious in battle, Ashvatthama, Vikarna, and Jayadratha, the son of Somadatta.

Having talented people on your side doesn't guarantee success if the cause is unjust. Talent must serve righteous purpose.

LAW 20: DO NOT COMMIT TO ANYONE (20/48)

It is the fool who always rushes to take sides. Do not commit to any side or cause but yourself. By maintaining your independence, you become the master of others.

PAUL GRAHAM — HACKERS AND PAINTERS (20/97)

Hackers are makers, like painters and architects — not scientists. Computer science is a grab bag of loosely related fields using the word 'computer,' and hacking is closer to painting than to most of them. Good hackers, like good painters, learn by doing — they sketch, iterate, and develop taste through practice. The best programs, like the best paintings, are created incrementally by someone with good taste.

Programming is a creative discipline closer to painting than to engineering. The best code comes from iterative creation and good taste, not from rigid upfront planning. Develop taste by studying great work and creating prolifically.

paulgraham.com/hp.html

GIFT NIFTY 25,560.50 -104.50 (-0.41%)

Gap from NIFTY close: **+64 pts** (+0.25%)

INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
NIFTY 50	25,496.55	+14.05	+0.06%
Sensex	82,248.61	-27.46	-0.03%
Bank NIFTY	61,187.70	+144.35	+0.24%
India VIX	13.06	-0.43	-3.17%

FII / DII Flows

	NET (CR)
FII / FPI	-3,466
DII	+5,032

India Market Sentiment: **89** (Extreme Greed) — VIX at 13.1

US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
S&P 500	6,908.86	-37.27	-0.54%
Nasdaq	22,878.38	-273.70	-1.18%
Dow Jones	49,499.20	+17.05	+0.03%
S&P Futures	6,894.25	-65.50	-0.94%
Nikkei 225	58,360.91	-222.21	-0.38%
Hang Seng	26,381.02	-384.70	-1.44%

US Fear & Greed: **44** (fear)

COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	4.02	-0.03	-0.77%
Gold	5,193.50	-12.90	-0.25%
Silver	88.88	-2.06	-2.26%
Crude Oil	64.94	-0.48	-0.73%
USD/INR	90.97	+0.02	+0.02%

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading above prev NIFTY close by 64 pts (+0.25%) — signals a gap-up open.
- NIFTY ended flat (+0.06%) — range-bound session.
- India VIX at 13.1 — low fear, complacency territory.
- FII sold 3,466 Cr, DII bought 5,032 Cr — domestic absorbing foreign outflows.
- Wall Street fell (S&P -0.54%) — could weigh on sentiment today.
- S&P futures pointing lower (-0.94%).

CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$67,057.00	-2.14%
ZEC	\$239.03	-4.24%

Fear & Greed Index: **13** (Extreme Fear)

- BTC dipping -2.1% — mild correction territory.
- Fear & Greed at 13 (Extreme Fear) — historically a good accumulation zone.

HACKER NEWS

1. Statement from Dario Amodi on Our Discussions with the Department of War

Statement from Dario Amodi on our discussions with the Department of War I believe deeply in the existential importance of using AI to defend the United States and other democracies, and to defeat our autocratic adversaries.

737 pts · 423 comments

2. **Tell HN: YC companies scrape GitHub activity, send spam emails to users**

Hi HN, I recently noticed that an YC company (Run ANYwhere, W26) sent me the following email: From: Aditya Subject: Mikołaj, think you'd like this [snip] Hi Mikołaj, I...

591 pts · 222 comments

3. **Nano Banana 2: Google's latest AI image generation model**

Nano Banana 2: Combining Pro capabilities with lightning-fast speed In August of last year, our Gemini Image model, Nano Banana, became a viral sensation, redefining image generation and editing.

485 pts · 469 comments

4. **Layoffs at Block**

<https://www.cnbc.com/2026/02/26/block-laying-off-about-4000-...> <https://www.marketwatch.com/story/block-plans-to-lay-off-nea...>

399 pts · 384 comments

5. **AirSnitch: Demystifying and breaking client isolation in Wi-Fi networks [pdf]**

316 pts · 157 comments

6. **Will vibe coding end like the maker movement?**

Will vibe coding end like the maker movement? Is your vibe-coded app a Crapject or a Gift? Whenever a new technology arrives, the impulse is to treat it as something that has never existed before.

310 pts · 291 comments

7. **Show HN: Terminal Phone – E2EE Walkie Talkie from the Command Line**

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285 pts · 73 comments

8. **What Claude Code Chooses**

Featured Study Edwin Ong & Alex Vikati · feb-2026 · claude-code v2.1.39 What Claude Code Actually Chooses We pointed Claude Code at real repos 2,430 times and watched what it chose. No tool names in any prompt. Open-ended questions only.

224 pts · 98 comments

9. **Open Source Endowment – new funding source for open source maintainers**

Open Source Endowment Truly sustainable funding sustainable funding for critical OSS through a community-driven endowment Trusted by open source creators, founders, executives, and investors Solving Open Source Sustainability Together Our world runs...

209 pts · 129 comments

10. **Palm OS User Interface Guidelines (2003) [pdf]**

152 pts · 73 comments

11. **Smartphone Mkt to Decline 13% in '26, Largest Drop Ever Due to Memory Shortage**

BOSTON, February 26, 2026 – Worldwide smartphone shipments are forecast to decline 12.9% year-on-year (YoY) in 2026 to 1.12 billion units, according to the International Data Corporation (IDC) Worldwide Quarterly Mobile Phone Tracker.

150 pts · 165 comments

12. **BuildKit: Docker's Hidden Gem That Can Build Almost Anything**

BuildKit: Docker's Hidden Gem That Can Build Almost Anything Posted on February 25, 2026 • 5 minutes • 859 words Most people interact with BuildKit every day without realizing it. When you run docker build , BuildKit is the engine behind it.

144 pts · 48 comments

13. Google Street View in 2026

Last year, I came across a dataset documenting Google's global Street View coverage. Each point in this dataset includes the year and month of that point's last capture.

130 pts · 97 comments

14. He saw an abandoned trailer. Then, uncovered a surveillance network

In summary Southern California residents are noticing new license plate readers that appear to be operated by the Border Patrol. Some have had confusing encounters with agents.

127 pts · 56 comments

15. What does "2>&1" mean?

116 pts · 75 comments

MARKET NEWS

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

STATE OF THE MARKETS - Tech View: The RSI is in a bearish crossover, indicating weakening momentum. The sentiment is likely to remain weak in the near term, with a possibility of falling towards 25,300.

Stocks in news: Vishal Mega Mart, Bandhan Bank, Indian Oil, Bharti Airtel, BPCL

In today's trade, shares of Vishal Mega Mart, Bandhan Bank, Indian Oil, Bharti Airtel, BPCL among others will be in focus due to various news developments.

Global Market Today | Asian markets retreat following decline in US stocks

Japan's Nikkei and South Korea's Kospi indexes both slipped at the open, keeping the MSCI Asia Pacific Index little changed in early Friday trading.

Market players must put ID info in social media posts: Sebi

"With the rapid increase in the use and acceptance of social media, a need is felt to distinguish content related to the securities market uploaded/posted by regulated entities and their agents on SMPs (social media platforms) from the contents...

NSE invites investment banks to pitch for managing IPO

"The pitching process is expected to commence by mid-March, with the exchange likely to initiate the process of filing its draft red herring prospectus in April," a source told ET. An email sent to NSE remained unanswered.

HDFC Bank tightens locker access rules

The measures are aimed at strengthening end-to-end monitoring inside locker premises. "As part of our digital approach to streamline operations, we have transitioned into a paperless journey for locker access," the bank said in a statement.

Rising AI pressure, weak Q3 performance weigh on Capillary shares

According to company management, AI-related disruptions will likely help in expanding its scope in the areas of analytics and campaign management.

Motilal Oswal Alternates raises Rs 1,700-crore fund

The fund will focus on secured lending and bespoke customised solutions targeting mid-market businesses that are profitable, growing and fundamentally creditworthy, yet unable to access capital at the right tenor and structure from banks or capital...

IRFC OFS draws tepid retail participation

On Wednesday, institutional investors had placed bids for 22.34 crore shares, translating to a subscription of 94.98% of the shares in the category, as per exchange data.

DII flows into equity hit 10-month low in February

According to provisional data, these investors, including mutual funds, insurers, pension vehicles and treasuries - bought shares worth ₹26,130.3 crore so far this month- a cut of more than half of their average buying in the last six months.

Online betting ban and GST relief boost demand: Titan MD Ajoy Chawla

"All these factors mean there is more disposable income in the hands of middle class consumers," said Chawla in an interview. "It may not all directly come to us, but there is a positive impact."

NARCL may bid ₹900 cr for Videocon Oil's over ₹30,000 cr debt

VOVL, the oil and gas exploration arm of the Videocon group, was admitted into insolvency in 2019, after the parent conglomerate collapsed under a debt burden. A spokesperson at NARCL did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Banks may have to pay more on CDs, bulk deposits in March

Three-month CD rates have already spiked above 7% and are currently trading around 7.10%. That compares with around 6% rate banks were borrowing at the end of December, latest market data showed.

Vishal Mega Mart promoter entity likely to sell 6.5% stake via block deal: Report

Samayat Services held 54.09% (252.74 crore) in Vishal Mega Mart as of December 31, 2025 and under the stake sale, 3.05 crore shares will be offloaded, the report said.

Sebi cautions investors against fake notices demanding STT payments

The market watchdog further stated that fraudsters are sending fake notices, forging the regulator's letterhead and requesting payments for outstanding STT amounts.

US Stocks: Walmart shares drop after FTC says co agrees to pay \$100 million to settle deceptive earnings charges

Walmart shares dropped over 1% to \$124.44 in early trade. The FTC also said that in addition to the judgment, Walmart is barred from further misrepresenting earnings in delivery offers it makes to Spark drivers.

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

Meanwhile, the volatility gauge India VIX ended at 13.06, down 3.15% from the last closing.

Home First Finance bulk deal alert: Promoters sell stake worth Rs 660 crore; Societe Generale among buyers

Between them they sold shares worth Rs 660 crore. The stock fell sharply today, closing at Rs 1,176.25, down nearly 6% from Wednesday's closing price.

Market Trading Guide: Buy Data Patterns and Finolex Cables on Friday for short term gains

Listen to this article in summarized format Decoding the charts, Rupak De, Senior Technical Analyst at LKP Securities said the RSI is in a bearish crossover, indicating weakening momentum.

US stock market today: Nvidia drags US stock market lower; Nasdaq plummets nearly 2%

Listen to this article in summarized format The Dow Jones fell 202.53 points, or 0.41%, to 49,279.62; the S&P 500 declined 78.60 points, or 1.13%, to 6,867.54; and the Nasdaq dropped 440.72 points, or 1.90%, to 22,711.36.

US Stocks: US weekly jobless claims increase marginally as labor market stabilizes

Initial claims for state unemployment benefits rose 4,000 to a seasonally 212,000 for the week ended February 21, the Labor Department said on Thursday. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast 215,000 claims for the latest week.

NSE CEO pitches for minimum qualifying criteria for derivatives trading

In light of capital markets regulator Sebi's finding that over 90 per cent of the traders lose money in derivatives trading, the head of the IPO-bound stock exchange said no developing country can allow "lower strata citizens to waste their..."

Sebi mandates market intermediaries to disclose registration details on social media from May 1

The circular, issued on February 26, 2026, requires intermediaries registered under Section 12 of the SEBI Act, 1992 — including stock brokers, depository participants, mutual funds, investment advisers, research analysts, AIFs, REITs, InvITs and...

Sebi Working Groups submit agri derivatives review reports to chairman

The expert panels were mandated to examine whether the current framework governing margins, position limits, and delivery and settlement mechanisms could be optimised without compromising market integrity.

US Stocks Today US stock futures muted as Nvidia's blockbuster results fall flat

Nvidia rose 1.2% in premarket trading after the chipmaker posted better-than-expected results for the January quarter and forecast current-quarter revenue above market estimates.

Stock market quote of the day by John Bogle | "Don't look for the needle in the haystack. Just buy the haystack!"

In the world of investing — where headlines scream about the next multibagger, market gurus debate sector rotations, and investors chase tips, John Bogle's simple advice cuts through the noise with almost philosophical clarity — instead of trying to...

Canara Bank raises Rs 5,000 crore via 10-year tier-II bonds at 7.24% coupon

The Basel III-compliant Tier-II bonds maturing in 10 years have been sold at a coupon rate of 7.24 per cent, market sources said. The base issue was Rs 2,000 crore, while the rest has been raised utilising the greenshoe option, they said.

Indian bonds fall ahead of debt auction, growth data

The benchmark 6.48% 2035 bond yield ended at 6.6943%, after ending at 6.6777% on Wednesday. Bond yields move inversely to prices.

US Markets | Warner Bros posts 6% fall in quarterly revenue, deal talks in focus

The company in its earnings statement on Thursday did not address its discussions with Paramount Skydance, whose latest offer threatens to upend an existing deal with Netflix .

US Stocks: Berkshire CEO Greg Abel to lay out thinking for a post-Warren Buffett world

This Saturday, Wall Street will see how he tackled one unique to Berkshire: the highly anticipated annual letter to shareholders.

Gainers & Losers: XGlobal, Tejas Networks among 5 top movers on Thursday

Newsmakers of D-Street India's benchmark indices, the Nifty and the BSE Sensex, ended largely unchanged on Thursday as selling pressure in financial stocks — particularly heavyweight HDFC Bank — capped gains.

Data Patterns among 5 smallcap stocks that hit 52-week high; rally up to 50% in a month

On Thursday, the benchmark Sensex fell by 27 points, closing at 82,248. Despite the modest market decline, five stocks in the BSE 250 small-cap index touched their 52-week highs, marking their strongest levels in the past year.

Q4 earnings upgrades likely, IT may see more derating; metals in bull run: GV Giri

Listen to this article in summarized format Speaking to ET Now, Giri said the pace of earnings downgrades has steadily reduced over the past few quarters, setting the stage for a potential turnaround.

Noel Tata's tough ask on IPO stalled vote on Chairman tenure

Within two hours, the conversation had veered off course. What had looked like a done deal, with Tata Trusts itself recommending the reappointment just months ago, quickly unraveled.

Rupee ends a tad higher, interbank paying interest boosts forward premiums

The rupee closed at 90.9050 per U.S. dollar, up slightly from its close at 90.9475 in the previous session.

'Death of Software?' Anand Mahindra calls AI doom 'Greatly Exaggerated' amid IT stock crash

Listen to this article in summarized format In a post on X, the Mahindra Group chairman described extreme projections around artificial intelligence as “a great thought exercise,” but warned against treating them as inevitable outcomes.

Market Wrap: Nifty, Sensex end flat in a volatile trade as heavyweight HDFC Bank drags market

Listen to this article in summarized format Top Gainers & Losers Nifty's breadth was almost evenly split, with 26 stocks closing in the green while 24 others slipping in the red.

Euro zone yields steady at multi-month lows as investors await inflation data

Germany's 10-year government bond yield, the euro area's benchmark, was flat at 2.71%. It reached 2.697% on Tuesday, its lowest level since November 28 and was around 2.90% early this month. U.S.

Vedanta to raise up to Rs 3,000 cr via debentures

The fundraise is aimed at further strengthening the company's capital structure while optimising borrowing costs.

Global Markets | European shares subdued on mixed earnings; tech in focus after Nvidia beat

The pan-European STOXX 600 index was flat at 633.34 points by 0820 GMT. The index was hovering near a record high.

Nifty no longer range-bound? Vinay Rajani sees upside break with 2 high-conviction trades

February has been a grind. The Nifty 50 has spent the entire month in a stubborn sideways channel — surging toward resistance, retreating to support, and offering traders little more than whipsaws in between.

Global Markets | China stocks end lower as traders hold off before key policy meeting

Listen to this article in summarized format China's blue-chip CSI300 index finished 0.2% lower. The Shanghai Composite index was flat at 4,146.63, surrendering its opening-hour gains.

Gold, silver soared in 2025, stocks were major drags. What could 2026 have in store for investors?

Listen to this article in summarized format A report by 1 Finance notes that while a recovery is underway, it remains uneven.

PSU banks better placed on loan-deposit metrics; microfinance cycle nearing normalisation, says Yuvraj Choudhary

Listen to this article in summarized format Speaking to ET Now, Yuvraj Choudhary from Anand Rathi Institutional offered a data-backed perspective, arguing that the issue may be less severe for PSU banks than widely perceived.

Jane Street's troubles shift from Nifty Bank to crypto. Is a bigger storm brewing?

Listen to this article in summarized format Jane Street traders allegedly colluded with Terraform's current and former employees to create a secret message chain called 'Bryce's Secret', named after Bryce Pratt, a former Terraform intern and later...

Turnaround Play: 6 stocks turn profitable in Q3, rally up to 55% in just 3 months

In the high-stakes world of stock markets, few events capture an investor's attention like a swift corporate turnaround.

HAL, BEL and other defence stocks jump up to 5% on potential India-Israel defence deal

Listen to this article in summarized format The move follows a ToI report that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who landed in Tel Aviv on Wednesday, is expected to oversee the signing of a defence memorandum of understanding aimed at deepening security...

Crypto market rebounds as Bitcoin jumps 5%, trades near \$68K on strong ETF inflows

Ethereum rallied 9.29% to \$2,069, while major altcoins — including XRP, BNB, Solana, Tron, Dogecoin, Cardano, and Hyperliquid — advanced more than 11% in the past 24 hours.

Selloff in IT may offer trading bounce; metals and pharma hold long-term promise: Neeraj Dewan

Listen to this article in summarized format IT: Oversold in the Short Term, Uncertain in the Long Run With IT stocks witnessing a sharp selloff, the big question is whether the correction has gone far enough to justify fresh buying.

Global Markets | Nikkei crosses 59,000 for first time on software rally; gains shrink on profit taking

The benchmark Nikkei 225 Index rose 0.3% to close at 58,753.39, an all-time closing high, after rising as high as 59,332.43 in earlier trade. So far, the Nikkei is up 16.4% for the year. The broader Topix climbed 1% to 3,880.34.

CRYPTO NEWS

U.S. regulator's GENIUS pitch casts dark cloud over crypto sector's stablecoin model

U.S. regulator's GENIUS pitch casts dark cloud over crypto sector's stablecoin model The U.S. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency proposed rules that would govern stablecoins, including apparent limits on rewards that may affect Coinbase.

Bitcoin Miner MARA jumps 17% after striking a deal with Starwood to build AI data centers

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Grant Cardone plans to tokenize his firm's \$5 billion real estate portfolio

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Here is why Ethereum's bold new plan could make the blockchain giant high-speed 'internet of value' by 2029

Here is why Ethereum's bold new plan could make the blockchain giant high-speed 'internet of value' by 2029 Beneath the technical language of the 'Strawmap' is a far simpler story: Ethereum is trying to decide what kind of infrastructure it wants to...

A new bipartisan bill wants to ensure the next century of tech is written in America

A new bipartisan bill wants to ensure the next century of tech is written in America The Promoting Innovation in Blockchain Development Act is a high-stakes play to win the global code war.

Crypto social isn't dead, it's just changing hands

Crypto social isn't dead, it's just changing hands Why major shakeups at Farcaster and Lens are actually a market correction.

AI rout hits software stocks, but Grayscale says blockchains stand to benefit

AI rout hits software stocks, but Grayscale says blockchains stand to benefit As AI rattles tech stocks, Grayscale's head of research said blockchains will power intelligent agents' transactions and help offset emerging risks.

Vitalik Buterin unveils Ethereum roadmap to counter quantum computing threat

Vitalik Buterin unveils Ethereum roadmap to counter quantum computing threat This move comes shortly after the Ethereum Foundation established a dedicated post-quantum research team to study the issue.

Circle's post-earnings surge nears 50% as short squeeze, not strong financials, fuels rally

Circle's post-earnings surge nears 50% as short squeeze, not strong financials, fuels rally The violent move had more to do with hedge funds' overcrowded bearish positioning getting wiped out than the company's financial performance, one analyst...

Florida man charged with running \$328 million crypto Ponzi scheme

Florida man charged with running \$328 million crypto Ponzi scheme Prosecutors say Goliath Ventures' Christopher Alexander Delgado raised hundreds of millions of dollars, promising investors guaranteed 3% to 8% monthly returns.

Flare and Xaman unlock one-click DeFi access for over 2 billion XRP sitting idle in wallets

Flare and Xaman unlock one-click DeFi access for over 2 billion XRP sitting idle in wallets The integration lets XRP holders deposit into yield-generating vaults through a single transaction without leaving their existing wallet or bridging assets...

UK investors have just one month to add crypto ETNs in tax-free wrapper: FT

UK investors have just one month to add crypto ETNs in tax-free wrapper: FT The lifting of the ban on retail investors accessing crypto ETNs was seen as a major win in the adoption of crypto investments due to the possibility of it being added to...

Bitcoin briefly crashes below \$48,000 on upstart exchange despite crypto rally

Bitcoin briefly crashes below \$48,000 on upstart exchange despite crypto rally A single large sell order triggered a 30% flash crash on decentralized perp exchange Lighter even as bitcoin was climbing elsewhere.

Crypto for Advisors: Crypto's fixture in 401(k) plans

Crypto for Advisors: Crypto's fixture in 401(k) plans Crypto is becoming a permanent 401(k) fixture. We detail the shift from regulatory bans to presidential mandate and new DOL guidance, plus the latest big institutional bets.

Bitcoin falls back below \$67,000, rapidly giving back Wednesday's gains

Bitcoin falls back below \$67,000, rapidly giving back Wednesday's gains The declines are coming as the Nasdaq tumbles nearly 2%, led by a post-earnings selloff in Nvidia.

The Protocol: Blockchain sleuth ZachXBT alleges Axiom employee conducted insider trading

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OCC pitches stablecoin rules as U.S. Senate holds banking hearing in which crypto stars

OCC pitches stablecoin rules as U.S. Senate holds banking hearing in which crypto stars Before the Senate Banking Committee gaveled its banking-oversight hearing to a start, crypto claimed much of the oxygen, including in an OCC policy push.

A former Solana exec is taking a page out of Wall Street playbook to make global crypto trades faster

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CoinDesk 20 performance update: index falls 1.4% as all constituents trade lower

CoinDesk 20 performance update: index falls 1.4% as all constituents trade lower Aptos (APT) declined 11% and Aave (AAVE) dropped 6.6%, leading index lower from Wednesday.

MetaMask expands debit card across U.S. after year-long pilot

MetaMask expands debit card across U.S. after year-long pilot The card lets users spend digital assets directly from their self-custodial wallets at various merchants. What to know: - MetaMask is expanding the U.S.

Decibel goes live on Aptos with a \$58 million war chest and a secret weapon from Stripe's Bridge

Decibel goes live on Aptos with a \$58 million war chest and a secret weapon from Stripe's Bridge After a testnet with 700,000 accounts and \$50 million in pre-deposits, Decibel begins mainnet trading with an onchain order book and risk engine on...

Ethereum Foundation drops most ambitious roadmap in years, targets finality in seconds by 2029

Ethereum Foundation drops most ambitious roadmap in years, targets finality in seconds by 2029 The "strawmap" outlines seven forks through the end of the decade, including post-quantum cryptography, shielded transfers, and a 480x reduction in...

Indiana prepares to put bitcoin in its public retirement plans

Indiana prepares to put bitcoin in its public retirement plans Lawmakers pass HB 1042 allowing public funds to access bitcoin and ETFs, while banning crypto ATMs amid rising fraud concerns.

Trump family-linked American Bitcoin posts \$59 million Q4 loss as bitcoin price slides

Trump family-linked American Bitcoin posts \$59 million Q4 loss as bitcoin price slides The bitcoin mining company now holds over 6,000 BTC, with roughly one-third acquired through mining and two-thirds through open-market purchases and strategic...

TECH & STARTUPS

Netflix backs out of bid for Warner Bros. Discovery, giving studios, HBO, and CNN to Ellison-owned Paramount

In a flurry of deal offers in the high tens of billions of dollars, the bidding war for Warner Bros. Discovery is over. David Ellison-owned Paramount will acquire Warner Bros.

Jack Dorsey just halved the size of Block's employee base — and he says your company is next

Jack Dorsey has long been an open admirer of Elon Musk. Now, it seems, he may have been taking notes.

Anthropic CEO stands firm as Pentagon deadline looms

Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei said Thursday that he "cannot in good conscience accede to [the Pentagon's] request" to give the military unrestricted access to its AI systems.

PayPal might not be looking to sell itself: Report

PayPal may not be pursuing an acquisition, Semafor reported, citing people familiar with the matter.

Google paid startup Form Energy \$1B for its massive 100-hour battery

Google announced earlier this week that it was building a new data center in Minnesota that would be powered by a mix of wind, solar, and a very unique battery built by startup Form Energy that's capable of discharging for days on end.

So, we're getting Prada Meta AI glasses, right?

Could Meta be preparing to launch a Prada version of its Meta AI glasses? That's the speculation after Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla, were spotted sitting in the front row of Prada's Fall/Winter 2026 Fashion Week show in Milan on Thursday.

Sophia Space raises \$10M seed to demo novel space computers

As space companies itch to push the most advanced chips into orbit, the problem of cooling those high-powered processors is top of mind.

Memory shortage could cause the biggest dip in smartphone shipments in over a decade

A rise in the need for computers and data centers to power AI is causing a massive shortage of RAM, driving memory prices sharply higher.

Mistral AI inks a deal with global consulting giant Accenture

Enterprises have struggled to find a return on investment from adopting AI tools. Now AI companies are trying a new tactic to get their tech to stick by partnering with consultants.

Threads is testing a shortcut to quickly start DM conversations

Threads is testing a shortcut to make it easier to DM someone, the Meta-owned company announced on Thursday.

Read AI launches an email-based 'digital twin' to help you with schedules and answers

Meeting notetaker Read AI on Thursday launched an AI-powered email-based assistant called Ada, saying it helps users manage their schedules, answer questions based on a company's knowledge base, and reply to out-of-office emails.

Bumble adds AI-powered photo feedback and profile guidance tools

Bumble announced on Thursday that it's adding a series of AI-driven features intended to help turn matches into lasting connections, including those that offer feedback and guidance on users' bios, photos, and prompts.

Walmart agrees to \$100M settlement over deceptive pay practices in Spark Driver program

Walmart has agreed to pay \$100 million to settle a lawsuit from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) over deceptive pay practices within its Spark Driver service, which uses gig workers to deliver online orders from local stores to customers.

Self-driving truck startup Einride raises \$113M PIPE ahead of public debut

Einride has secured an oversubscribed \$113 million PIPE (private investment in public equity) ahead of its public debut, which is expected for the first half of 2026.

Cisco says hackers have been exploiting a critical bug to break into big customer networks since 2023

Cisco says hackers have been exploiting a bug in one of its popular networking products used by large enterprises for at least three years, prompting the U.S. government and its allies to urge organizations to take action.

A VC and some big-name programmers are trying to solve open source's funding problem, permanently

A group of notable open source programmers are joining with a VC investor to launch a nonprofit called the Open Source Endowment in hopes of permanently solving the perennial issue with developing open source software: funding.

Google launches Nano Banana 2 model with faster image generation

Google today announced the latest version of its popular image generation model, Nano Banana 2. The new model, which is technically Gemini 3.1 Flash Image, can create more realistic images than its predecessor.

Spyware makers sentenced to prison in Greece for wiretapping politicians and journalists

A Greek court on Thursday sentenced the founder of Intellexa, a collective of spyware makers, to eight years in prison for illegal wiretapping and privacy violations, according to several reports.

X tries wooing advertisers by letting them reuse creatives made for other platforms

Elon Musk's X is making it easier for advertisers to bring their creative campaigns from other social sites to its platform.

eBay to lay off 800 staff

eBay is cutting around 800 jobs, or 6% of its full-time employees.
