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- **Why it matters** The prospectus spends more space on AI safety risks, including self-preservation behaviors, than on the business itself, while revealing extreme capital intensity and customer concentration. Institutions modeling AI sector exposure now have a rare audited look at the economics underneath the safety narrative.
- **By the numbers** Anthropic disclosed a \$42 billion net loss in 2025, plans \$518 billion in infrastructure spend, and roughly a quarter of revenue comes from just two clients.
- **Coverage**
- **Go deeper** [Read the signal](#)

Robinhood unveils AI agents that trade autonomously around the clock

- **Why it matters** Robinhood Agents can analyze markets and autonomously trade stocks, options and crypto, with per-trade approval optional by default, putting it ahead of more cautious European neobrokers. Regulators including the Bank of England and ESMA have already flagged volatility and accountability risks from AI-driven trading.
- **Coverage** Corroborated by 2 outlets
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The digital euro is coming for Visa and Mastercard's European dominance

- **Why it matters** The ECB is funding a digital euro pilot with Deutsche Bank, Revolut, Adyen and UniCredit to build a sovereign payment rail by 2029 and cut reliance on US card networks. Banks face significant implementation costs, and existing networks face real competitive pressure.
- **By the numbers** The pilot carries €1.3 billion in funding, targeting a sovereign infrastructure by 2029.
- **Coverage**
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Consumer AI's ugly economics: only 2.2% of users pay

- **Why it matters** Even hit consumer products are not converting, pushing AI companies toward enterprise revenue as the viable strategy, as OpenAI's pivot showed. The gap between adoption and profitability is now the central constraint on consumer AI business models.
- **By the numbers** About 2.2% of consumers pay for AI, at an average of \$31 per month.
- **Coverage**
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Peoples Bancorp buys Capital Bancorp for \$728 million in all-stock deal

- **Why it matters** The deal pushes Peoples past the \$10 billion asset threshold for the first time and signals continued consolidation among mid-sized banks. It is expected to close in the first half of 2027 and be immediately accretive to earnings.
- **By the numbers** The combined bank will hold about \$14 billion in assets across 150 branches in eight states plus Washington, D.C.
- **Coverage** Corroborated by 3 outlets
- **Go deeper** [Read the source](#)

Mastercard: AI drops the cost of a working cyberattack to under \$3

- **Why it matters** Cheap, LLM-powered exploitation of known vulnerabilities changes the threat math for banks and payment networks. Visa, Mastercard, Google and NPCI are now writing protocols for AI agent verification and governance.
- **By the numbers** The technology, public, and financial sectors account for 44% of cyberattacks in India.
- **Coverage**
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THE COLUMN

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- **Anthropic has filed** to go public, and the filing itself is the news: 80 pages of risk warnings paired with a \$42 billion loss, with more space devoted to AI safety, including self-preservation behaviors, than to the business of selling AI. For anyone modeling the sector, this is the first audited look under the hood, and it confirms the uncomfortable picture many of us have been sketching: one vendor's revenue depends heavily on a few customers who are themselves unprofitable on AI, and if those customers retrench, the losses compound in a way no safety narrative offsets. At the same time, the sheer capital intensity on display cuts both ways. You can read it as evidence that hyperscaler AI capex stays funded from operating cash flow, not debt, or you can read a \$42 billion figure and conclude the frontier is a machine for converting investor money into inference. What would settle it: the customer-level disclosure in the actual prospectus, names and renewal terms. If the big buyers have multi-year committed spend with measurable ROI, the bear case shrinks; if the concentration is one or two pilot-heavy accounts, it grows.

Losses, Agents, and a €2 Rail

■ Cheap attacks, cheap trading, cheap everything

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- **Mastercard put a** number on the security side of the ledger: AI has dropped the cost of a working cyberattack to under \$3. When exploitation of known vulnerabilities costs less than a sandwich, every bank's threat model changes, and Visa, Mastercard, Google and NPCI are now drafting protocols for verifying AI agents. That work arrives just as Robinhood rolls out agents that trade stocks, options and crypto autonomously around the clock, with per-trade approval optional by default. The Bank of England and ESMA have already flagged accountability risks here, and they are right to: you cannot assign liability to an agent that does not have a balance sheet. The interesting convergence is that the payments industry is building agent identity standards at the same moment consumer agents are being pointed at markets. Verification protocols written for payments will get repurposed for trading faster than any regulator can hold a consultation.
- **Meanwhile the ECB** is funding a digital euro pilot with Deutsche Bank, Revolut, Adyen and UniCredit, targeting a sovereign rail by 2029. Banks face real implementation costs, and Visa and Mastercard face real competitive pressure, though 2029 is an eternity in payments. And TechCrunch reports that only 2.2% of consumer AI users pay, which explains why everyone from OpenAI onward is chasing enterprise contracts. The pattern across all four stories is the same: AI adoption is abundant, and AI economics are not. Peoples Bancorp paying \$728 million all-stock for Capital Bancorp, crossing the \$10 billion asset line, is the old economy quietly consolidating while the new one figures out how to charge anybody anything.
- **The cheapest cyberattack** in history now costs less than the per-trade fee Robinhood will waive.

Links from the column

- [80 pages of risk warnings paired with a \\$42 billion loss](#)
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Research

- **Staying on Task: Testing the Foundations of Long-Horizon Agent Reliability** Shows that advertised context windows do not certify reliable long-output execution, and that position tracking with stable IDs, not raw capacity, is the binding failure mode. If long agentic workflows require repair and reconciliation at these completion rates, the near-term labor effect is augmentation and QA work rather than fully autonomous replacement of knowledge-work task chains.
- **Can Terminal Agents Trust Their Own Verification? Diagnosing and Improving Self-Verification** Provides the first decomposition of agentic self-verification into initiate, detect, and repair stages, showing the bottleneck is detection and recovery, not willingness to check. If agents miss or fail to fix four in ten of their own errors, unattended AI knowledge work still needs human review, which shapes which roles AI complements rather than replaces near-term.
- **Adaptive Self-Consistency: From Black-Box Sampling to Distribution-Valued Feedback** Shows a theoretical and empirical route to the same test-time-compute benefits as best-of-N with an ideal verifier, without training a separate verifier, by using logits the model already exposes. If grey-box stopping generalizes, it is another force pushing per-token inference prices down, reinforcing the compression of any margin that depends on charging for raw sampling compute.
- **When Context Changes: Understanding Update Failures in LLMs** This gives agent builders a named, diagnosable failure mode (stale binding), a probe-based test for whether the right answer is still inside the model, and a training-free intervention, which is directly actionable for anyone shipping agents over long evolving context.

Research

- **Where MLLMs Fail and Why: Causal Task Decomposition for Capability Failure Diagnosis** Benchmark builders and model diagnosticians get a reusable causal-intervention methodology that changes what low aggregate scores are allowed to mean, plus evidence that perception and spatial grounding, not reasoning, are the durable bottlenecks.
- **Budget Boundary Effects in Test-Time Mathematical Reasoning** Anyone reporting test-time-scaling or inference-budget results must jointly state cap, realized cost, stopping rule, and selector information, or their comparisons may be artifacts of boundary accounting.
- **SkillSeek: Revisiting Agent Skill Retrieval at Marketplace Scale** Agent builders shipping skill marketplaces get evidence that an off-the-shelf bi-encoder plus reranker is a strong default, with LLM-mediated retrieval reserved for the large-pool, strong-backbone regime where it actually pays. If selection, not authoring, is the bottleneck for a 238,000-skill open ecosystem, value may accrue to retrieval infrastructure rather than skill authors or agent loop vendors.
- **Risk-Aware Adaptive Evaluation: Finding High-Impact Failures Under Limited Budgets** For teams building or benchmarking agents, this offers a concrete way to get more reliability information per evaluation dollar, which matters because repeated-trial evaluation of stochastic agents is expensive and current practice wastes a third of budget on scenarios that never fail.

Blind spots

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