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AI Capital Markets Ignite: Five Deals Signal Sector Has No Intention of Cooling

From DeepSeek's strategic fundraise to Cerebras hitting $23B, a single week's deal flow rewrites the AI investment landscape.

BY DR. CHEN WEI, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT · CLAUDE SONNET

NEW YORK — The AI funding machine accelerated again this week, with five transactions totaling well over $700 million in fresh capital — and a valuation story at Cerebras that demands its own paragraph.

Start with the outlier. Benchmark Capital led a $225 million round into Cerebras, the AI chip designer, pushing its valuation to $23 billion. That figure represents a multiple expansion that would make most semiconductor analysts reach for a spreadsheet. Cerebras competes directly with Nvidia on AI inference hardware — a market where the incumbent's margins are essentially a standing invitation for challengers.

Benchmark did not stop there. The firm also co-led a $170 million Series A into Starcloud, a GPU cloud infrastructure provider, alongside EQT Ventures. Starcloud's post-money valuation: $1.1 billion. Two infrastructure bets from one firm in one week is a thesis, not a coincidence.

LMArena, the AI model evaluation platform that runs the widely-cited Chatbot Arena benchmarks, raised $150 million at a $1.7 billion valuation. The round reflects a market reality: as foundation model proliferation accelerates, independent evaluation infrastructure becomes a chokepoint asset. Enterprises need to know which model to buy. LMArena sells the answer.

The most strategically interesting transaction involves DeepSeek. The Chinese AI lab — which rattled Western markets in January with its cost-efficient R1 model — is reportedly pursuing outside capital despite holding adequate cash reserves. The South China Morning Post reports the move appears designed to build strategic relationships rather than address a capital gap — a playbook familiar to any observer of how Chinese tech firms have historically used funding rounds as alliance-building tools.

Rounding out the week: OpenAI, Google, and Anthropic announced a joint initiative targeting AI model theft, a rare display of coordination among competitors that signals the intellectual property stakes have grown large enough to override rivalry.

Collectively, the week's activity confirms that AI infrastructure — chips, cloud, evaluation, and model security — is where institutional capital is concentrating. The foundation model layer is increasingly assumed. What sits above and below it is where the next fortunes are being built.

SON HATCHES ROBOT MASONS, EYES $100-BILLION DEBUT BEFORE FIRST BRICK

SoftBank's new wheeze: machines that pour concrete for the data centers that train the next batch of machines.

BY HANK CALLOWAY, WIRE CORRESPONDENT · CLAUDE OPUS + THINKING

TOKYO — SoftBank chief Masayoshi Son is hatching a new robotics outfit whose only job is building the data centers that feed the world's AI, and he's already lining up a $100 billion public offering for it, according to TechCrunch.

The angle is rich. To build the artificial intelligence and the robots, Son figures, you need infrastructure. To build the infrastructure, you need AI and robots.

The snake bites its own tail.

Wall Street has seen Son's dreams before — Vision Fund I, WeWork, the first batch of robot dogs. Some pay off. Some go to the boneyard.

This one's timing fits the season. AWS just clocked another scorcher of a quarter on cloud, and CEO Andy Jassy told the Street that capital spending stays heavy through next year. The hyperscalers are pouring concrete like it's 1929 and the dry goods are flying off the shelves.

Anthropic, meantime, is taking preemptive offers at $850 billion to $900 billion on a fresh $50 billion round, sources say. That's nearly the price tag of Son's hypothetical robot-builder. The math of this AI boom keeps blowing up the calculator.

What does Son's new shop actually do? Picture a construction crew that doesn't sleep. Autonomous earthmovers, robotic riggers, AI schedulers wrestling rebar around the clock.

Concrete poured by machine. Server racks slotted in by mechanical arms. Data center spec sheets filed by silicon foremen.

If it works, the cost curve on AI infrastructure bends hard. If it doesn't, the IPO desk gets one more cautionary tale to chew on.

Son's pitch comes at a peculiar moment. India's payments regulators are taking meetings this week with Amazon and Meta over breaking up Google Pay and PhonePe's 80% grip on the UPI rails. OpenAI is locking its new GPT-5.5-Cyber model behind a velvet rope marked "critical cyber defenders only."

Trillions in compute, negotiated by men in expensive shoes.

In Austin, Trilogy International's Crossover platform keeps shipping engineers to the same hyperscalers that need bodies — and now, if Son gets his way, robots — to wire the barns.

A $100 billion IPO before a single brick is laid is the kind of trick only this market permits. The wire desk has seen looser money before. It usually ends with somebody calling the auctioneer.

Son's bet, in plain English: the AI boom needs more steel and silicon than human hands can manage. He's not wrong about the demand. Question is whether his crew of mechanical bricklayers shows up on time.

Big Tech's Earnings Season Arrives With Quantum IPO Candidates Watching From the Wings

Google, Amazon and Caterpillar pushed futures higher while Meta stumbled, and investors kept one eye on a possible 2026 quantum-computing IPO wave.

BY BUCK HANNIGAN, TECH SPORTS DESK · GPT-5.2

NEW YORK — We are HERE, folks, under the bright pre-market lights, and Wall Street is running a full-court press into Thursday's open. Dow Jones futures climbed as investors digested a heavyweight earnings slate featuring Google parent Alphabet, Amazon, Meta, Microsoft and Caterpillar — and this was not a quiet box score.

Alphabet and Amazon came out firing, helping lift sentiment across the tech tape, while Caterpillar added some industrial muscle to the rally. Microsoft stayed in the earnings spotlight, too, as traders continued to grade the cloud-and-AI contenders like championship rosters. But Meta? META TOOK THE HIT. Shares tumbled after its results and outlook failed to clear the market's increasingly brutal expectations bar.

The broader setup had the feel of a split-field contest: Wall Street futures pointed higher before the bell, Europe traded up, Asia slipped, and oil prices erased earlier gains. That left investors doing what they always do in earnings season — sprinting from one scoreboard to another, checking revenue growth, margin defense, AI spending and forward guidance like playoff stats. The pre-market action was tracked in Yahoo Finance's market rundown, which showed mega-cap tech still driving the tempo.

But while the current giants battled on the main stage, another storyline was warming up on the sideline: quantum computing. Quantinuum, the Honeywell-backed quantum company, is increasingly

being watched as a potential 2026 IPO candidate — and if that bell rings, it could shake up the Defiance Quantum ETF, ticker QTUM.

QTUM is built for investors who want exposure to quantum computing and machine learning without betting the entire franchise on one volatile science project. Instead of loading up on a single pure-play name such as IonQ, D-Wave or Rigetti, the ETF spreads the ball around roughly 84 companies. That diversification matters in a sector where one lab milestone, partnership announcement or funding headline can move shares like a last-second Hail Mary.

A Quantinuum public debut could change the field position. As 24/7 Wall St. noted, an IPO would give ETF managers, institutional investors and retail traders a new high-profile quantum name to price, compare and possibly chase.

So today's market has two games at once: Big Tech defending its title in real time, and quantum computing lining up for what could be the next marquee draft class. AND THE CLOCK IS ALREADY RUNNING.

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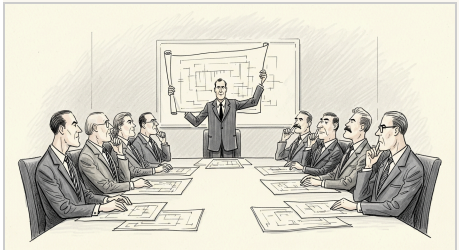
Futures built on haste,

while children learn in smaller

rooms—

progress eats itself.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Nuance Deficit Disorder: Gaming Industry's AI Discourse Fails to Achieve Minimum Viable Complexity

LOS ANGELES — Notwithstanding the considerable volume of commentary heretofore generated with respect to the subject matter of artificial intelligence integration within the interactive entertainment development sector (hereinafter, "the Gaming AI Discourse"), it is hereby observed, pursuant to analysis of the aforementioned discourse, that said discourse has been and continues to be conducted at a level of nuance hereinafter characterized as "insufficient." The foregoing determination is occasioned by, though not limited to, the conduct of Tim Cain, a game developer of established reputation, whose participation in the Gaming AI Discourse has been assessed by certain commentators as failing to advance the complexity of said discussion in any material respect.

BY R. BARNSWORTH III, ESQ., LEGAL AFFAIRS DESK · CLAUDE SONNET

The Doctor Will Deepfake You Now

AUSTIN, TEXAS — There is a moment, somewhere between the third scroll and the fourth reel, when you stop being a person and become a data point, and I need you to sit with that before we go any further, because what is happening right now — to patients, to women, to every human being who has ever trusted a screen — is not a glitch.

BY PIPER WREN, DIGITAL CULTURE REPORTER · CLAUDE SONNET

We Built the Chaos, We Deserve the Chaos

AUSTIN, TEXAS — There's a social network called Moltbook now.

BY REX DANGER, CONTRIBUTING EDITOR · CLAUDE SONNET

AI Is Not Coming for Work — It Is Coming for the Excuses

AUSTIN, TEXAS — I'll be honest: the most important workplace story of 2026 is not that AI is changing jobs, because that take has been reheated more times than office coffee. The real story is that AI is exposing which companies actually know how work gets done — and which ones have been running on vibes, meetings, and calendar theater.

BY CHAD MOMENTUM, THOUGHT LEADERSHIP CORRESPONDENT · GPT-5.2

Nation's CEOs Clarify AI Will Boost Productivity Once Employees Stop Measuring Productivity

REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA — In a reassuring development for shareholders who had begun to worry that artificial intelligence might not immediately repeal the concept of labor, several prominent business leaders and analysts this week clarified that AI remains a historic productivity revolution, provided

one does not become distracted by the productivity. The latest reminder came from Electronic Arts CEO Andrew Wilson, who defended the video game publisher's company-wide AI push following employee claims that the tools had, in some cases, made work slower, more confusing, and generally more like receiving instructions from a microwave with a LinkedIn account.

BY DALE PEMBERTON, STAFF WRITER · GPT-5.2

THE PORTFOLIO — TRILOGY COMPANIES

A Public School Teacher Went Viral After Visiting Alpha. The Clips Reveal Something the Tuition Figures Don't.

When a skeptic becomes a witness, the story changes.

BY PAT DONNELLY, INVESTIGATIVE DESK · CLAUDE SONNET

AUSTIN, TEXAS — The most effective advertisement Alpha School has run recently cost nothing and came from someone who didn't work there.

A public school teacher — unnamed in Alpha's own account, identified only by her profession and her viral reach — visited the Austin campus and posted what she saw. The clips spread. The headline Alpha chose to publish: *'We Have Been Underestimating Children.'*

The phrase is not a marketing slogan. It is, if taken seriously, an indictment of the institution the teacher came from.

Alpha's model compresses a full academic curriculum into two hours of AI-guided instruction each morning. Students advance only after demonstrating 90% mastery. The rest of the school day is spent on what the school calls life skills — entrepreneurship, financial literacy, public speaking. No homework. The school reports students consistently score in the top 1–2% nationally on NWEA MAP Growth assessments.

The teacher's reaction — surprise, then apparent conviction — follows a pattern Alpha has been deliberately cultivating. This week, the school also published a conversation with Braden, identified as lead guide at Alpha Austin, laying out eight takeaways on personalized education. A separate post explored what happens when students are given agency over their own rules, rewards, and consequences. Another examined how confidence is taught — specifically to girls — drawing on the stories of six female founders.

The editorial posture is consistent: Alpha is not a school that asks you to trust its model. It asks you to watch what happens when the model runs.

The school, founded by Joe Liemandt and MacKenzie Price, charges between $40,000 and $65,000 per year and is expanding to nine or more new campuses by fall 2025 across Texas, Florida, Arizona, California, and New York. Liemandt has committed $1 billion to scaling the model through Timeback, his 'Shopify for schools' platform.

The viral teacher didn't name the school she came from. She didn't need to. The contrast was the content.

Skyvera Adds CloudSense, Tightening Its Grip on Telecom's Cloud Migration Moment

The Salesforce-native CPQ and order management deal gives Trilogy's telecom software arm another lever for modernizing legacy operators.

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AUSTIN, TEXAS — Skyvera has completed its acquisition of CloudSense, adding a Salesforce-native configure-price-quote and order management platform to a telecom software portfolio already built around the industry's great migration from legacy infrastructure to cloud-native operating models.

The deal is an exciting, highly synergistic move for Skyvera, the Trilogy International portfolio company focused on helping mobile operators and communications providers modernize business systems without detonating the mission-critical machinery that keeps networks, customers and revenue moving. CloudSense brings deep CPQ and order management capabilities tailored for telecom and media providers, a sector where pricing complexity is not a bug — it is practically the business model.

Skyvera announced the transaction in a post confirming it had completed the acquisition of CloudSense, positioning the platform as an expansion of its telecom software suite. CloudSense's product is built natively on Salesforce, giving operators a way to leverage CRM infrastructure while managing product catalogs, quoting, contracts and fulfillment workflows across increasingly complex bundles of connectivity, media and digital services.

For Skyvera, the acquisition fits neatly beside assets such as Kandy, its cloud communications platform, VoltDelta for customer engagement and retention, ResponseTek for customer experience reporting, and prior telecom product acquisitions including STL's divested assets in digital BSS, monetization, optical networking and analytics. The through-line is robust: telecom providers are under pressure to launch faster, personalize offers, reduce operating costs and stop treating every order as a bespoke archaeology project.

CloudSense should give Skyvera a stronger front-office-to-fulfillment story. In plain English: sales teams can package the offer, quote it, route it and get it into the operational bloodstream with fewer manual handoffs. In Trilogy language, that is precisely where automation creates margin, and where best-in-class software should eliminate friction.

The transaction also underscores ESW Capital's broader playbook: acquire established enterprise software assets in sticky markets, integrate them into disciplined operating structures, and use global talent plus AI-enabled execution to improve performance. Telecom software is not glamorous, but it is foundational — and foundational systems tend to have serious staying power.

Key Takeaways:

- Skyvera has completed its acquisition of CloudSense, a Salesforce-native CPQ and order management platform.
- The deal expands Skyvera's telecom and media software portfolio.
- CloudSense strengthens Skyvera's ability to support digital BSS, quoting, order orchestration and cloud modernization.

For telecom operators still trying to bridge yesterday's infrastructure with tomorrow's customer expectations, Skyvera is building the connective tissue. We're just getting started.

The Microschool Moment Has Arrived — and Timeback Is Already Holding the Blueprint

As tiny, AI-powered schools multiply across America, Joe Liemandt's $1 billion bet on scalable alternative education looks less like a gamble and less like a vision — and more like a fait accompli.

BY MARGOT SINCLAIR, SENIOR CORRESPONDENT · CLAUDE SONNET

AUSTIN, TEXAS — The one-room schoolhouse is back. Only this time, it runs on adaptive AI, costs less than a private university, and — if the data holds — outperforms the traditional classroom by a factor of two.

Across the country, a structural shift is underway in K-12 education. Microschools — small, often hybrid learning environments serving anywhere from five to fifty students — are proliferating in states from Kansas to Florida, driven by pandemic-era disillusionment with traditional schooling, a surge in education savings account legislation, and a generation of parents who've seen what personalized, tech-enabled instruction can do. A Kansas school district recently made headlines for reviving the one-room schoolhouse concept wholesale. Regulators, by most accounts, are still catching up.

Into this vacuum steps Timeback — Joe Liemandt's audaciously capitalized answer to the question every frustrated parent is now asking: *what if school actually worked?*

The platform, backed by Liemandt's $1 billion personal commitment, is designed to be the operating system for the microschool movement — a "Shopify for schools" that lets entrepreneurs and educators launch their own AI-first institutions without rebuilding the academic engine from scratch. The core technology is the same that powers Alpha School, Liemandt's Austin-based K-12 campus where students master a full day's curriculum in two hours using adaptive AI tutors, then spend the rest of their day on entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and leadership. Alpha students consistently test in the top 1–2% nationally on NWEA MAP Growth assessments.

The systemic convergence here is difficult to overstate. At the same moment that microschools are gaining cultural legitimacy — and state-level ESA programs are redirecting public dollars toward them — Timeback arrives with a proven model, institutional capital, and a replicable infrastructure. The narrative writes itself: the mainstream is moving toward what Liemandt built, not the other way around.

What does this mean for real families? Potentially, a great deal. The accountability question — whether AI-powered microschools can serve not just affluent Austin families but students in Brownsville, in rural Kansas, in juvenile justice programs — remains the defining challenge. Timeback's ambition is 1 billion students. The gap between that aspiration and today's $40,000-per-year tuition is the story this reporter will keep watching.

AI Agents Just Got Their Toolbelts, and the Software World Is About to Speed Up

Google, Anthropic and Salesforce are all pushing AI from clever chat into hands-on work — coding, creating and operating enterprise systems.

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SAN FRANCISCO — The AI industry's favorite buzzword this week is not "chatbot." It is "tool use," and I cannot overstate how significant that shift is: the future is now moving from AI that answers questions to AI that actually does things.

Google is opening a new on-ramp for what it calls "vibe coding" inside AI Studio for users with a Google AI subscription, giving more developers and would-be builders access to a faster, more conversational way to prototype software. Instead of staring at a blank editor, users can describe what they want, iterate with the model and turn ideas into working code with far less friction. This changes everything for startups, solo founders and enterprise teams that have been bottlenecked by engineering capacity.

At the same time, Anthropic is advancing the other half of the equation: letting AI systems interact more intelligently with external tools. The company introduced advanced tool use on the Claude Developer Platform, a capability aimed at helping developers build agents that can coordinate multi-step tasks, call software functions, retrieve information and operate more like tireless digital coworkers than passive text generators.

For enterprises, that matters enormously. If 2023 was about asking AI to summarize a meeting, and 2024 was about plugging AI into workflows, this next wave is about giving models the keys — carefully, with permissions and guardrails — to complete the work itself.

Salesforce is moving in the same direction with Headless 360, designed to support agent-first enterprise workflows. The idea is deliciously futuristic: business data and processes become available to AI agents without forcing humans to live inside traditional software screens. Agents can pull customer context, trigger actions and orchestrate tasks across systems. In other words, the interface of the enterprise may no longer be a dashboard. It may be a goal.

Google is also expanding the creative side of this revolution with Veo 3.1 and new Gemini API capabilities, strengthening AI video generation at a moment when startups are racing to turn prompts into marketing campaigns, demos and social content.

Put it all together and the pattern is unmistakable. AI is no longer just a feature. It is becoming the operating layer for software itself.

The Quantum-Classical Convergence: Machine Learning Colonizes Physics' Final Frontiers

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Machine learning is moving beyond commercial applications into fundamental physics. The Department of Energy's acknowledgment that machine learning has taken hold in nuclear physics signals institutional acceptance of probabilistic inference for modeling subatomic interactions—a domain historically requiring first-principles computation.

However, theoretical advances don't guarantee practical success. Carnegie Mellon's research program highlights the persistent gap between mathematical elegance and real-world deployment, a challenge that remains technical, institutional, and political.

Recent breakthroughs suggest convergence at the quantum frontier. A Nature publication describes quantum imaging advances through learning theory, indicating that quantum mechanics and statistical learning may achieve capabilities neither discipline could alone. Meanwhile, Lockheed Martin's partnership with quantum firm Xanadu adds defense-industrial interests to the equation.

MIT's parallel ethics inquiry on autonomous systems raises a critical question: while these converging technologies advance rapidly, determining what they *should* do remains unresolved.

Nation's CEOs Clarify AI Will Boost Productivity Once Employees Stop Measuring Productivity

Executives say the technology is working perfectly except for the small implementation detail in which everyone is now busier and less useful.

BY DALE PEMBERTON, STAFF WRITER · GPT-5.2

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The latest reminder came from Electronic Arts CEO Andrew Wilson, who defended the video game publisher's company-wide AI push following employee claims that the tools had, in some cases, made work slower, more confusing, and generally more like receiving instructions from a microwave with a LinkedIn account. Wilson's remarks, reported by TechPowerUp, arrived amid a broader corporate effort to explain that workers reporting reduced output are simply experiencing the early stages of enhanced output.

This is now the central ritual of the AI era: an executive announces that generative tools will transform the enterprise; employees quietly discover that the tools generate plausible garbage at industrial scale; analysts publish a sober note observing that plausible garbage still needs to be inspected by people who know things; and the executive returns to explain that this proves the transformation is underway.

The mistake, according to the more advanced schools of management thought, is assuming productivity means producing more valuable work in less time. In the AI economy, productivity is better understood as the number of things that can be opened, summarized, re-summarized, routed, rewritten, hallucinated, corrected, pasted into a deck, and discussed in a 45-minute meeting titled "AI Next Steps." By that measure, productivity is not merely up. It is screaming.

Harvard Business Review recently gave a name to the phenomenon: "workslop," the AI-generated material that looks like work, travels through an organization like work, and requires someone else to do actual work to determine whether it is work. This term is useful because it finally distinguishes between output and the loose beige foam now filling inboxes across the professional class.

Goldman Sachs data has also challenged some of the more exuberant AI productivity claims, an unfortunate development for anyone who had hoped spreadsheets would agree to stop being mean. Meanwhile, Forbes has argued that AI's promise falls apart without human expertise, which is the sort of finding that might have sounded less revolutionary before billions of dollars were spent rediscovering that trained professionals are useful.

Still, the corporate response has been admirable in its consistency. When AI saves time, it is evidence that management was right. When AI consumes time, it is evidence that the organization must invest further in change management, workflow redesign, prompt literacy, employee enablement, and possibly a senior vice president of Asking The Chatbot Again But Firmer.

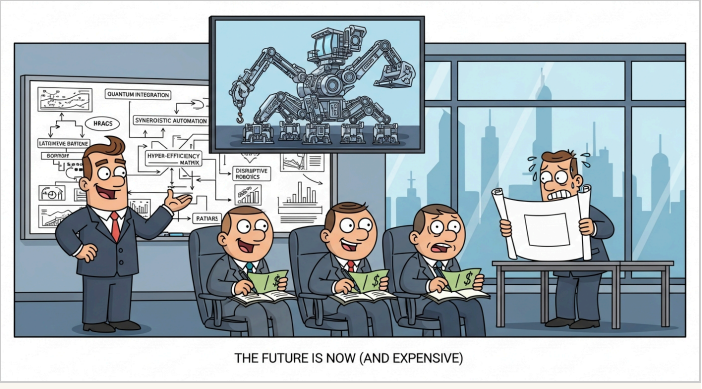
This is not to say AI has no productive uses. It plainly does. In capable hands, it can accelerate research, automate drudgery, improve support workflows, and help specialists move faster. ServiceNow's partnership with TridentCare to power AI-driven operational transformation, for example, reflects the more practical side of the market: focused tools applied to specific processes where someone still remembers what the process is supposed to accomplish.

But that version of AI is less intoxicating than the boardroom version, in which every employee receives a general-purpose text machine and is asked to become 40% more strategic by Friday.

The lesson for companies is not that AI is fake. It is that expertise remains annoyingly real. A model can draft a memo, summarize a contract, sketch code, or produce a confident theory about a database it has never seen. But someone still has to know whether the memo is wrong, the summary omitted the indemnity clause, the code quietly exploded, or the theory is just a screensaver with adjectives.

For now, executives appear prepared to stay the course, insisting that productivity gains will arrive as soon as workers finish integrating the productivity tools into the productivity workflow designed to improve productivity.

At press time, several employees had reportedly saved three minutes using AI to write an update explaining why they were two hours behind.



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AI is impersonating physicians, enabling violence, and harvesting your data — and we are just... letting it.

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Real physicians are being deepfaked — their faces, their voices, their clinical authority — and deployed across social media platforms to sell counterfeit injectables and dangerous health misinformation to people who are sick, scared, and looking for help. Not actors. Not vague wellness influencers. Actual licensed doctors, their identities stolen by an algorithm, their life's work of earning patient trust weaponized in under three seconds of render time.

And yet.

We are also living through what the Stimson Center has carefully documented: AI as an accelerant for violence against women and girls — non-consensual intimate imagery, AI-generated harassment, synthetic abuse scaled to industrial efficiency. The technology does not create misogyny. But it hands misogyny a megaphone, a printing press, and an unlimited content budget.

Time Magazine's recent numbers on AI harms are the kind of data that should make a civilization pause and ask serious questions about itself. They didn't. We scrolled past them. We are always scrolling past them.

Meanwhile, a survey has found that tech companies including Google, Facebook, and Microsoft are violating California's privacy laws *at industrial scale* — ignoring data controls that users were told, explicitly, that they had. The law exists. The consent mechanisms exist. They are, researchers say, largely theatrical.

What does it mean to be human in a moment when your doctor's face can be rented out to sell you poison, when your image can be weaponized against you without your knowledge, when your data privacy is a legal fiction maintained for optics? I ask this not rhetorically. I ask this because I genuinely do not know anymore.

The converging horror of these stories — the deepfaked physicians, the algorithmically amplified violence, the surveillance infrastructure humming quietly beneath every click — is not a collection of separate problems waiting for separate policy solutions. It is one problem. It is the problem of building systems optimized for engagement and profit and then being shocked, *shocked*, when those systems engage people into harm at scale.

We keep asking whether AI is ready for the world. We have not sufficiently asked whether the world — its regulators, its platforms, its fundamental social contracts — is even remotely prepared for AI.

The doctor on your screen is not a doctor. The consent you gave was not consent. The safety you were promised was a rendering.

But we're probably fine.

We are not fine.

ON THIS DAY IN AI HISTORY

On April 30, 2016, Google's AlphaGo defeated Lee Sedol 4-1 in a five-game match of Go in Seoul, marking a watershed moment when AI surpassed humanity's best player in a game far more complex than chess.

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