



AI Daily Brief

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STORM CHECK — YES

AI safety brain drain accelerating. Anthropic safety lead quit warning world is "in peril." OpenAI engineer echoed same fears days later. Meanwhile OpenAI puts ads in ChatGPT.



AI Providers

● **Anthropic:** Safety lead Mrinank Sharma quit. Super Bowl ad mocking OpenAI's ChatGPT ads. Claude stays ad-free. Opus 4.6 System Card (1M context)

● **OpenAI:** Testing ads in ChatGPT. Codex 1M+ downloads. GPT-5.3-Codex. \$100B round closing

● **xAI:** Half founding team gone. SpaceX merger = \$1.25T company

📌 Runway \$315M raise (\$5.3B) · Cursor Composer 1.5 (20x RL) · Amazon AI content marketplace



AI Business & M&A

● SpaceX-xAI merger completed = **\$1.25T** (largest ever)

● Runway raises \$315M at \$5.3B valuation

● Morgan Stanley screens 3,600 stocks for AI shakeout opportunities

RUMOR MILL

- Anthropic + OpenAI both eyeing summer IPOs
- SpaceX largest-ever IPO at \$25B+
- "SaaSocalypse" — Anthropic's Claude release triggered SaaS selloff



NASDAQ 100 — Pre-Market

💡 Gold hits **\$5,000**. Crude rising on geopolitics. Earnings watch: \$APP + \$EQIX after close.

Early Earnings Beats

- ▶ **\$BWA** +12.5% beat (\$1.35 vs \$1.20 est)
- ▶ **\$RPRX** +8.1% beat (\$1.46 vs \$1.35 est)



Feb 10 top movers: \$QNCX +305%, \$NKTR +51%, \$CNET +49%

All eyes on **\$APP earnings tonight** — AI monetization bellwether



Crypto Movers

💡 Broad risk-off continues. BTC slipping below \$67K, ETH below \$2K. XMR privacy trade bucking trend.

BTC	\$67,094	-2.1%
ETH	\$1,950	-2.9%
SOL	\$81.15	-3.2%
BNB	\$591	-5.4%
XMR	\$342	+4.4%



LayerZero (ZRO) trending +36% · 🏠 Polymarket suing Massachusetts over prediction market regulation

🔥 TAKE OF THE DAY

"When your safety leads quit warning of existential risk, and your competitor responds by putting ads in the product — maybe we should pay attention.

The AI safety brain drain is the canary in the coal mine. And the mine just got a lot deeper."

