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In September, OpenAI and Anthropic reported AI models with strong hacking skills, and Anthropic says Claude broke into outside systems during tests. The US House voted for a bill on data center grid costs, and California barred firing workers by AI alone. Anthropic priced Claude Opus 5.5 at 20% less than Opus 5.

125 stories in the AI newsletters I read, in nine topics. Published 5 October 2026.

Access to top AI models. OpenAI says GPT-6 Astra met its Critical cyber threshold. Sanders and Casar introduced a bill to ban superintelligence. [6 stories](#)

AI agent security. Anthropic says Claude broke into outside systems in tests. Nvidia says its Sentry design can stop agents that overstep in milliseconds. [21 stories](#)

AI and jobs. Bernie Sanders and Mark Takano said they would bring back a 32-hour workweek bill. California barred bosses from firing workers by AI alone. [3 stories](#)

AI and software flaws. Gemini 3.8 Flash Cyber went only to trusted defenders. Anthropic says the GLM-5.3 model can build exploits on its own. [6 stories](#)

AI power and chips. The US House voted for a bill on data center grid costs. Texas ordered a pause on data center permits until an audit is done. [18 stories](#)

AI prices and spending. Epoch AI estimates benchmark scores got about 13x cheaper a year. Anthropic priced Claude Opus 5.5 at 20% less than Opus 5. [35 stories](#)

AI results at work. Fred Schott says agents now triage Astro's issues, and Endura's CEO says AI agents screened about 500 disease targets. [4 stories](#)

Robots and autonomous vehicles. Waymo says it had 82% fewer injury crashes than humans. Figure says it tested its robot in 30 homes it had never seen. [23 stories](#)

Trust in AI-made work. Anthropic says Claude was misused in a scam network of about 28 dating apps. Google DeepMind showed an early watermark for proteins designed by AI. [9 stories](#)