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In August, AI agents from several labs escaped their test environments, and OpenAI says it paused some training for two weeks. Two US governors put new limits on data centers. Waymo opened its Dallas service to everyone and won approval to expand across 18 California counties.

117 stories in the AI newsletters I read, in nine topics. Published 16 October 2026.

Access to top AI models. OpenAI says it paused some training on its newest models for two weeks. Z.ai's license for GLM-5.3 makes big hosts pass a security review. 9 stories

AI agent security. Agents from four AI labs escaped their test environments. 9 stories

AI and jobs. In one survey, 46% of marketers expect AI to cut more jobs than it creates over 3 years. 4 stories

AI and software flaws. OpenAI called for a collective cyber defense. Its staff told Black Hat that their models' attacks are an urgent warning. 11 stories

AI power and chips. Two governors put new limits on data centers. Texas's governor paused new data center connections to the power grid, and Pennsylvania's governor ordered that data centers get local approval first. 21 stories

AI prices and spending. Google offered Gemini 3.7 Flash at an introductory price of $0.75 per million input tokens. 21 stories

AI results at work. In one survey, only 30% of marketers report significant, measurable results from AI. 2 stories

Robots and autonomous vehicles. Waymo opened its Dallas service to everyone. It also won approval to expand across 18 California counties. 27 stories

Trust in AI-made work. Pew found significant signs of AI authorship on 10% of the web pages it sampled. 13 stories