

An Overdose Lawsuit, A Pitch For Orbit, And Taiwan's Ninety-Nine Percent

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“We've concentrated the most strategically important manufacturing capacity in human history on a single island, one hundred miles from a hostile great power.”

— Jonas Vale, today's narration

Tuesday, May 12, 2026. A California family files a wrongful-death suit against OpenAI over their 19-year-old son's overdose, with an unauthorized-practice-of-medicine count that could reshape how courts treat chatbot conduct in regulated work. Google opens talks with SpaceX to launch orbital data centers as part of Project Suncatcher, just as SpaceX prepares its summer IPO. Hoover fellow Eyck Freymann reframes the Taiwan question ahead of the Xi-Trump summit: 99 percent of frontier-AI training chips on a single island, with no real backup. Google DeepMind publishes the careful version of the clinical-AI deployment story the same day OpenAI gets sued for the loud one. Perplexity resets the cost-per-token floor on Blackwell. And an Oxford team asks NeurIPS to treat unreproducible safety claims as a methodology failure.

Sources include [The Verge](#), [the Wall Street Journal via WatcherGuru](#), [Rest of World](#), [arXiv \(Shah et al. and Vishwarupe et al.\)](#), [Perplexity's Blackwell research](#), and [Katie Miller's coverage of the OpenAI complaint](#).

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