

THE MORNING BRIEF

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Le Chonk has entered the chat — and NVIDIA wants your local 120B to live in a laptop.

NEW AI TOOLS

- **Mistral Large 4 “Le Chonk” in public preview (Oct 6)**

1.05T-parameter granular MoE, only 49B active per token, native image input, 1M context, trained on 3,800 Grace Blackwells in-house. The catch: API now, weights at end of October — nothing for your Arc stack to run until then, and the license is still unannounced.

- **Nous Research: Hermes MoA 2.0 + Agent v2026.4.30**

MoA 2.0 ensembles GPT, Claude and DeepSeek into one open-source mixture-of-agents that outscores any single member — routing plumbing your own harness could borrow. And v2026.4.30 ships an Autonomous Curator that prunes, merges or retires agent skills automatically: exactly the hygiene layer a big skill library needs. Details: [release notes](#).

- **Aleph Alpha Kolibri 78B + Cohere North 2 (Oct 6)**

Germany's 78B open-weight model aims at European sovereignty, while Cohere's North 2 pushes enterprise agents with persistent memory and air-gapped deployment. The open-weight bench is now officially a Western team sport.

- **GLM 5.3 Fast + Gemini Nano Banana 2.1 (Oct 6)**

Z.AI and Google both shipped on the same day. The flagship treadmill is running at full speed this week — your local-first policy keeps looking smarter with every API-only launch.

HARDWARE

- **RTX Spark lands: Surface Laptop Ultra runs 120B locally (Oct 7)**

20-core Grace + 6,144-core Blackwell on one 3nm die, up to 128GB unified memory, 1 petaflop of FP4. Pre-orders open today, ships mid-October. The “runs 120B on a laptop” bar just got real — and 128GB unified is exactly what your spillover architecture dreams about.

- **DGX Spark 64GB: Oct 23, the lab-priced local box**

Same GB10 superchip, 64GB coherent unified memory, up to ~100B params, Ubuntu-based DGX OS with Ollama ready on first boot — priced for labs and enthusiasts, not data centers.

- **Wi-Fi One: an RTX 5090 32GB, shared over Wi-Fi 7**

Wireless GPU box with TurboStream paging up to 4TB of NVMe into working VRAM — 5 tok/s on a 2.8T Kimi K3. Your spillover is a software answer to a hunger the whole industry feels; everyone else is throwing Wi-Fi at it.

SOFTWARE

- **Ubuntu 26.10 “Stonking Stingray” beta: fully Rust coreutils**

Linux 7.3 with Rust-based coreutils by default, final release Oct 15. The utils revolution is now Canonical policy — one week late, zero excuses.

- **Arch October ISO: kernel 7.2.7, systemd 262**

Fresh snapshot for the rolling crowd, alongside KDE Plasma 6.8 beta 2 (final Oct 14) and GNOME 49.10 as the last of the 49 line. Your Omarchy cousins just got new wheels.

- **Git 2.56, Rust 1.99, Gitea 28.0, OpenSSL 4.0.3**

Git gets safer conflict resolution, Rust lands C variadic functions, Gitea adds audit logs and bot accounts, OpenSSL ships high-severity fixes. Patch day, no drama.

GAMES

- **Gears of War: E-Day launched Oct 6**

Back fourteen years before the original, young Marcus and Dom, UE5 rebuild, day-one on Game Pass, 86 on Metacritic. Chainsaw diplomacy, restored to factory condition.

- **STAR WARS: Galactic Racer, also Oct 6**

From the Burnout pedigree, 88 on Metacritic. Podracing by people who made crashing beautifully into an art form.

- **Order of the Sinking Star (Oct 8): the Braid/Witness guy returns**

Jonathan Blow's Thekla ships a new puzzle game. A Blow puzzle release is a calendar event — clear the schedule and bring a notebook.

- **Dragon's Dogma II: Dark Arisen expansion lands Oct 9**

Capcom drags you back into the wilderness. Your pawn is still waiting.

GITHUB REPOS

- **JustVugg/colibri (40k) — frontier MoE on hardware you already own**

Pure C, zero dependencies, experts-on-demand MoE serving. This is the software answer to your exact 70B problem — your spillover's scrappy cousin; worth reading its loader design before your next handoff sprint.

- **Panniantong/Agent-Reach (93k) — give your agent the whole internet**

Eyes for agents: read and search Twitter, Reddit and beyond. Hermes already sees Discord — this is the rest of the web.

- **addyosmani/agent-skills (102k) — production-grade engineering skills**

Skills that teach coding agents how real engineering teams work. The six-figure star count says every agent shop hit the same wall you did.

- **VoiceStudio — fully local voice studio, +16.7k this week**

The week's loudest repo: a local voice studio with nothing in the cloud. File it straight into the Tiny Hermes Buddy plan — voice plumbing is half that build.

Sources: MarkTechPost, Le Monde, Yellow, FintechExtra, LLM Gateway timeline, byteiota, WCCFTech, PBX Science, Linuxiac, dlcompare, ToyNews, Playasia, GitHub trending archive, FOSSforce-style trending roundups. All items researched fresh on Oct 7, 2026 from the last ~24–48h of news.