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Today's organic recs cluster around first-principles thinking: a sharp information-theoretic lens on LLM limits (Casado), a “rebuild the broadcast” prompt for Vision Pro-era sports media (Tan), and a policy/econ article Paul Graham flags as clarifying on California's proposed wealth tax.

### Most compelling recommendation: a crisp mental model for what LLMs *optimize* vs. what they struggle to do

*Shannon Got AI This Far, Kolmogorov Shows Where It Stops* — Vishal Misra (Medium article)

- **Content type:** Article (Medium)
- **Author/creator:** Vishal Misra
- **Link/URL:** <https://medium.com/@vishalmisra/shannon-got-ai-this-far-kolmogorov-shows-where-it-stops-c81825f89ca0> <sup>1</sup>
- **Recommended by:** Martin Casado (@martin\_casado)
- **Key takeaway (as shared):** Casado calls it a “great analogy describing what LLMs can and can't do,” framing them as:
  - Good at **cross-entropy loss** (predicting what's next in training data) <sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> post by @vishalmisra

<sup>2</sup> post by @martin\_casado

- Bad at **reducing Kolmogorov complexity** (finding a dramatically simpler underlying program/solution that generates the data) <sup>3</sup>
  - **Why it matters:** This is a compact, transferable lens for evaluating where LLMs may excel (next-token-style prediction) vs. where they may fall short (discovering radically simpler generative explanations), without requiring a long debate about “intelligence.” <sup>4</sup>
- “Great analogy describing what LLMs can and can’t do.” <sup>5</sup>

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## Product + media: don’t retrofit—redesign the broadcast

*Apple, You Still Don’t Understand the Vision Pro* — Ben Thompson (Stratechery article)

- **Content type:** Article (Stratechery)
  - **Author/creator:** Ben Thompson
  - **Link/URL:** <https://stratechery.com/2026/apple-you-still-dont-understand-the-vision-pro/> <sup>6</sup>
  - **Recommended by:** Garry Tan (@garrytan)
  - **Key takeaway (as shared):** Tan agrees with Stratechery that the Apple Vision Pro product team should be thinking about **remaking sports broadcasting from the bottom up**—and contrasts that with a Lakers game broadcast that sounded like “building a faster horse.” <sup>7</sup>
  - **Why it matters:** It’s a clear “blank-sheet” product prompt: if you’re building in a new medium (spatial computing), the opportunity may be to rebuild the experience, not just port existing formats with incremental upgrades. <sup>8</sup>
- “Don’t build a faster horse” <sup>9</sup>

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## Policy/economics reading flagged by founders

*SEIU delenda est* — Astral Codex Ten (article)

- **Content type:** Article
- **Author/creator:** Astral Codex Ten
- **Link/URL:** <https://www.astralcodexten.com/p/seiu-delenda-est> <sup>10</sup>
- **Recommended by:** Paul Graham (@paulg)

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<sup>3</sup> post by @martin\_casado

<sup>4</sup> post by @martin\_casado

<sup>5</sup> post by @martin\_casado

<sup>6</sup> post by @garrytan

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<sup>9</sup> post by @garrytan

<sup>10</sup> post by @paulg

- **Key takeaway (as shared):** Graham says the article explains clearly **why California’s proposed wealth tax would be damaging**, and adds that it’s “not an accident” but “designed to be damaging.”<sup>11</sup>
- **Why it matters:** If you track California policy and its downstream effects on startups/founders, this is a pointed “read this to understand the argument” recommendation from a high-signal operator.<sup>12</sup>

“This article explains clearly why the proposed wealth tax would be so damaging to California. It’s not an accident. It’s *designed* to be damaging.”<sup>13</sup>

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## Pattern across today’s picks

A common thread is **first-principles framing**: one recommendation offers a clean boundary model for LLM capabilities (cross-entropy vs. Kolmogorov complexity)<sup>1415</sup>, another argues for redesigning an experience “from bottom up” rather than incremental upgrades<sup>16</sup>, and a third spotlights an argument about policy incentives and intended effects<sup>17</sup>.

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## Sources

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