

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

**M**any thanks to the thousands of kind subscribers who sent me sympathy e-mail. But I would hardly call my simple procedure an “operation”—those brain technicians just swept the plaque right out of my hippocampus! I have a minor itch from the cable incision, but otherwise my so-called Alzheimer’s is just a bad memory. It felt like broadband coming in all over again!

Today, nothing that is human goes untouched by the Digital Imperative, so the whole world has become my magazine’s sandbox. Political scandal, product reviews, mind-boggling innovations in wetware and software—everything that makes modern life in 2026 so delightful. I must be the happiest baby boomer in publishing! At 75, I’m finally reaching New Age enlightenment and my full Aquarian potential.

Growthfully (and very gratefully),  Rubin Gelcrest, Editor, TIME DIGITAL

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## THE GUIDE

Speed-read through our titanic hot-list of tempting websites with the new TIME DIGITAL brow-mounted scanner. This neural toy can pick up even your preconscious urges to click on a website—it’ll take you there long before you actually make a conscious decision to go.

## POLL: HIGHER BANDWIDTH VS. NUTRICEUTICALS

Where’s the real bandwidth bottleneck: in front of your eyeballs or behind them? If you can succeed in artificially accelerating your mental processes, you’ll certainly take in data much faster. But while an “always on” Internet connection is a blessing, it can also be a real pain in the skull. What does “high-speed access” really mean today?

## JARGON DAILY

People were once both stunned and irritated by the torrent of impenetrable jargon generated by computers and, even more, by technology journalists. Nowadays we carefully measure the latest jargon with advanced bibliometric analysis. Watch techno-language reinvent itself for next week as paradigms collapse in real time! Plus, our Automatic Jargon Translators can instantly push senseless terms like “wireless cable” into Telugu or Latvian.

## E-COMMERCE DIRECTORY

Your burning desire for point-and-click consumer goods makes you a much more valuable customer (and subscriber) than some loser who’s happy with the stuff he’s already got. A shopaholic sparkplug like you should be *paid* for having desires! The mere fact that

you love to shop makes you very special indeed! Please, please, drop by and just tell us what you want—we’re begging you!

## TIME DIGITAL CRIMEWATCH

If you’re a normal, level-headed person like the rest of us, you regard international digital crime as a matter of serious concern. But what exactly constitutes a crime these days? After all, as we saw with digital music, a crime as serious as piracy can suddenly become perfectly normal behavior for millions of people worldwide! Just as quickly, evil “capital flight” becomes praiseworthy “global investing.” “Treasonous subversion” inside a country’s borders becomes “investigative reporting” as soon as the facts come to light.

Let TIME DIGITAL keep track of all the many Net activities that have been freshly criminalized somewhere or other. Also, our Indifference Meter shows where and when local law enforcement officers are getting just plain tired and giving up.

## WEBCAM HILITES

Thanks to ubiquitous and totally candid coverage from tens of thousands of urban security video cameras, TIME DIGITAL has compiled enough stunning footage from the 2026 New Year’s celebrations to last you the entire viewing year. There’s not a single dull moment in this vast archive—it’s just the good stuff—and every single frame contains some mind-boggling act of public (or, in some cases, private) excess. Watch in awe as the human race, in all its myriad billions, convulses with ecstatic madness, from the international date line all the way around the globe!