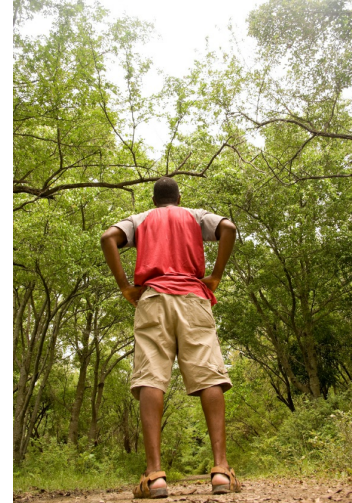


Letter from the Editor - February 2018

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***“It's time to move on, time to get going
What lies ahead, I have no way of knowing
But under my feet, baby, grass is growing
It's time to move on, it's time to get going”***

“Time to Move On,” *Wildflowers*
- by Tom Petty, 1994



I didn't just quote this song here because *Wildflowers* is one of my top five desert island albums (it is) or because I was cut deep by the far-too-young death of Tom Petty last year (I was). I quote it because when I think of mobile networks, I think of several intertwined forms of movement and progress.

I think of the ways wireless devices simultaneously free us and tether us. I think of the way that I've lived at six different addresses in three states since the last time I changed my phone number. I think of my kids having FaceTime conversations with relatives hundreds of miles away without any notion of how "Back to the Future Part II" that seems to me.

I also think of the ways that we, as an industry, thunder forward, often propelled by a reflexive urge to find the next thing, often before the last thing has even fully taken shape. This is a good thing in many ways, but can also be maddening. "Nauseous adrenaline, like breakin' up a dog fight," the lyrics continue later. Movement can be disorienting or frightening, but it is also thrilling.

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