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## Hello!

We can't tell you how happy we are that spring is here, and the sun is making a comeback.

This spring, we hope that you are happy and healthy, and that technology is treating you well.

In this newsletter we bring you the following from our blog:

- [Verizon 4G Speed is Incredible](#) (scroll down)
- [When Your Opponent's Tell is a Whirr](#) (scroll down)

Here's a few more that just missed the cut:

- [AT&T Throws Punch at Netflix](#) ([read](#))
- [Will you use your phone as a credit card?](#) ([read](#))
- [Have a Blackberry? You may be getting ripped off](#) ([read](#))

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Have a great month!

All the best,

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**Verizon 4G Speed is Incredible**



After Starbucks opened up its Wifi network, thus slowing it down and making it less secure, I began using Verizon's 3G USB modem for access on the road. The connection brings in about 1.5 Mbps and sends about 0.4 Mbps up. It's fine for working on documents and email, but that's about it.

Last week, I finally decided to upgrade to the 4G service. The first thing you'll notice is that the USB modem is huge. And ugly. When you plug it in, it looks like you have a 1960s Star Trek communicator sticking out of your laptop.

Once I got over the looks though, I was absolutely blown away. Access speed averages 15Mbps down and 5Mbps up! This is at least 10 times faster than 3G, and faster than my cable modem at home. The price is the same or less than you pay for 3G. If you want speed on the road, this is the Ferrari of wireless.

The only problem with 4G is that the speed is so fast, you'd better watch your bandwidth. Plans give you 5GB or 10GB per month for \$50 and \$80 respectively. While that's plenty to watch a few movies, at this speed, it can go fast.

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Update: Verizon had a nationwide 4G outage a couple of days ago. The pain of early adoption.

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## When Your Opponent's Tell is a Whirr

The NYT had an interesting [article](#) about Poker Bots. It turns out that you may be gambling against computer programs in all those online poker sites like Full Tilt Poker.



If the fact that professionals sometimes troll these sites hasn't scared you away, this new insight alone should do the trick. However, the strangest part is that it's a lot harder to build a good poker player than a good chess player. Why?

The first clue is that Poker, unlike chess, is a game of incomplete information. In chess, a perfect

supercomputer that can analyze every future move (this doesn't exist..yet) would beat the best Grandmaster every time. In Poker, the cards are randomly drawn. So even though a computer program can calculate odds better than anyone, a winning Poker bot must also observe and learn from human behavior. These bots must actually study their opponents to determine when someone is being aggressive or when they're on tilt (frustrated – playing irrationally). This has proven difficult, but the bots are better.

So although it may be a while before poker bots can beat the top players, there is little doubt that they will soon beat most of us. Online poker sites, if they are to survive, will soon have to roll out "humanity tests" throughout a game to keep them fair. A simple [Captcha](#) could work for now – although these are now [being beaten](#) by computers too!

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Update: The US Government is aggressively persuing illegal online Poker sites. Use them at your own risk.

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