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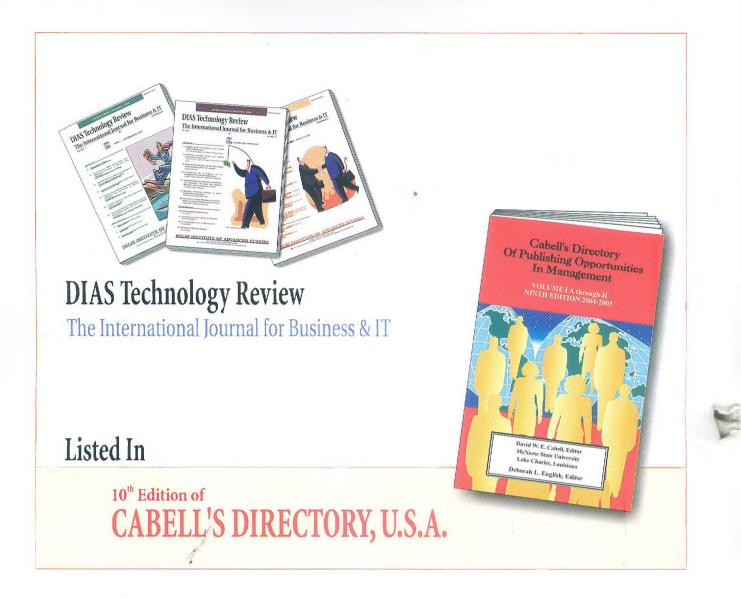
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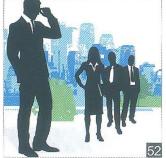
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T ime is the greatest nomad, travelling irrespective of month, date and year. World moves along with it, witnessing the expected and unexpected treasuring happiness and sorrows accordingly. The New Year is always the time for introspection. Oprah Winfrey once said "It's a New Year! One more chance to get it right". Once must acknowledge the past but firmly ground it in potential possibilities of tomorrow.

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