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EDITOR'S COLUMN-- It sure is rough to get back in the saddle again! Thank you all for sticking with it during my absence. I managed to answer many letters and phone calls over the past months and explained the situation out here; I am NOT giving up on the trusty TIMEX line. In fact, I hope to keep our pastime alive in my own small way by bringing in some new users, namely my new daughter Amanda. It will be a

few years before she will be a real hacker, but that's why Timex brought out "States and Capitals" and "Horace and the Spiders". Seriously, I am sorry about missing the last four months, but I had no idea that raising a child would be so time-consuming, especially in the first months. It has been a non-stop project from the minute I delivered her (yes, we never made it to the hospital, and I did the honors). Anyway, I am glad to be back "on the beat" and we'll get right to the news. Thanks for your patience. ... Tony Willing, ed.

GOOD NEWS TRAVELS...-- Via BBS, on the "Sinclair Users Unite!" National echo, comes the news that Bill Jones, Editor/Publisher of "Update!" Magazine for the T/S 2068 and QL, has just gotten out of the hospital, where he underwent something akin to "medieval torture". The message also noted that the latest issue of "Update!" had already been mailed, so if you're wondering where the January issue went, just watch the mailbox. Glad to hear that Bill Jones is doing better, and you can contact him at 1317 Stratford Avenue, Panama City, FL 32404, (904-871-3556), to wish him well or better yet, subscribe to his magazine. The price is \$16.00 for four quarterly issues, and is really a great resource for the T/S world. If you have a 2068 or QL, it's worth a look (Incidentally, VISTA still has one back issue looking for a home-- let me know if anyone wants it for the price of the postage). This is just one of the latest happenings you can find out about on the "Sinclair Echo", a message base being passed around the country just for us, the T/S User. You can log onto the "Echo" with nothing more than a 16K T/S-1000 and 2050 modem running MTERM/T, reading and leaving messages at your leisure. A good place to find out about the "Sinclair Echo" is the BULL PEN BBS, out of Portland, Oregon. The number is (503)652-5803, 8/1/N are the parameters. From here you can view the "Echo" and possibly find a branch in your area, saving the long-distance charges. I hear the "Echo" is on FIDONet, RBBSNet, and SIGNet, so if any boards in your area are on these networks, you can

