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**WHO'S KIDDING WHOM:** The fannish Baby Market worked overtime during the month of March. Besides Cecy Pelz (Mar. 4, as reported last issue), the first week saw the birth of a son, Francis Russell to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Pournelle of Buena Park, Calif. The next week (March 8, 12:19 PM), a daughter was born to Bob and Peggy Rae Pavlat: Melissa Kathleen. And in the third week Dave and Katya Hulan had a daughter, Rachel Anne (born March 17 at 6:59 PM). Congratulations all around, and good luck! (We'll all probably need it!)

**ANOTHER LONG-AWAITED BIRTHING** has taken place: The Piser reprint of **FAN ZINE INDEX** is out at last, and it is well worth the wait. Assembled in looseleaf style (with 3 brads) between heavy cardstock covers, this edition of the 141-page work is thumb-indexed with separators, making it excellent for reference work. There have been no corrections or additions to the original work published by Pavlat between 1952 and 1959. Piser has republished this work as a preliminary step to the assembling of an authoritative and comprehensive bibliography of fanzines through the end of 1965. He hopes collectors will supply material not found in the INDEX and thus further the bibliography. In any case, the INDEX is a steal at \$2.50 postpaid. Get it from the publisher, Harold Piser, 41-08 Parsons Blvd, Flushing, L.I., New York 11355) or from Collectors Book Store, 1717 North Wilcox, Hollywood, Calif 90028.

**DEADLINESVILLE:** TAFF Ballots must be sent in immediately! The deadline for them to reach the administrators is 13 April. Vote for whoever you please ~~as long as it's Eric Jones~~ but VOTE! Two weeks after the TAFF deadline (or thereabouts) is the deadline for receipt of Hugo Nomination Ballots -- May 1st. If you haven't sent in your nominations for this yet, do so now. One important note on the nominations: Tolkien's Lord of the Rings, though eligible as Best Novel because of its having been first published as a paperback last year, should be entered in the Best All-Times Series category only! The Tricon Committee has decided to restrict Lord of the Rings to the one category to make room for other nominations. Voting it Best Novel will waste your nomination, so don't! (As yet, nothing has been said about Doc Smith's Lensmen series, which is also technically eligible in both places.)

**FOLLOW-UP DEPT.:** Y'remember about the Frisco Bank of America getting its door kicked in by Grania Davidson last December, then billing her for \$188.40 for the glass and miscellaneous damages? Well, on 11 March, Grania countersued, through Attorney Melvin Belli, with 32 separate charges and claims totalling \$655,500. Some of the charges: Assault, battery, false imprisonment, trespass (bank employees allegedly entered her car), slander, negligence, infliction of emotional duress, being a public and private nuisance, recklessness, breach of warranty, misrep-



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resentation and fraud, extortion, outrageous conduct, kidnaping (the bank officials allegedly detained her "against her will for a period of one hour"), and contributing to the delinquency of a minor (her 3yr. old was at home without \$5000 worth of "companionship and parental care." San Francisco fandom is sometimes incredible, too.

ELSEWHERE IN THE LIMELIGHT: Harlan Ellison has been getting mentioned in all kinds of movie-review media, as writer of "The Oscar." Unfortunately, the mentions are seldom favorable toward the picture. Then, to top it off, a half-page of the April 1966 Esquire (special Sinatra issue) is devoted to Sinatra vs. Harlan Ellison's boots; the writer seems to be some sort of Sinatra-toady, managing to make both principals, the bystanders, and himself all look like fools. What price publicity?

MATCHED: In Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., on 26 February, Ted White and Robin Postal were married. // On March 10, John Foyster was married in Victoria, Australia. The bride's name is Elizabeth; the groom took time out on his wedding day to mail in his SAPSzine. --How's that for reportage in depth? // And on 25 March, at 12:30 PM in the Los Angeles County Court House, Steve Tolliver (aka Fred Langley) married Sylvia Dees. The attendees were the Langley family plus Ron Ellik and Rick Sneary. A fan reception was given on the 26th by John and Bjo Trimble, and a family reception (with a slight sprinkling of fans) was given by the Langleys on Sunday the 27th. // Again, congratulations all around!

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PUBLIC APPEARANCES: A writer doing an article on Tolkiendom for the Saturday Evening Post called Long Distance from NYC to interview Greg Shaw (editor of ENTMOOT, a Tolkienzine). The writer said he had already interviewed many others, including Don Wollheim and Dave Van Ronk. // Ruth Berman sold a short, humorous piece called "Is the Doctor In?"; a Day in a Doctor's Secretary's Life to a magazine called Health.

VISITING FIREMEN: George Locke will be in the U.S. during April and May of this year, and can be reached c/o Joseph C. Lincoln, 6320 E. Macdonald Drive, Scottsdale, Arizona. George hopes to make a side trip or two to Los Angeles during his stay. // Dick Eney's plane stopped briefly at LAX en route to Viet Nam (non military situation). // And Mervyn Barrett will be spending a couple days in the LA area -- well, parts of a couple of days, on his way east in early April.

JAY KAY KLEIN'S LAWSUIT against the Business Manager of the Convention Annual was settled in Klein's favor, the court directing that the partnership be dissolved, that Klein be awarded the title "Convention Annual," and the Business Manager (Prieto) turn over all assets and records to a court-appointed person for final disposal.

LARRY CRILLY (170 Reid St, Elizabeth, N.J. 07201) wants to sell his \$100 ditto for \$50 plus shipping. 5 gallons fluid, a ream or so paper included.