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SIZZLING USA DOCUMENTARIES OF THE WEEK: Tad — *Busted Circuits and Ringing Ears* (MVD Visual DVD) & **Kurt Cobain** — *About a Son* (Shout! Factory DVD) :: Here to hassle your hearing are Seattle's two favorite opposite ends of the Sub Pop spectrum. If anyone ever asks you what grunge was all about, screen 'em these two cautionary tales. Playing heavy, smoking heavy, drinking heavy and falling heaviest of all, the entire Tad offensive campaign is presented here in full unflinching detail with equally candid liner notes by Tad Doyle himself. But at least Tad's still alive, which is more than can be said for the star of our next show. Narrated entirely by Kurt himself (from taped interviews) for more than two hours over a series of surreal Cibachrome-soaked imagery, *About a Son* both looks and sounds like a spooky *X-Files* movie with Agent Cobain searching for his own long-lost abducted self. What he finds is both haunted and haunting, so buy it now.

- Jeffrey Morgan