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Parental pop: On March 29, Geffen gives a wakeup call to fans of SoCal soft-rock with the DVD *California Dreamin' - The Songs of The Mamas & The Papas*. The core of the program is the 40th-anniversary documentary on the group, which airs on PBS stations throughout March, but there's also a good half hour of bonuses. "The TV special is performance-driven," co-producer Jim Pierson (with Universal's Mike Ragogna) tells **ICE**, "but there are also interviews with the group, [record producer] Lou Adler and others, like **John Sebastian** and **Barry McGuire**. And much of the footage hasn't been seen since the '60s; there's a live acoustic version of [the **Beatles**] 'I Call Your Name' they did on *Shindig* in December of 1965." The bonus footage includes the previously unreleased "Here in My Arms," one of four songs The Mamas & The Papas performed on the 1967 TV special *Rogers and Hart Today*. "**John Phillips** took the backing track from this," Pierson reveals, "and used it for his own song 'No Salt on Her Tail' [from 1966's *The Mamas & The Papas LP*]." Of the remaining bonuses, "Sing for Your Supper" comes from the Rogers and Hart show, while **Cass Elliot's** "Make Your Own Kind of Music" is from a *Hollywood Palace* appearance. Pierson is also at work on Hip-O Select CDs from Elliot (two CDs of her Dunhill output) and **Michelle Phillips** (a single-disc of her 1977 A&M LP *Victim of Romance* with rarities) ■ A week before the Mamas & Papas release, Island/Mercury delivers a Deluxe Sound+Vision edition of the **Rush** best-of, *Chronicles*. The Toronto power trio powers through 30 songs on two CDs, while the accompanying DVD offers a dozen videos (not counting hidden clips) ■ Daughters who rock: Last year's **Runaways** documentary *Edgeplay* comes to DVD April 5 via Image. The new configuration adds archival footage of the pioneering girl-band, fresh interviews and a special performance by **Suzi Quatro**. The same date brings *Live from Australia*, a 1972 Melbourne concert by **Roy Orbison**; the 15-song show is augmented by previously unseen home movies and band interviews ■ Eagle Rock Entertainment rolls out more titles in its *Live at Montreux Festival* DVD's. In addition to the several jazz-artist sets out now, May 31 is slated to deliver Montreux music from **Chic** (in 2004), **Joe Cocker** (1987) and **Bonnie Raitt** (1977, 1991 and 2003) ■ April 12 sees *Digi!*, director Ondi Timoner's documentary on the rivalry between the **Brian Jonestown Massacre** and the **Dandy Warhols**, arrive as a DVD (Palm Pictures). Disc One features the award-winning film, while Disc Two adds an hour-plus of footage (performance videos, MTV coverage) ■ The first live DVD from the **Boomtown Rats** shows up March 8 in *Live from Hammersmith Odeon 1978* (Eagle Rock). **Bob Geldoff** supervised the project, which combines the summer '78 concert with three bonus audio tracks from the show mixed into 5.1 surround-sound, plus videos for "One for Me" and "Pale White Girl" ■ **Howard Hewett** gets *Intimate* April 12 on a new DVD from Shout! Factory. Filmed in Los Angeles last November, *Intimate: Greatest Hits Live* finds Hewett seducing an enthusiastic, small-club crowd with his R&B and smooth-groove repertoire. **Stanley Clarke** and **George Duke** join him on a version of Clarke's "Heaven Sent You" ■ **Mike + the Mechanics** ratchet it up on *Mike + the Mechanics + Paul Carrack Live at Shepherd's Bush London* DVD, due March 8 from Eagle Rock. Ex-**Squeeze**'r Carrack joins ex-**Genesis** guitarist **Mike Rutherford** and company in a concert from last September ■ The **Ford Blues Band**, led by drummer **Patrick Ford** and occasionally featuring brothers **Mark Ford** on harmonica and **Robben Ford** on guitar, makes its DVD debut with *In Concert* from Music Video Distributors March 8. The live performance dates from a 1998 concert in Baden-Baden, Germany, at the Ohne Filter Studios. Songs include covers of such classic blues standbys as **Don Robey's** "I Smell Trouble," **Willie Dixon's** "Crazy for My Baby," **Little Walter's** "Tell Me Mama" and the **Bo Diddley** doubleheader of "Cadillac" and "Bring It to Jerome," along with the Ford original "She's Sweet" ■ Blues-rockin' **Beth Hart** does her thing *Live at Paradiso* March 8 (Koch). The two-hour-plus DVD captures Hart in concert last May at the Amsterdam concert hall, ripping through originals and such covers as **Led Zeppelin's** "Whole Lotta Love" and **Humble Pie's** arrangement of Ashford and Simpson's **Ray Charles** hit "I Don't Need No Doctor." ■

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