The Mama's and Papa's will be making their first Boston appearance October 14 in the Commonwealth Arms, sponsored by the Unicorn. This should be an ideal time for them to appear, as their new album will have hit the top of the charts, they will probably have released a new single, and Michelle will be back in the group.

Truth about Michelle: A Newsweek article stating that Michelle, the beautiful blonde of the group, was no longer with them, coupled with rumors of their involvement in a drug scandal, led to varied reports of Michelle's fate. The truth is that Michelle had marital problems with her former husband, John Phillips, the acknowledged leader of the foursome, and left the group for most of the summer, to obtain a divorce in Mexico. She replaced on the summer touring circuit was Jill Gilliam, another lovely blonde who dated Jan Berry of Jan and Dean. Michelle is now back with the group as M. Gilliam rather than M. Phillips.

Number one album: The first album, "If You Can Believe Your Eyes and Ears," was for one week in late May and the group's top-selling album according to Billboard (it was third for seven weeks and is still among the top twenty after seven months on the chart). The Beatles' and Papa's, who took their name from Hell's Angels terminiology for the season, are among select company in having hit the top album slot. The Beatles' "Yesterday and Today," and "Reveler for 35 weeks and the Throbbing Blood ("Whipped Cream, Going Places," and "What Now My Love") have held this position for 48 of the past 37 weeks. The only other albums to achieve it are Barry Sadler's "Ballads of the Green Berets" (two weeks), Frank Sinatra's "Strangers in the Night" (two weeks), and "The Sound of Music" (two weeks).

A current trend seems to be for numbers of groups to release their own material, and for what are probably the live top groups today - the Beatles, Lesley and McCarty, and the Byrds (Zagger and Enid, Levon and Haro), and Mama's and Papa's. A major reason for the popularity of the Beatle's "Yesterday and Today," and "Reveler" is that they pick material written by other groups (such as "Man-Eater") and of course Bob Dylan. Their new album, "If You Can Believe Your Eyes and Ears," is presently Billboard's number one album.