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John Mavall's Bluesbreakers Logan Campbell Centre, Feb

For an enthusiastic audience that came to view John Mayall's Bluesbreakers, it was a shame the performance was marred by a terrible mix and excessive volume. By the time the volume had been

By the time the volume had been reduced to a listenable level, halfway through Mayall's set the damage had been done. Midge Marsden's revamped Connection started off, in a rousing and rollicking fashion. Despite an abusenal mix as Despite an abysmal mix, a Western Springs' sound level and

Western Springs sound level and Midge's failing voice, the band performed well. In contrast, the Bluesbreakers were very relaxed. The show turned out to be a showcase for the talent and technique of guitarist Mick Taylor. This was especially so on Freddie King's

TEARDROPS FROM PAGE 1 Pete Shelley album.

So you're still open to other influences?

"Yeah. If you deny influences it just seems stupid when people realise what you're into after all and this makes you seem like an idiot. What is important is to set yourself up by saying I'm influenced by this and this and then you have to push yourself to try and do something new and special. You try to elevate yourself above those influences."

What of future schemes?

Tve been offered a film so I could be doing some acting. We're putting a new album out in July and we've got a new single recorded which is tentatively called 'Rachel Builds A Steamboat' and it's a kind of narrative. It's a reaction against Wilder, not because I don't like the album but because I wanna move on.

Move on to where?

'I dunno. The new stuff we're doing is far more sexual whereas 'Rachel' is inbetween, it's almost whimsy. Just as long as we change I don't mind . . .

This is a continuing story, Cope is obviously determined enough to make sure of that. The better moments of *Kilimanjaro*, 'Reward' and the entire active yet tranquil precepts of Wilder prove that the Teardrop Explodes is an articulate and individual promise. Queue now. George Kay





classic 'The Stumble', and on Albert King's 'Oh Pretty Woman'. On the other hand, Mayall's harmonica talent came to the fore on a nice version of Sonny Boy's 'Checking On My Baby'. The band played well, despite John McVie's deteriorating con-dition, and most fans would have gone away happy. But it

have gone away happy. But it was a disappointment that Mayall presented nothing new in terms of style and direction. Pat Evers



RUMØURS

'RUMOURS' FROM PAGE 2 Sailor (minus Ricky Ball) played a reunion gig at Snake Studio's Gluepot party. Last lurch or not, Brazier was truly over-the-top, and on the floor, on occasions. Great fun! Peter Rooda did admirably on drums

Battle of the Bands returns, April 23-25 at Mainstreet. Prize April 23-25 at Mainstreet. Prize money is \$1500 plus recording time at Harlequin. If you've got a name, phone NMM to enter (797-784) ... Billy Densmore (bass) and Mark Maelstrom (drums) have joined Dum Dum Boys. Another album is planned, meanwhile a 45 'Rock and Roll Savage' is being recorded and their debut LP will be available again soon. Warwick Agar (ex Vivid Militia) has recorded 'For Your

Eyes' for a Reaction single ... back in town is Gary Havoc. Gary, Suzie Devere and Peter Van Gent make up Rox Deluxe. They have a 45 out soon, 'She's so Romantic' ... occasional seven piece is Night Porter, they feature Syd, Ben, and Chris of Newmatics and play lotsa

The Musicians Union have a new phone number, 765 266 and are offering cheap insurance for your gear. Phone Richard to check it out ... the Cream people have now opened Retro where Jillys once was. It's all very flash, with 'a restaurant and a bar and diverse entertainments. Be warned: Don't wear your jandals. The Corporation

Wellington

Grass roots gigs are happening again. Neoteric Tribesmen and Palmerston's **Skeptics** did a show in Aro Street Hall, meanwhile **Hulamen** with help from the **Scanners** pulled 300 in Thorndon

... Taita continues Spines, Skits, Tribesmen, Mockers and Los Dogs have played Terminus recently and Innocent made it recently and innocent made it onto Windy's 'Rock Barge' mega-promotion among an otherwise imported lineup ... Mockers lost and then recaptured their drummer within the space of two days on the eve of their South Island trip and have been record-ing

ing. The **Spines** EP *Fishing* has been recorded at EMI. They will do an orientation tour to promote it ... Bryan Staff is planning arty label Triple XXX Records for live poetry, feminist recordings et al... Ripper tripper tip: Tommy Adder-ly will record 'Gimme That Wine' (old Georgie Fame number) and his own composition 'Drugs' for Ripper, with an all-star band at Easter

Will the Hulamen move Auckland to join Peter Marshall or will he move to Wellington to join them? ... will **Radio Active** usher in an era of airplay for NZ records? Will *RIU* have a new *Rumours* writer next month? ... only time will tell only time will tell. Don MacKay

Dunedin

Clean have a new six track EP Clean have a new six track EP out soon. Robert Scott (bass) has switched to keyboards ... at time of writing the Chills and the Stones are in Christchurch record-ing an EP for Flying Nun. Then they go to Westport to take part in the Nile River Festival. George Kay

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