

Big Day Out '96



Tricky

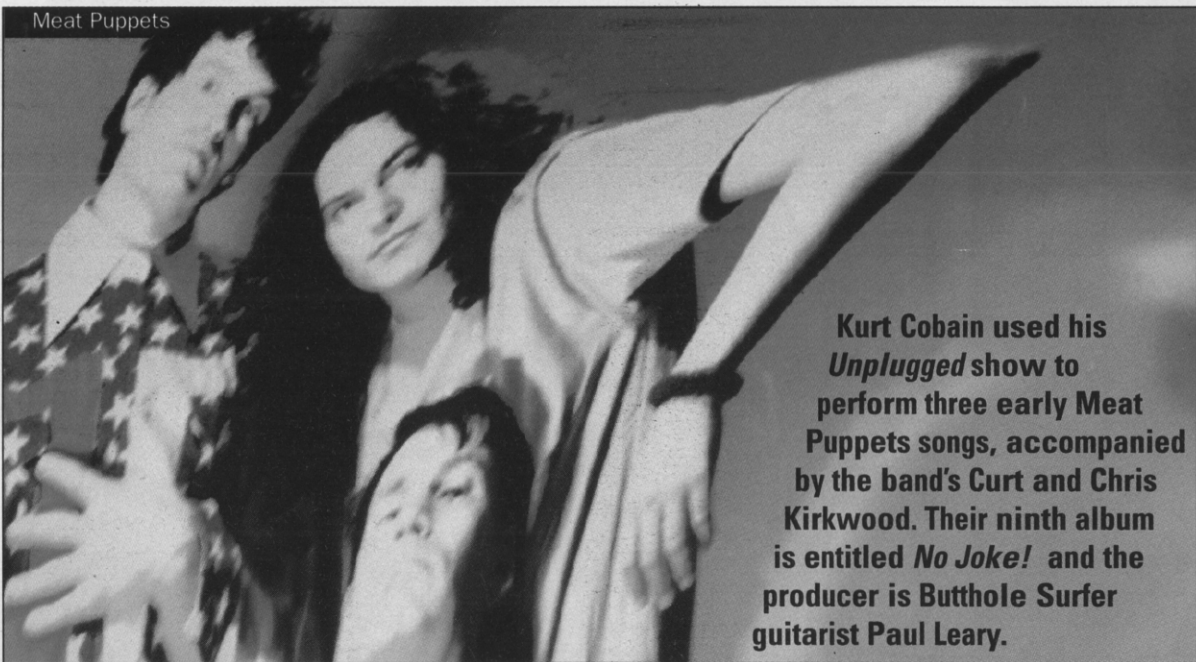


Rancid

Further internationals announced to play Auckland's Big Day Out on Friday January 19 are, Rancid, Tricky and Billy Bragg. The first local act to be announced is Bailter Space, who are returning from the USA to play at the BDO. Other internationals appearing are Rage Against the Machine, Elastica, Nick Cave & the Bad Seeds, Porno For Pyros, Jesus Lizard and PJ Harvey. Rage Against The Machine and Jesus Lizard will do two shows independent of the Big Day Out — Tuesday January 16 at Wellington Town Hall and Wednesday January 17 at Auckland's Logan Campbell Centre. As RATM like prices kept as low as possible, the ticket price will be about \$32. Porno For Pyros will also play a separate show at the Powerstation in Auckland on Thursday January 18.

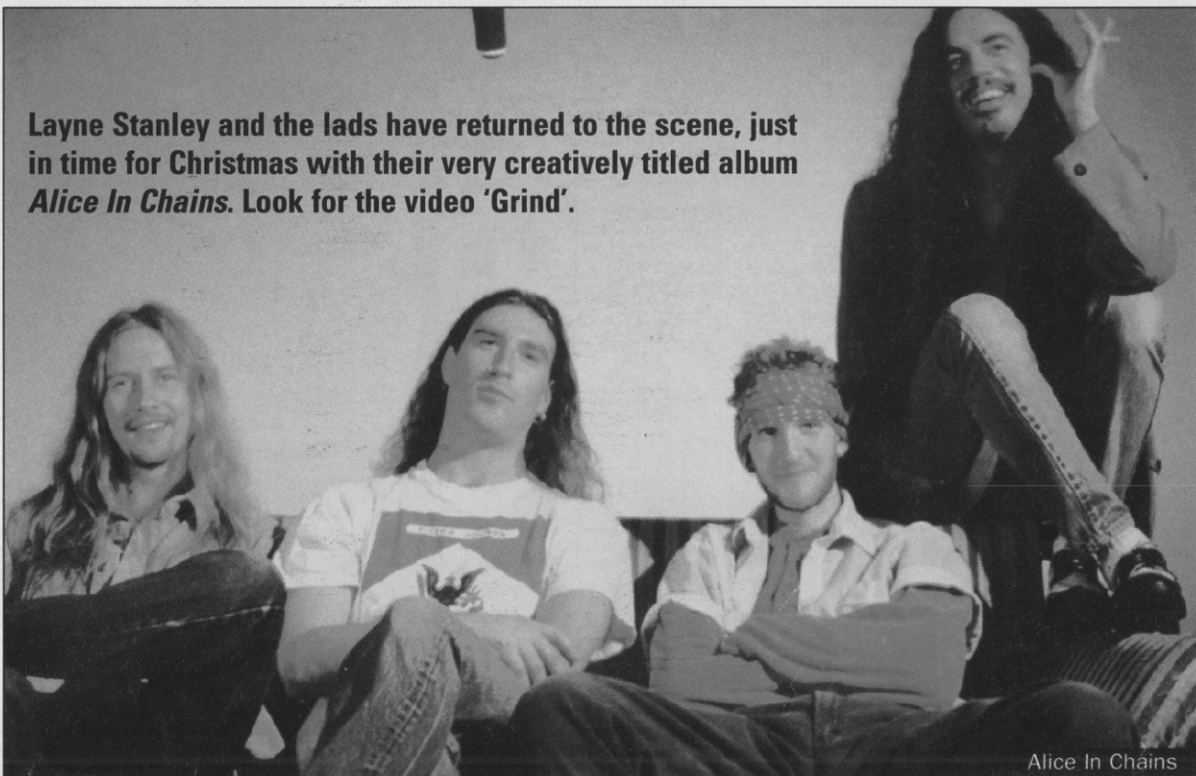


Bailter Space



Meat Puppets

Kurt Cobain used his *Unplugged* show to perform three early Meat Puppets songs, accompanied by the band's Curt and Chris Kirkwood. Their ninth album is entitled *No Joke!* and the producer is Butthole Surfer guitarist Paul Leary.



Alice In Chains

Layne Stanley and the lads have returned to the scene, just in time for Christmas with their very creatively titled album *Alice In Chains*. Look for the video 'Grind'.



Madonna

As Madonna contributes 'I Want You' to the Marvin Gaye tribute album *Inner City Blues*, a former employee of Madonna's record company, Maverick is suing for \$750,000 in a wrongful-termination of employment court action. The former employee, Sionji Shepherd claims sex and pregnancy discrimination and alleges that she was asked to overlook illegal activities such as "payola" and Maverick's associations with convicted madam Heidi Fleiss.