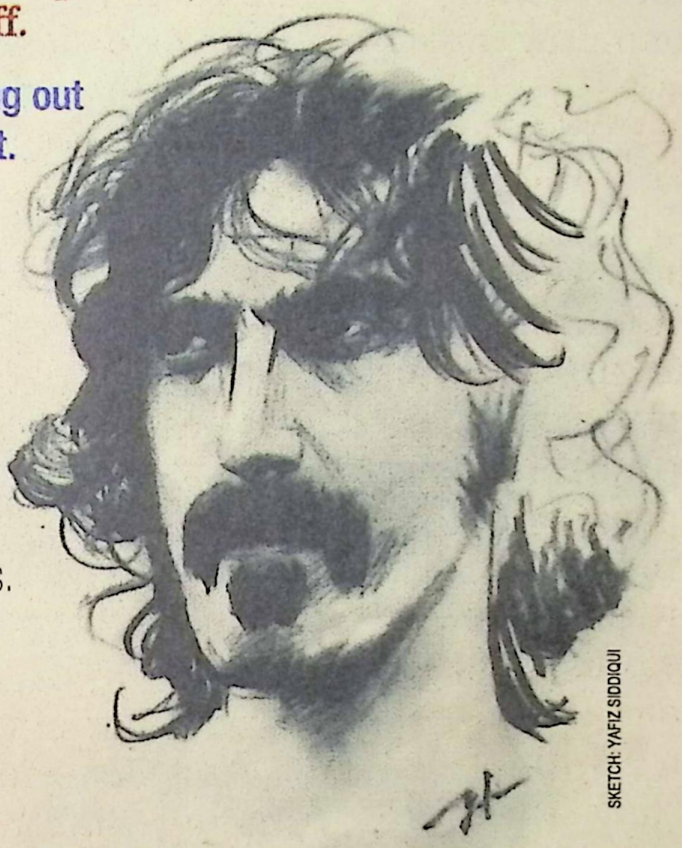
FRANK VINCENT ZAPPA

Born: December 21, 1940 in Baltimore, Maryland, USA
Died: December 4, 1993 in Hollywood Hills, Los Angeles, California, USA

> Communism doesn't work because people like to own stuff.

Art is making something out of nothing and selling it.

One of my favourite philosophical tenets is that people will agree with you only if they already agree with you. You do not change people's minds.



SKETCH: YAFIZ SIDDIQUI

Facts and Figures

12: At the age of 12, he began learning the basics of orchestral percussion.

Avant-garde: Zappa grew up influenced by avant-garde composers such as Varèse, Halim El-Dabh, Igor Stravinsky, and Anton Webern, R&B and modern jazz

1966: Debut album: Freak Out!

The Mothers of Invention: Known as "The Mother", this band was formed under the leadership of Zappa

Politics: He favoured capitalism, entrepreneurship, and independent business, stating that musicians could make more from owning their own businesses than from collecting royalties.

97: He produced 97 albums in his life time.

Some scientists claim that hydrogen, because it is so plentiful, is the basic building block of the universe. I dispute that. I say there is more stupidity than hydrogen, and that is the basic building block of the universe.

It isn't necessary to imagine the world ending in fire or ice. There are two other possibilities: one is paperwork, and the other is nostalgia.

> **Most rock journalism is people who can't write, interviewing people who can't talk, for people who can't read.**