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During his lifetime, Frank Zappa was called many things: musical genius, brilliant satirist, fearless iconoclast, tireless innovator, control freak, puerile humorist. But for a man of such apparent contradictions and comprehensive ambition, Zappa – who died Dec. 4 at the age of 52 – was an artist of singular conviction and focused energy.

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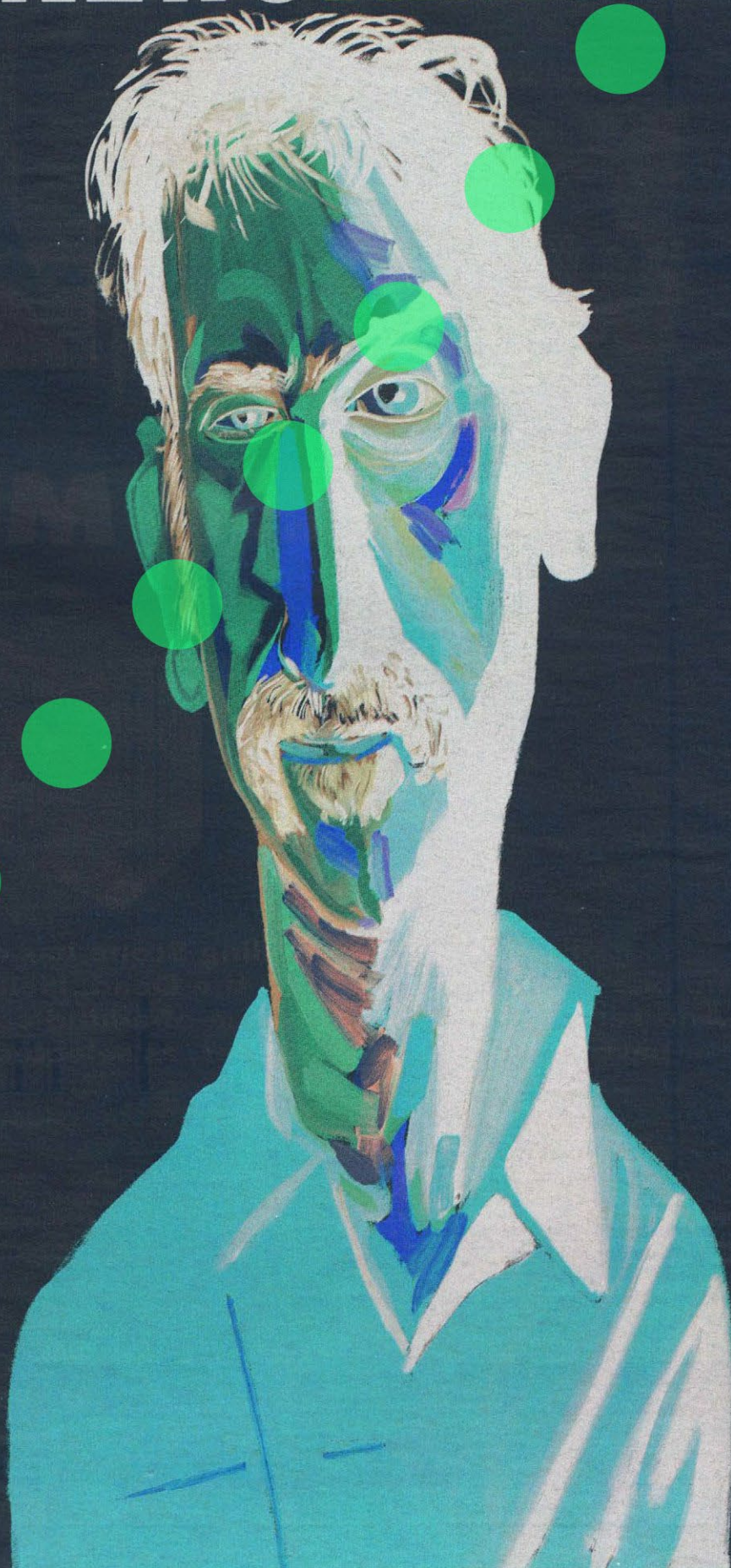
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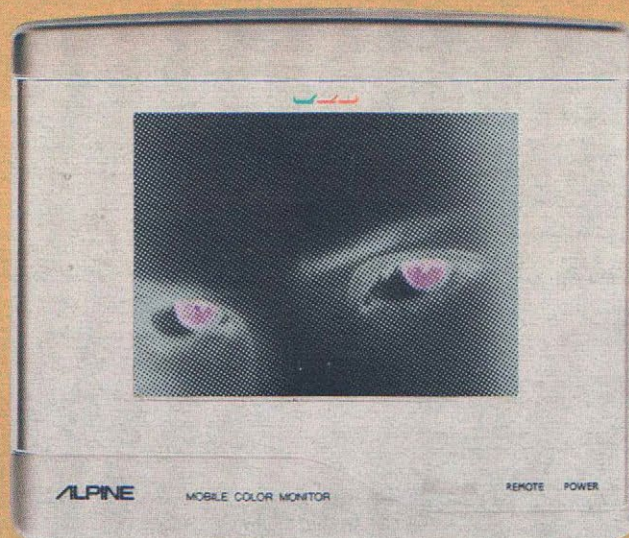
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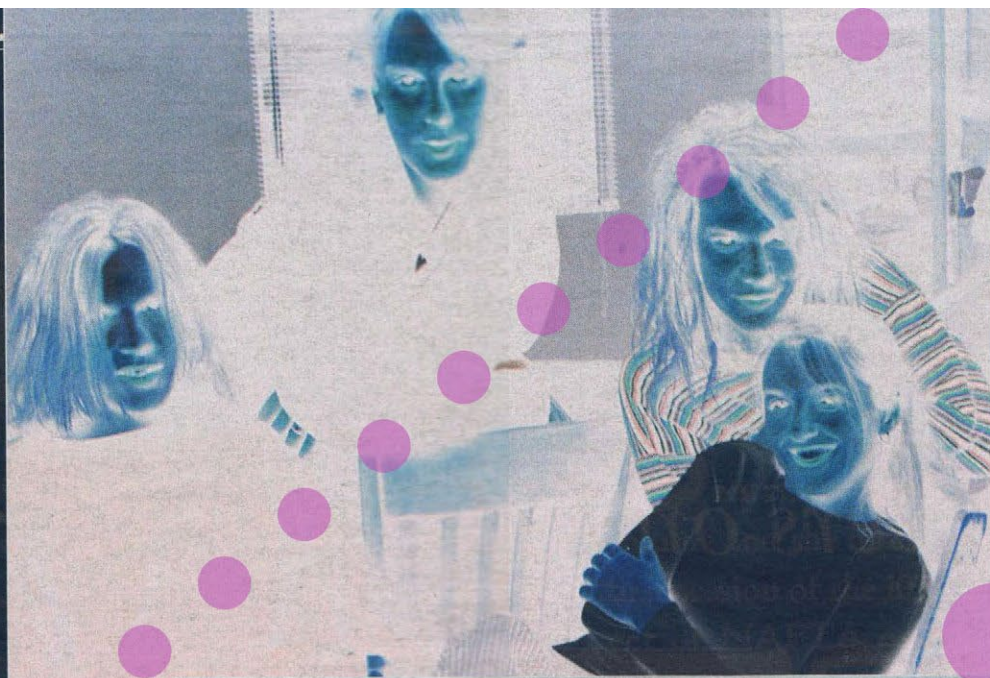
RALPH J. GLEASON (1917-1975)



# Backstage at McCabe's

**H**ere's a switch: an item on **SOUL ASYLUM!** (Lovely people, but they have the **SLASH**-like habit of jumping onstage with everyone.) In this case, it was with **LIZ PHAIR** at her gig at Santa Monica's intimate McCabe's Guitar Shop, where **DAVE PIRNER** and **DAN MURPHY** previewed new material, and local phenomenon **BECK** opened up. Backstage, **WINONA RYDER** called Phair's show "amazing," despite the number of record-biz honchos present.

**I**t only looked impromptu when **XTC's ANDY PARTRIDGE** leaped onstage during **AIMEE**



## RANDOM NOTES

frontman **GREG DULLI**. "That right there was a Kodak moment."

It came about when the Whigs brought the Motown icon onstage with them during their show in Detroit. Martha and the Afghandellas worked through appropriately ramshackle versions of "Heat Wave" and "What's Going On."

**V**ideo pioneer **PETER GABRIEL**'s focus now includes the group Witness, which just shipped video cameras to human-rights groups encountering abuses in 36 countries. "It's a way of

Heat wave: Dulli onstage with Reeves

Below: Gabriel, Merchant and Odetta in Boston. Right: A clothed Shannon Hoon.



documenting what's going on in a way it can't be denied," Gabriel said at Boston's annual Reebok Human Rights Awards. Gabriel was joined by **MICHAEL STIPE**, **NATALIE MERCHANT** and **ODETTA**,



who led the crowd in a moving rendition of "We Shall Overcome."

**G**ENERAL PUBLIC reformed, **TONY BENNETT** swung by, and **BLIND MELON**'s **SHANNON HOON** kept his clothes on. All in all, the L.A. radio station KROQ's acoustic Christmas show



was a success. The acts at the Universal Amphitheater, ranging from **SMASHING PUMPKINS** to **CRACKER**, raised funds for L.A.'s homeless. One bad vibe was **RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE**'s **ZACK "Grinch" DE LA ROCHA**, who wouldn't "celebrate this lie that is Christmas."

## NOTABLE NEWS

The work of esteemed Random Notes photographer **KEVIN MAZUR** will be exhibited at Nikon House Photo Gallery, in New York City, beginning Jan. 18. On hand are photos from every conceivable music event, which showcases Mazur's innumerable talents. A few of Mazur's more well-known pals are likely to drop by.... Cuddly rapper-sensitive guy **EAZY-E** is now a volunteer for the Compton, Calif., fire department. He's in the process of filming a public-service announcement.... Songwriter **OTIS BLACKWELL** is saluted in the tribute album "Brace Yourself," with covers by, among others, **FRANK BLACK** and **TOM VERLAINE**.

Mann is joined by troubadour Partridge.

**MANN**'s show at New York City's Bottom Line to sing "Collideascope." Says Mann: "I figured once he heard me sing it and not do a very good job, he'd push me out of the way and start singing, which is pretty much what happened."

**M**y mom just about passed out when I told her I was gonna back up **MARTHA REEVES**," says **AFGHAN WHIGS**