

Rock Almanac

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Monday, February 10

- 1985 Canadian artists, using the name **Northern Lights**, record the famine relief record "Tears Are Not Enough."
- 1982 Drummer **Kenny Hyslop** leaves **Simple Minds**.
- 1982 **Micky Moody**, guitarist with **Whitesnake**, leaves the band temporarily.
- 1979 **Blondie's** "Heart Of Glass" is number one in England.
- 1978 "Saturday Night Fever" is the top album in the U.S.
- 1971 **Beaver & Krause** record their "Ghandarva" album in Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, with guitarist **Mike Bloomfield**.
- 1970 **Phil Spector** is badly injured in an auto accident in which his car bursts into flames after wrecking.
- 1962 Birthday of the late **Cliff Burton**, bass player for **Metallica**.
- 1944 Birthday of **Donovan** (Terence Leitch), in Glasgow, Scotland.

Tuesday, February 11

- 1990 **George Thorogood** appears in a federal court in Boston seeking to prevent a record collector from releasing demo tapes he recorded in 1976.
- 1989 **Morton Harket** of **a-ha** marries **Camilla Malmquist** in Stockholm, Sweden.
- 1989 **Mojo Nixon** marries **Adaire Newman** at a go-kart park in San Diego.
- 1989 **Lee Rocker** of the **Stray Cats** marries **Deborah Dushane** in Los Angeles.
- 1985 The **Smiths** release the "Meat Is Murder" album.
- 1982 **Richard Jobson** officially announces that the **Skids** have broken up.
- 1978 **Magazine's** debut single, "Shot By Both Sides," enters the British chart.
- 1967 The **Mothers of Invention's** debut album, "Freak Out," enters the U.S. chart.
- 1965 **Ringo Starr** marries former hairdresser **Maureen Cox** in London.
- 1958 **Jerry Lee Lewis' "Great Balls Of Fire"** is the top single in Britain.
- 1939 Birthday of **Gerry Goffin** in Queens, New York. With **Carole King**, he co-wrote "Will You Love Me Tomorrow?," "Locomotion" and other tunes, as well as later marrying King.
- 1935 Birthday of **Gene Vincent** (Eugene Craddock) in Norfolk, Virginia.

Wednesday, February 12

- 1990 **Sting** organizes a rainforest charity concert at the home of a Los Angeles movie producer, featuring **Bruce Springsteen**, **Paul Simon**, **Don Henley** and **Jackson Browne**.
- 1983 **Ozzy Osbourne** is forced to cancel a show in Scranton, Pennsylvania, when a local minister protests Osbourne's alleged "Satanical worship...and cruelty to animals."
- 1977 **Steve Harley & Cockney Rebel** play a benefit concert for Ireland's homeless at the Rainbow Theater in London.
- 1972 **T. Rex** have their third number one single in England with "Telegram Sam."
- 1972 "Let's Stay Together" by **Al Green** is the top single in the U.S.
- 1968 **Jimi Hendrix** plays a concert for students and teachers of Garfield High School in Seattle, Washington, where he'd been expelled at the age of 14.
- 1968 Birthday of **Chynna Phillips** of **Wilson Phillips**, in Los Angeles.
- 1967 Scotland Yard raids **Keith Richards' home** in Sussex, England, leading to the arrest of **Mick Jagger**, **Keith Richard** and **Marianne Faithfull** on drug charges.
- 1964 The **Beatles** play Carnegie Hall in New York City on their first U.S. tour. There are two shows, each lasting 35 minutes.
- 1961 Birthday of **Adeva**.
- 1950 Birthday of **Steve Hackett**, original **Genesis** guitarist, in London.
- 1935 Birthday of **Ray Manzarek** of the **Doors**, in Chicago.

Thursday, February 13

- 1989 About 250 fans with valid tickets are refused admission to the first concert of the **Waterboys' British tour** because of a last-minute change in the official capacity of the Top Rank club in Brighton.
- 1987 **Lou Gramm's "Midnight Blue"** is the top track in The Hard Report's Hard Hundred, and his "Ready Or Not" album replaces **Eric Clapton** at the top of the album chart.
- 1982 "A Town Called Malice" by the **Jam** enters the British singles chart at number one.
- 1980 Police raid **John Lydon's house** for the second time in a month.
- 1980 **Thin Lizzy** guitarist **Phil Lynott** marries **Caroline Crowther**.
- 1970 **Black Sabbath** release their debut album, on Friday the 13th.
- 1968 **Pink Floyd** record "Julia's Dream," their last studio session with **Syd Barrett**, at the Abbey Road studios in London.
- 1966 Birthday of **Freedom Williams** of **C + C Music Factory**.
- 1961 Birthday of **Les Warner** of the **Cult**.
- 1961 Birthday of **Henry Rollins**, of the **Rollins Band** and formerly of **Black Flag**.

- 1961 Birthday of **Tony Butler** of **Big Country**.
- 1958 **Danny & The Juniors' "At The Hop"** is the top single in the U.S.
- 1956 Birthday of **Peter Hook** of **New Order** and formerly of **Joy Division**, in Manchester, England.
- 1952 Birthday of **Ed Gagliardi**, former **Foreigner** bass player, in New York.
- 1945 Birthday of **Peter Tork** of the **Monkees**, in Washington, D.C.

Friday, February 14

- 1990 The first all-female rap concert in history is held at the Los Angeles Sports Arena, featuring **Queen Latifah**, **Monie Love**, **Yo-Yo**, **MC Lyte**, **Nikki D**, **MC Trouble** and **Harmony**.
- 1987 **Husker Du** manager **David Savoy Jr.**, dies after jumping off a Minneapolis bridge.
- 1985 The **Alan Parsons Project** release the album "Vulture Culture," and **Phil Collins** releases "No Jacket Required."
- 1984 **Elton John** marries West German **Renate Blauel** in Sydney, Australia.
- 1984 **Brian Setzer** of the **Stray Cats** marries **Deanna Morgan**.
- 1982 Detectives from Scotland Yard's obscene publications squad seized 12,000 copies of "So What" by the **Anti-Nowhere League** because of the record's use of four-letter words.
- 1981 **Mike Barson** of **Madness** marries his fiance, **Sandra**, in London.
- 1981 **Generation X** break up, with **Billy Idol** announcing plans to go solo.
- 1980 **Lou Reed** marries **Sylvia Morales** at his apartment in New York.
- 1977 The **B-52s** make their live debut at a Valentine's Day party.
- 1974 The **Captain & Tennille** are married in California.
- 1970 The top single in the U.S. is "Thank You Falettinme Be Mice Elf Again" by **Sly Stone**.
- 1970 The **Who** record the album "Live At Leeds" at Leeds University in England.
- 1964 The **Dave Clark Five** release "Bits & Pieces."
- 1947 Birthday of folk singer **Tim Buckley**, in Washington, D.C.

Saturday, February 15

- 1984 **Ratt** release their debut album, "Out Of The Cellar."
- 1981 Death of **Mike Bloomfield**, at the age of 37, from a suspected heroin overdose, in San Francisco.
- 1981 **Phil Collins' "Face Value"** album is the top LP in Britain.
- 1977 **Glen Matlock** is fired from the **Sex Pistols** and replaced by **Sid Vicious**.
- 1973 Birthday of **John Conlon** of **Chesney Hawkes**, in Hillingdon, England.
- 1968 Blues harmonica player **Little Walter** dies at age 38, after being stabbed in Chicago.
- 1965 **Nat King Cole** dies of lung cancer in Santa Monica, California.
- 1962 Birthday of **Mike Milliner** of the **Pasadenas**, in Croydon, England.
- 1960 Birthday of **Mikey Craig**, formerly of **Culture Club**.
- 1959 Birthday of **Ali Campbell** of **UB40**, in Birmingham, England.
- 1957 Birthday of **Jake E. Lee** of **Badlands**, and formerly with **Ozzy Osbourne**.
- 1954 Birthday of **Dave Lombardo** of **Slayer**.
- 1942 Birthday of **Mick Avory** of the **Kinks**, in Hampton Court, England.

Sunday, February 16

- 1991 **Shaun Ryder** of the **Stone Roses**, and his wife, **Trish**, have a baby daughter, named **Jael Otis Ann Ryder**.
- 1990 **Ike Turner** is sentenced to four years in a California prison for his conviction on cocaine charges.
- 1988 **Frankie Goes To Hollywood** lead singer **Holly Johnson** wins a high court ruling in England clearing the way for a solo career.
- 1987 **Bon Jovi** fans who have been waiting all night for tickets to go on sale riot when the box office opens at the Nassau Coliseum on Long Island, smashing doors and windows.
- 1986 Birth of **Haley** to **Pat Benatar** and **Neil Geraldo**.
- 1982 The **Buggles' "Adventures In Modern Recording"** album is released, as is **Simon & Garfunkel's "Concert In Central Park."**
- 1981 The **Sisters Of Mercy** play their first concert, in York, England.
- 1980 **Bill Wyman** announces he will leave the **Rolling Stones** in 1983, which would be the 20th anniversary of his joining the group. He doesn't, however, leave the band.
- 1970 **Simon & Garfunkel's "Bridge Over Troubled Water"** enters the British album chart at number one.
- 1969 **Jethro Tull** release their first single in England, "Sunshine Day."
- 1969 **George Jones** marries **Tammy Wynette**.
- 1963 The **Beatles' "Please Please Me"** is the top single in Britain.
- 1962 Birthday of **Tony Kiley** of the **Blow Monkeys**.
- 1961 Birthday of **Andy Taylor** of **Duran Duran**, in Wolverhampton, England.
- 1935 Birthday of **Sonny Bono**, formerly of **Sonny & Cher**, in Detroit, Michigan.