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PUNK
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JUNE 22

Punk's first significant fatality occurs as Cleveland's **Peter Laughner**, who cofounded **Rocket From the Tomb** (which mutated into the **Dead Boys** when he left to start **Pere Ubu!**), dies of acute pancreatitis at the age of 26.

JULY 5

Elvis Costello quits his day job as a computer operator for cosmetic firm **Elizabeth Arden**.

AUGUST 24

With members of the **Sex Pistols** in attendance, the **Dickies** headline over **AC/DC** at New York's **Palladium**. Admission is \$3.50.

AUGUST 28

L.A. fanzine **Fluxide** publishes its first issue, with a print run of 100.



EVER GET THE FEELING YOU'VE BEEN CHEATED? THE PRESIDENT WAS A CROOK, AND THE SAVIORS OF THE '60s WERE EITHER DEAD OR WALLOWING IN BLOATED LUXURY. THEN PUNK SHOWED UP SCREAMING.