

Clash to open Who's U.S. tour

The Clash haven't exactly gone out of their way to ally themselves with rock & roll's behemoth acts, so it was a bit surprising to learn that the group would be opening for the Who on the latter band's U.S. tour this fall. But the two groups have had one thing in common recently—reservations about their drummers. Early in the Clash's stateside tour this summer, the band apparently refused to be photographed with new drummer Terry

Chimes, asserting that he was only a temporary member. That seems to be how Who vocalist Roger Daltrey would prefer to consider Keith Moon's replacement, Kenney Jones. "I would like to have hired and fired people," opined Daltrey. "Just tried different drummers out, and kept the three of us as the Who. I'm not sure we made the right move there—but it is working."

Mick Jones, Pete Townshend



Sir Doug Sahm teams with son

My dad and I have a blast," says seventeen-year-old Shawn Sahm, who's been playing guitar lately with his father, Doug Sahm—Sir Douglas to you. Shawn started out playing drums at age four and didn't get into guitar until three years ago. "We were sittin' around his house in Austin and he showed me 'Mendocino' on the

guitar. I played that song about a hundred times that day—only two chords, it was great." Shawn is now getting his own band together, and a major label has already expressed some interest in him. "I'll be honest," he says. "I want to be a star. I love the lifestyle. My dad cracks me up, 'cause he always wants me to go to ballgames with him. And I'll go, 'Aw, dad, I don't wanna go to a ballgame.' But if we're gonna go to a show—boy, I'll drop anything."

Doug Sahm (left) with Shawn



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ROCKIN'

Keith's house burns

For the second time in nine years, fire has severely damaged the British home of Keith Richards. The thatched roof of the 500-year-old mansion in Sussex named Redlands caught fire on September 2nd, destroying a considerable portion of the house. The blaze took dozens of firemen to bring under control. Richards was not in the house at the time, though a friend was reportedly staying there. No injuries were reported.

Video showdown

Star Wars mastermind George Lucas has challenged George Plimpton to a video-game contest. Lucas threw down the gauntlet after pal Steven Spielberg showed him an SCTV sketch wherein Plimpton and Lucas were caricatured. "As for Plimpton, I can take him any day, any time, at any game he wants," Lucas told Spielberg, according to SCTV's Dave Thomas.

"I don't think I've ever played a game in an arcade in my life," said Plimpton, when informed of the challenge.

LOOSE TALK

"We're paid obscenely well. . . . And if I may be immodest, there aren't too many of us who can do this well—reading out loud, which is basically what I do."

—TOM SNYDER, on his new job anchoring late-night city TV news in New York

"I want blacks to feel that they are part of this country's existence. They are as much welcome at Buckingham Palace as anywhere else."

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