



nessee sheriff Buford Pusser, who creamed local gangsters with a two-by-four, in the remake of the 1973 film that starred **Joe Don Baker**.

*Walking Tall* starts up here on June 23.

### You talkin' to me?

Vancouver's First Look Features, in development for *Rage*, a one-hour documentary for Global, are looking for folks who experience road, air, hockey, or work rage.

Please vent to [ragethedoc@yahoo.com](mailto:ragethedoc@yahoo.com).

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Local actor/producer **Kris Pope** is holding a fund-raiser tonight for *Tough*, a **George F. Walker** play to be staged at The Havana June 19-21 and June 25-28.

The play stars his sister, **Carly Pope** (*Popular*, *1st to Die*), **Meghan Black** and **Chris Lovick**.

**Brendan Fletcher** (*Rollercoaster*) will direct.

The fund raiser runs from 10 p.m.-12 a.m. at Element Sound Lounge, 801 West Georgia.

### Sharon!

**Ozzy Osbourne** dined at Gotham Steakhouse with his band on Tuesday night. And guess, what? They don't even serve burritos.

Fans went wild, one of them grabbed the flower arrangement from the foyer and presented it to good old Oz.

Then, much to the delight of the packed restaurant, he stopped by a table of women celebrating a birthday, giving the birthday girl a peck on the cheek on his way out.

Oh, why wasn't I there?

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*Lynne McNamara's Backlot* appears Wednesday and Saturday.

### The Jackass & The Rock

**Johnny Knoxville**, star and producer of the infamous movie, *Jackass*, will play a kind-hearted local underachiever deputized by the sheriff in MGM's *Walking Tall*.

**Dwayne (The Rock) Johnson** will play tougher-than-steel Ten-



Ozzy and Sharon Osbourne.

## Osbournes happily wed

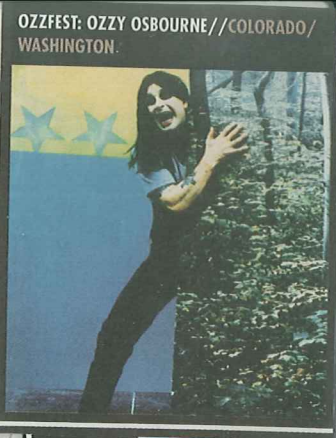
**Sharon Osbourne** says her marriage to husband **Ozzy** was never expected to last.

The *X Factor* host, who wed the former Black Sabbath frontman in Hawaii 23 years ago, has revealed their romance was written off by friends of the rock star who thought he should marry someone wilder. She said: "I've certainly never been a rock chick — I wasn't into that whole leather trouser look."

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Ozzy with Little John



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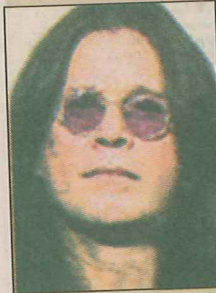


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Cable connections: First, CTV brought *The Sopranos* to regular TV, uncensored. (Repeats of Season 2 start this week; Season 3 will surface in March.) Then, Global said it will air pay-TV's gritty war saga *Band of*

*Brothers* this fall.

Now, CTV has nabbed *The Osbournes*, the hit cable show tracing the family life of doddering rock 'n' roller **Ozzy Osbourne**.

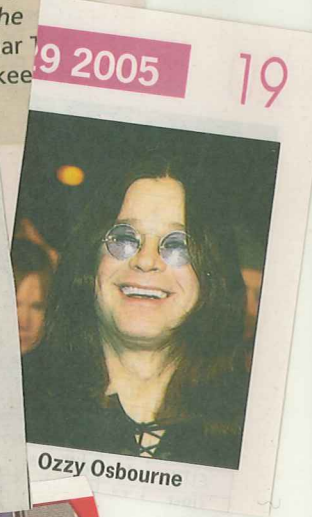


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Although the brass at MTV Canada (which now airs the show) said they "are [bleep] delighted" with the deal, you can't help but wonder: if *The Osbournes* can make it to regular TV, how quickly can they keep

### OZZY, INC.

Ozzy Osbourne has sold \$50 million US worth of merchandise over the last decade. The merchandise — T-shirts, caps, slippers, "action figures," lunchboxes, all that stuff — includes \$35 million worth sold at concerts and \$15 million worth everywhere else.



Ozzy Osbourne



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