



Brianna LaHara, 12, sits at the computer she uses to download music program Kazaa in a file photo.

Kazaa settles out of court

The company that distributed software called Kazaa, which made it simple for millions of computer users to download music and movies over the Internet, has settled global lawsuits brought by the entertainment industry, the industry said Thursday.

Sharman Networks Ltd., which produced and distributed the popular Kazaa software, also agreed to take steps to frustrate anyone who tries to steal copyrighted digital files. And it agreed to pay unspecified penalties.

- The Associated Press

Hungarian Salami talks Turkey

24 Food can trigger memories; the warm smell of a favourite delicacy can bring you right back to your mother's kitchen or to a favourite old restaurant. Food can remind you of special times, of first dates, celebrations and holidays.

Food is a central theme to a new series of short films being developed by Turkish-born Toronto filmmaking husband-and-wife team Sibel and Murat Guvenc. The pair have just completed the filming of Hungarian Salami, filmed in Toronto and expected for release on the festival circuit this autumn.

The scene is a Hungarian village; the hero, Louis, is a restaurateur rumoured to have special mystical powers. On the eve of a wedding, the bride and groom come to him, begging Louis to use his powers to bring a member of the wedding party back to life.

Using magic and a sweet-smelling Hungarian salami, Louis attempts to resurrect the groom's dead father.

The film mixes folk legend, mysticism, comedy



- Steven Sandor, 24 hours

Filmmakers Sibel and Murat Guvenc go over the script of Hungarian Salami.

and food into one package.

"Food holds so much magic and memory for us," says Sibel, on the set at a soundstage at Wallace Studios. "If I see a kind of cookie that I haven't eaten since I was six years old, I will try it, even if I didn't like it all that much back then, just to bring back a memory."

Sibel, who has established the Kybele Films company here in Toronto, won an award for Cinematography at the Through Her Eyes Women Film Festival in New York for her short adaptation of the

Kafka classic, In the Penal Colony. But her and her husband hope that Hungarian Salami will be the beginning of a series of short films on various world cultures and the food for which they're famous.

Hungarian Salami is aimed to be the first film in the Magic Myth Dream series, and the pair are already working on scripts with the working titles Indian Curry, Turkish Delight and Canadian Bacon — not to be confused with the Michael Moore comedy of the same name.

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DMX COUGHS UP \$25,000 FOR BAIL

Rapper buckles up for legal battle

DMX's traffic woes likely won't be ending anytime soon.

The hip-hop star, whose real name is Earl Simmons, has turned down a plea bargain in a case that started with his arrest on traffic charges.

Police arrested DMX in White Plains, NY, on June 2 and charged him with speeding, making unsafe

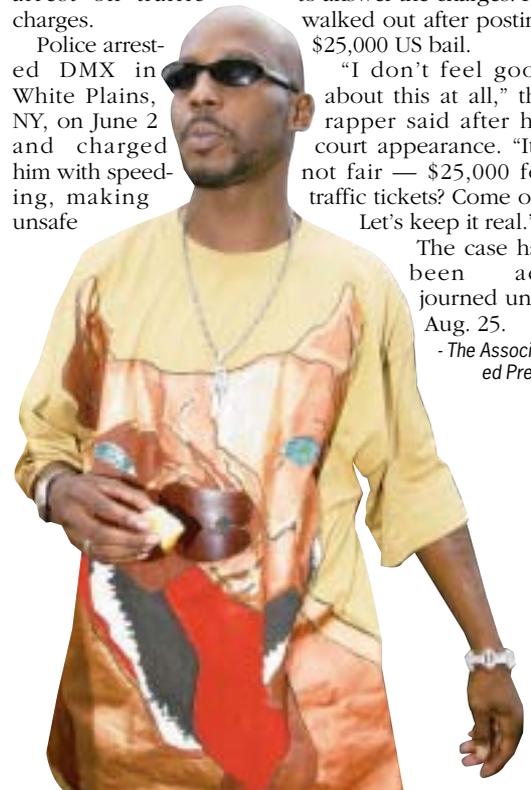
lane changes, not wearing a seat belt and driving without a license.

DMX, 35, spent a night behind bars last month after a judge issued an arrest warrant when he failed to appear in court to answer the charges. He walked out after posting \$25,000 US bail.

"I don't feel good about this at all," the rapper said after his court appearance. "It's not fair — \$25,000 for traffic tickets? Come on. Let's keep it real."

The case has been adjourned until Aug. 25.

- The Associated Press



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