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Recording industry withdraws lawsuit against 66-year-old

BOSTON (AP) — In a possible case of mistaken identity, the recording industry has withdrawn a lawsuit accusing a 66-year-old woman of illegally downloading and sharing more than 2,000 songs online, including the rap song "I'm a Thug."

Sarah Seabury Ward and her husband use their computer and Internet connection to send e-mail to their children and grandchildren, said Electronic Frontier Foundation attorney Cindy Cohn, who has worked with the family.

And the Wards use a Macintosh, which cannot run the software needed for the Kazaa file-sharing service they are accused of using illegally.

The Newbury woman was one of 261 defendants sued by the Recording Industry Association of America this month for alleged illegal file-sharing of copyright material.

The industry threatened to hold her liable for up to \$150,000 for each song.

The RIAA withdrew the case Friday, calling the move a "gesture of good faith" but telling Ward's attorney the organization will continue to investigate and reserves the right to refile a lawsuit.

RIAA spokeswoman Amy Weiss said Wednesday the group still believes it traced alleged illegal actions to the right Internet Protocol, or IP, address and account.

Cohn said she expects more cases like the Wards because Internet service providers like Comcast, used by the Wards, do not assign addresses to any one user but shuffle them around.

Comcast spokeswoman Sarah Eder declined comment on Ward's case, but said the company has helped the recording industry to match addresses with users' names in cases where Comcast is legally required to do so.

Weiss said this was the only case the RIAA has withdrawn.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Hopkins gets star on Hollywood Walk of Fame

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The star of "The Human Stain" has a new spot on Hollywood Boulevard.

Anthony Hopkins, who stars in the film adaptation of Philip Roth's novel about a disgraced academic's fling with a janitor (played by Nicole Kidman), received a star Wednesday on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Hopkins, 65, won an Academy Award as the cannibalistic genius Hannibal Lecter in "The Silence of the Lambs," and also played the killer in the thrillers "Hannibal" and "Red Dragon."

As a young actor living in England, Hopkins said he aspired to become a Hollywood star. He described the Walk of Fame ceremony as the culmination of those hopes.

"This is synonymous with the dreamland of the movie business, and that's where I always wanted to come," Hopkins told the crowd gathered at the ceremony in front of the Kodak Theatre, home of the annual Oscars telecast. The celebrity guests included his "Silence of the Lambs" co-star Jodie Foster.

Kelsey Grammer for Senator?

NEW YORK (AP) — The star of "Frasier" may be ready to move from radio psychology to politics.

Kelsey Grammer says he might be interested in running for the U.S. Senate from California when he's finished with acting.

"If you have the good fortune to become wealthy doing what you love to do, what happens is you have an obligation to give back in some way," Grammer said Monday on Fox News Channel's "Hannity & Colmes."

He won't be joining Arnold Schwarzenegger on the campaign trail anytime soon, Grammer said. He wouldn't start in politics until he's done acting and there's more he wants to do with that job.

Grammer, 48, kept his political views vague during his appearance on the cable news network.

"I would like to try to rid the country of the idea that it's the rich against the poor," he said.

Duran Duran reunites

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Duran Duran, British new wave rockers from the '80s, are fashionably cool once again.

More than 14,000 retro-rock fans nudged their way into a sun-drenched meadow in Golden Gate Park Sunday to hear the re-formed band, who played to two large Southern California crowds.

Keyboardist Nick Rhodes told The Associated Press the idea to begin Duran Duran anew came over a Los Angeles lunch he had earlier this year with John Taylor. A few well-placed cell phone calls later and the band was back together.

Rhodes said the band has matured enough to take advantage of its popularity once again.

"We were lucky that we became successful at an early age because some of the stuff we went through, you wouldn't want to do that in your 30s and 40s," he said.

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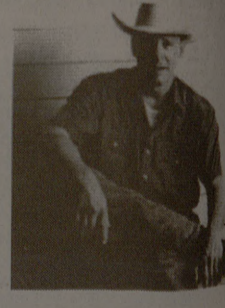


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