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**Grammys recognize  
Dylan's best music**

NEW YORK (AP) — Bob Dylan, who made a strong musical comeback in a year he suffered through a life-threatening illness, won a Grammy and his son, Jakob, also won the music business handed out its honors Wednesday night. Dylan also won a best male pop performance Grammy for "Candle in

the Wind 1997," his eulogy to Princess Diana that became the best-selling single of all time.

Rapper Puff Daddy, Lilith Fair founder Sarah McLachlan, country-bluegrass performer Allison Kraus, cellist Yo-Yo Ma and the late newsman Charles Kuralt were also multiple winners in the 40th annual awards show, held in Radio City Music Hall.

Bob Dylan's album, *Time Out of Mind*, won best contemporary folk album and was in the running for the more prestigious album of the

year honors. A song from that album, "Cold Irons Bound," won for best male rock vocal performance.

Jakob Dylan won as a composer of the best rock song, "One Headlight," performed by his band, the Wallflowers. The same song was honored as the best rock vocal performance by a duo or group.

Puff Daddy was honored with the best rap album Grammy for *No Way Out*. His top-selling tribute to the Notorious B.I.G., "I'll Be Missing You," won for best rap per-

formance by a duo or group. Known more as a producer, Puff Daddy was not even nominated in the best producer category, won by Babyface.

Grammy's children's music category had a bittersweet tone. Kuralt, the former CBS newsman who died on the Fourth of July, and singer John Denver, who died in a plane crash, both won awards.

Kuralt also won for best spoken world album, beating out former President Jimmy Carter.

Denver had never won a Grammy, despite his enormous popular success.

His 23-year-old son, Zachary, said his father "talked about the Grammys all the time."

"He really wanted one. it makes it real special to be here today. We'll take it up to Aspen (Colo.) and put it in his house some place special," he said.

Another first-time winner was rocker John Fogerty, the former leader of Creedence Clearwater Revival, who took home the award for best rock album — *Blue Moon Swamp*.

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The "grab-and-run" method of shoplifting is popular among desperate vagrants, juveniles and alcoholics who make no attempt to conceal the stolen merchandise.

Speedy shoplifters may think people will react quickly enough to apprehend them. These are the shoplifters who are trying to take their chances.

Moore said, if caught, shoplifters may face serious jail time depending on the dollar amount of merchandise stolen.

Shoplifting items worth less than \$50 is a Class C misdemeanor. These crimes are handled by the City Court and punishment usually consists of a fine.

Class B and A misdemeanors are handled by the County Attorney's office and may include fines and/or jail.

Stealing \$50 to \$100 worth of merchandise is a Class B misdemeanor. A Class A misdemeanor involves stealing \$500 to \$1500 worth of merchandise.

Even if the items stolen cost more than \$1500, the crime is considered a felony. Felonies are handled by the District Attorney, and Moore said the jail time given to felony shoplifters is up to the courts.

A previous theft conviction bumps a shoplifter's crime up to the next grade, and two previous convictions automatically bump up to a felony.

The BPD Website offers several tips store owners may use to prevent shoplifting.

The site suggests that employees be aware of their customers.

"Customers should be personally greeted as they enter the store," the site says. "An exchange of pleasantries serves to remove the shoplifter's cloak of anonymity, while increasing customer goodwill."

"Shoplifters avoid stores with friendly, attentive salespeople."

Other tips the site offers are:

- Keep shelves and displays for good visibility.

- Adopt a clear, evenly enforced shoplifting policy.

- Hire enough sales clerks to guarantee effective coverage and personal attention to customers.

- Limit the number of items brought into the fitting room.

- Secure bags by taping or stapling the receipt to the outside of the bag.

- Alternate the direction of clothes hanger hooks to prevent "grab-and-run" losses from clothes racks near exits and entrances.

Implementing tactics to prevent shoplifting will not only save stores money, but it will help keep costs down for consumers.

Although shoplifters may make the infamy of thieves such as John Dillinger or the Ex-Presidents from *Point Break*, their crimes are serious and have serious consequences, both for the criminals and the victims.

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