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Prince - musicians die but never the music:

by Glenn Mollette

Prince Rogers Nelson is gone but will be forever remembered by his music. We are always struck hard when an icon suddenly departs from this life. Regardless of how and why Prince left us so suddenly, his fans mourn.

Musicians leave a print on the earth. Elvis fans remember the moment and the very place they were when they first heard his death announced. Many of us will never forget the chilling news of John Lennon's assassination. Only recently we mourned the death of David Bowie and Merle Haggard.

We expect old people to die. George Beverly Shea was a 104 when he died. He recorded 70 albums and sang to millions around the world. Our natural reasoning

is that our favorite musicians will live past 100 and sing a few departing songs then ease off to an eternal sleep. However, some musicians it seems are eternal as Chuck Berry almost 90 and Jerry Lee Lewis who is 80, both entertained forever it seems. I saw Jerry Lee in Owensboro, Kentucky well into his seventies. He could actually still play the piano very well. The hip gyration move had lost some of it gravitas but hey he was still entertaining 4,000 people that night. And then of course there is Tony Bennett who is approaching 90 and still performing. Some of us wonder if The Rolling Stones will be touring when they hit 80. Paul McCartney is still rocking at age 73. All of these people will die but their music never will.

Life is great when

people are able to still participate and enjoy life. Prince leaving us at age 57 makes it all the more shocking. Reports are that Prince recently presented great concerts in Georgia. Over the weekend he entertained a small gathering in Minnesota. As always, he presented his music with passion, genius and celebration. Such musical celebration mystifies us even more. It is hard for us to fathom something being wrong when an artist is seemingly hitting all the right keys.

However, the greatest artists fool us. David Bowie was sick but managed to squeeze out one last album. Glen Frey of The Eagles wowed us last summer on tour but is now gone. Robin Williams, of course not a

singer but a famed comedian, could always make us laugh but he masked the internal demons that overtook his life. Elvis could still sing and entertain us even though we were not aware of his prescription addiction until his death.

More will be said about Prince's untimely death today and in the days ahead. In the meantime his life will live on through his music and his music will live on in us.

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PATROL ...

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Saturday, April 23

*At 9:09 a.m. a spitfire returned to her old digs on Kendall Road, but she is no longer welcome because during her last visit she threatened to slash tires and cut a man's hand. The delusional dame thinks that if she leaves her belongings there, then she has the right to stay.

*Gold Coast Security reported alarms from the vault at the bank at 103 S. Redwood Hwy. at 9:46 a.m.

*Two stalking orders were served in the 29200 block of Redwood Hwy. at 10:05 a.m.

*A square gray safe that had been broken into was found dumped on the Forest Road 029 near Eight Dollar Mountain at 11:12 a.m.

*Officers went to the 800 block of Airport Drive at 12:01 p.m. in an attempt to decipher the unreadable name on a bill of sale for something that was sold in 2013 in Grants Pass.

*An abandoned vehicle was found covered by brush on Powerline Road along the Rough and Ready Creek north of Hwy. 199 at 12:25 p.m.

*Perfect Pizza was patrolled at 2:18 p.m.

*Whatever was going on at 2:55 p.m. on Briggs Valley Road is a mystery because it was blacked out of the incident logs.

*A motorist on Onion Mountain Lookout Road was warned for carrying

his rifles in the front of his vehicle at 4:17 p.m.

*There was an unoccupied Lexus on Forest Service Road 626 in the Onion Mountain area at 4:30 p.m.

*ADT alarms were activated at the basement door in the 800 block of Glendon Road at 6:17 p.m.

Outside the Valley

*Thirteen recorded incidents.

Sunday, April 24

*An ungrateful grandson on Walters Drive was being obnoxious and breaking windows because he couldn't find his rolling papers and a lighter. The brat told his grandmother that he was going to eat before he got arrested. Quentin Yoshiwara, 18, was detained at Josephine County Jail at 10:12 a.m. on charges of disorderly conduct and second-degree mischief. (Did he eat his breakfast first?)

*Three cartons of cigarettes and two packs of beer, valued at \$180, were stolen from Speedy Mart 2 on Redwood Hwy. on April 16 between 10:54 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The sneaky store cashier and her cagey customer were caught faking a register transaction on video surveillance footage.

*A dude in the process of a divorce was assaulted in the 100 block of S. Redwood Hwy. late on the night of April 19 to April 20. He was headed back to Illinois, and was not willing to return to Oregon to pursue charges.

*On Deer Creek Road, a vicious vixen has been menacing her boyfriend since March by throwing his clothes out

of the house, slamming his leg in a door and threatening to shoot him. There is a 3-year-old boy in the home - for his sake, knock it off!

*Two heels stole a Stihl MS290 chainsaw with a 25" bar between 7 and 8 a.m. on April 21 from the 24500 block of Redwood Hwy. One thief is tall and skinny and wore a ball cap on his long, dark, curly hair. The other burglar was shorter and sported a Lakers beanie.

*A couple of incompetent car thieves were arguing because they locked themselves out of a blue sedan which they had stolen. They were spotted shimmying the doors in the 200 block of W. Watkins Street at 12:27 p.m. William Glen Eaves, 35, was arrested on warrants charging false information to police and possession of heroin. He and his partner in crime Shandy Sherie Powell, 26, were both detained in Josephine County Jail on additional charges of possession of a stolen vehicle and probation violation.

*At 2:19 p.m. a belligerent bald bloke on a BMX bike was trespassing in the 200 block of S. Redwood Hwy. The 30ish bicyclist talks to himself and the sky, is a well-known meth user and has a history of burglary. He believes he is entitled at that location because his name matches the sign.

*A motorist was warned for speeding and cited for no insurance after being pulled over at 5:49 p.m. in the 23500 block of Redwood Hwy.

Outside the Valley

*Nineteen items logged.

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