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LEONARD COHEN
1934 - 2016

THERE IS A CRACK
IN HEAVEN

THAT'S HOW THE
LIGHT

GET IN

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CHECK-OUT:
1934-2016
LEONARD COHEN

He was poet, a Novelist, a ladies' man and
a Buddhist monk. For nearly half a century,
he built a tower of a song- even though
darkness was never far off

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Before there was Pen and Paper
There was The "Word", and Bob Dylan
Is The "Spoken Word" !!!

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Bob Dylan will Tell you Things
you Alreddy Know

But he will Scream them out loud !!!

UNTIL you can hear them

AND Know Them For The
FIRST TIME !!!!!

If Slash and Axl can get back on the same stage, then Metallica and Napster can join hands once again as Billboard reports the metal kings will release their entire catalog to Napster 17 years after their infamous battle against the streaming service.

Metallica will return with a new album *Hardwired...To Self-Destruct* on November 18 and in a statement Napster said, "The release of Metallica's new album comes at an incredible time for streaming music with streaming subscriptions accounting for almost half of industry sales in the first half of 2016." They added, "Today Napster is a legal, paid subscription service. We are thrilled to bring Metallica's full catalog to Napster subscribers around the world." Drummer Lars Ulrich recently spoke to Rolling Stone about the high-profile lawsuit against the then-popular file sharing network. "With Napster, we jumped straight down to 'Fuck these guys! Let's go after them!," he said. "I underestimated what Napster mean to people in terms of the freedom it represented." He expanded on the backlash the band received, saying, "It was between us and Napster, and then Napster made it between us and the fans, which was a really, really smart move. That was not the intention. Napster wasn't about money. It was about commerce. It wasn't about copyright. It was literally about choice. Whose choice is it to make your music available for free downloads? We were saying, 'Hang on. It should be our choice.'"

Napster recently struggled with bankruptcy and changeover before bringing in CEO Mike Davis to run the streaming service. Napster currently boasts 3.5 million paying subscribers.

Leonard Cohen Died In His Sleep After A Fall, Manager Says

Songwriter and poet Leonard Cohen died in his sleep after a fall in his Los Angeles home in the middle of the night, his manager has said.

"The death was sudden, unexpected, and peaceful," his manager Robert Kory said in a statement published on the Cohentric website.

Cohen, music's man of letters whose songs fused religious imagery with themes of redemption and sexual desire, died on Nov. 7. He was 82. No cause was given for his death when it was announced three days later on his Facebook page.

Cohen has been buried in Montreal in an unadorned pine box next to his mother and father, his son Adam said on Facebook on Sunday.

"As I write this I'm thinking of my father's unique blend of self-deprecation and dignity, his approachable elegance, his charisma without audacity, his old-world gentlemanliness and the hand-forged tower of his work," Adam Cohen wrote.

Born into a Jewish family in 1934 and raised in an affluent English-speaking neighborhood of Quebec, Cohen read Spanish poet Federico

García Lorca as a teenager - later naming his daughter Lorca. He learned to play guitar from a flamenco musician and formed a country band called the Buckskin Boys. Cohen moved to New York in 1966 at age 31 to break into the music business. Before long, critics were comparing him with Bob Dylan for the lyrical force of his songwriting. Although he influenced many musicians and won many honors, including induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and the Order of Canada, Cohen rarely made the pop music charts with his sometimes moody folk-rock. His most ardent admirers compared his works to spiritual prophecy. He sang about religion, with references to Jesus Christ and Jewish traditions, as well as love and sex, political upheaval, regret and what he once called the search for "a kind of balance in the chaos of existence."

Cohen's most famous song, "Hallelujah," in which he invoked the biblical King David and drew parallels between physical love and a desire for spiritual connection, has been covered hundreds of times since he released it in 1984.

Cohen's other well-known songs include "Suzanne," "So Long, Marianne," "Famous Blue Raincoat" and "The Future," an apocalyptic 1992 recording in which he darkly intoned: "I've seen the future, brother/It is murder."

Conor McGregor Delivers Knockout in U.F.C.'s New York Debut

Conor McGregor, the brash Irishman who is the world's biggest mixed martial arts star, became the first man to hold two Ultimate Fighting Championship belts at the same time when he unseated lightweight champ Eddie Alvarez at Madison Square Garden on Saturday night.

"I've ridiculed everyone on the roster," McGregor noted, not entirely inaccurately, after the fight. "I'd like to take this opportunity to apologize ... to absolutely nobody."

He leaped on top of the cage and held both belts on his shoulders with a broad smile. The fight — the first in New York City after the state legalized the sport this spring — was never close. McGregor put Alvarez on the canvas three times in Round 1, then finished the job in the second with a combination. McGregor's popularity is unsurpassed in the sport. The fans at the Garden roared every time he appeared in a promo on the big screen. But those cheers were dwarfed by the sound that emerged when the man himself appeared in the flesh.

McGregor has a gift of gab that reminds some of the young Muhammad Ali. In the days before the fight, as is his wont, he berated his opponent, slinging invective as easily as he slings punches. Showmanship is part of the ethos of the U.F.C., and no one is better at it than McGregor. He showed up late to Thursday's press conference, wearing a mink coat, boasted, "I predict I rearrange his face," and battled Alvarez over his belt,

eventually picking up a chair and threatening to throw it.

Overlooked in the McGregor hype was Alvarez, who after all was the champion. Alvarez seemed to try to match McGregor's insults but never quite had the Irishman's panache, and certainly could not match his popularity in the Garden. The Irish and Irish Americans were well represented in the crowd.

"The Irish, we built this town," McGregor had shouted before the fight. "Now we're coming back to claim what's ours."

How right he was.

McGregor remains the featherweight champion, as well.

U.F.C.'s big night at Madison Square Garden drew several celebrities to the Octagon, including Madonna, Hugh Jackman and Gordon Ramsay.

Conor McGregor is a bad man! #UFC205 pic.twitter.com/ElbtXGuLte — Drake (@SixGodDrake) November 13, 2016

The night was not only about McGregor. There were two other championship fights on the undercard.

Tyron Woodley retained his welterweight title after a draw with Stephen Thompson. And Joanna Jedrzejczyk, who has dominated the lighter women's strawweight class, defended her belt against a fellow Pole, Karolina Kowalkiewicz.

The former champion and Long Island native Chris Weidman was knocked out by a knee to the head from the former Cuban Olympic wrestler Yoel Romero, who will now get a title shot.

The pioneering women's fighter Miesha Tate lost to a former protégée, Raquel Pennington by decision, and announced her retirement after the fight.

And there were wins for Frankie Edgar and Khabib Nurmagomedov, who taunted McGregor as a "chicken" to the displeasure of the Garden crowd.

After McGregor's demolition of Alvarez later on the card, he may want to rethink that insult.

Joey Logano, Kyle Busch clinch final Chase spots at Phoenix

AVONDALE, Ariz. -- Kyle Busch and Joey Logano claimed the final two spots in NASCAR's championship race with their finishes in Sunday's Can-Am 500 at Phoenix International Raceway.

Logano won the race, which went to double overtime, and Busch was second.

With six drivers vying for only two positions in next week's finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway, the Chase for the Sprint Cup drivers rose to the occasion in the final 60 laps in a tense battle that stretched into overtime.

On the first overtime restart, Matt Kenseth, who was leading the race, was nudged by Alex Bowman, who had dropped low on the track to block Busch. Kenseth spun out and into the outside wall, ruining his chances of

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engagement and reach.”

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Books: New and noteworthy

USA TODAY's Jocelyn McClurg scopes out the hottest books on sale each week.

1. Settle for More by Megyn Kelly (Harper, non-fiction, on sale Nov. 15)

What it's about: In this highly anticipated memoir, the Fox News host talks about president-elect Donald Trump, former boss Roger Ailes and how she made it big.

The buzz: Kelly became part of the news herself during the election, starting with Trump's infamous "blood coming out of her wherever" comments after the first Republican debate in 2015.

2. No Man's Land by David Baldacci (Grand Central, fiction, on sale Nov. 15)

What it's about: Army special agent John Puller investigates the murder of his own mother 30 years earlier.

The buzz: Baldacci's thriller *Memory Man* debuted at No. 1 last year on USA TODAY's Best-Selling Books list.

3. Last Girl Before Freeway by Leslie Bennetts (Little, Brown, non-fiction, on sale Nov. 15)

What it's about: A biography of comedian Joan Rivers, who was still making waves (and making people laugh) when she died in 2014 at age 81.

The buzz: "Thorough, sweeping," says *Kirkus Reviews*.

4. Chaos by Patricia Cornwell (William Morrow, fiction, on sale Nov. 15)

What it's about: Medical examiner Kay Scarpetta decides the death of a young woman bicycling was no accident, even though it appears she was struck by lightning; 24th in the series.

The buzz: "Lots of cutting-edge forensic detail," says *Publishers Weekly*.

5. Just Getting Started by Tony Bennett (Harper, non-fiction, on sale Nov. 15)

What it's about: Bennett, who turned 90 in August, writes about friends and entertainers who have inspired him; follow-up to *Life Is a Gift*.

The buzz: The singer has kept himself young by collaborating with the likes of BFF Lady Gaga.

Bikers help Springsteen, stranded on side of road

FREEHOLD, N.J. — When three New Jersey men stopped to help a stranded motorcyclist near Allaire State Park in Wall, they received the celebrity encounter of a lifetime.

Dan Barkalow, 55, of Freehold was on his motorcycle Friday when he stopped to help another biker and found Bruce Springsteen with an inoperable Moto Guzzi cycle.

Barkalow was returning from a Veterans Day event with two fellow members of the Freehold American Legion, Bob Grigs and Ryan Bailey, when they came across the famous "Born to Run" rocker.

"I just pulled over and got off the bike and said, 'Hey, I think I know you,'" Barkalow said.

The three men tried to get Springsteen's bike running, but were unsuccessful. Springsteen — wearing a brown riding jacket and a red handkerchief — then hopped on the back of Ryan Bailey's bike and they headed to the Original Mulligans Grill in Farmingdale. While the musician waited for his ride, he bought Barkalow and his friends a round of drinks, the Freehold man said.

"We just talked about old Freehold bands," Barkalow said.

"Nice guy, real down to earth," he added. "Just talked about motorcycles and his old Freehold days."

Springsteen was raised in Freehold and still lives in New Jersey. The American Legion post says Springsteen is eligible to join since his father was a veteran.

"It was nice to help out," Bailey said. "One Freehold person helping out another."

AP Source: Brad Pitt cleared in child services investigation

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An investigation into whether Brad Pitt was abusive toward his son on a private flight in September says the case has been closed with no finding of abuse by the actor, a source familiar with the inquiry said Wednesday.

The source, who was not authorized to speak publicly, told The Associated Press that the investigation was closed within the past few days.

Multiple sources have said the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services had been looking into allegations Pitt was abusive toward his 15-year-old son on the flight in mid-September. Pitt's wife, Angelina Jolie Pitt, filed for divorce days after the incident, and her attorney said it was "for the health of the family."

A department spokesman said the agency could not confirm it investigated Pitt.

Custody of the actors' six children has been the primary issue in their divorce. Jolie Pitt is seeking sole custody of the children, while Pitt is seeking joint custody.

Pitt has had visitation with his children under terms agreed upon by the former couple. Jolie Pitt's representatives said Monday that an agreement on custody had been reached, although a final agreement will be part of the couple's divorce judgment when it is entered. California law favors joint custody, although details about custody arrangements are rarely made public in celebrity divorce cases.

A representative for Jolie said the actress is relieved that the inquiry is over and that the custody arrangements in place will allow the children to heal.

A representative for Pitt declined comment. Pitt and Jolie were married for two years and together for 12 years after becoming close while filming 2005's "Mr. & Mrs. Smith."

Monroe dress for Kennedy birthday song sells for \$4.8M

LOS ANGELES - Officials say a dress worn by Marilyn Monroe as she famously sang

"Happy Birthday" to President John. F. Kennedy has sold for nearly \$5 million at a Los Angeles auction. Julien's Auctions says that the iconic, form-fitting gown was sold for \$4.8 million Thursday night to Ripley's Believe It or Not. The company says in a news release that the actress wore the Hollywood designer Jean Louis creation — flesh-colored and sparkling with over 2,500 handstitched crystals — on May 19, 1962, for an early 45th birthday celebration for Kennedy at New York's Madison Square Garden. Monroe's breathy rendition of the birthday song has been broadcast repeatedly since, adding to the lore surrounding the screen icon.

Dylan thinks twice, won't be picking up Nobel in person

COPENHAGEN — Never mind: Bob Dylan won't be coming to Stockholm to pick up his 2016 Nobel Prize for literature at the Dec. 10 prize ceremony, the Swedish Academy said Wednesday.

The Academy says Dylan told them that "he wishes he could receive the prize personally, but other commitments make it unfortunately impossible." The Academy did not detail these other commitments.

The 75-year-old American singer-songwriter was awarded the prize on Oct. 13 "for having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition."

The literature prize and five other Nobel Prizes will be officially conferred upon winners in Stockholm next month on the anniversary of award founder Alfred Nobel's death in 1896.

The Academy said it "respects Bob Dylan's decision," adding that not traveling to the Swedish capital to personally pick up the prestigious award was "unusual, but not exceptional."

Literature laureates have skipped the ceremony before. In 2004, Austrian playwright and novelist Elfriede Jelinek stayed home, citing a social phobia.

"The award is still theirs, as it now belongs to Bob Dylan," the Academy said. "We are looking forward to Bob Dylan's Nobel lecture, which he must hold, according to the requirements, within six months" from Dec. 10.

Dylan's response to the Nobel award, the first-ever literature prize to go to a musician, has been unusual. For two weeks after it was announced, he was silent in public and to the Academy, leading to some harrumphing about "arrogance" and rudeness from miffed members of the Nobel committee.

Then, in a rare interview with *The Telegraph's* Edna Gundersen in late October, he explained his silence as surprise. "It's hard to believe," he said. When he first heard the news, it was "amazing, incredible. Whoever dreams about something like that?"

Moreover, he said he planned to attend the awards ceremony in Stockholm. "Absolutely," he said. "If it's at all possible." **Somehow, Metallica's Entire Catalog is Returning to Napster**

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