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Today, on the Obituary Channel

Fell asleep in his Jeep heading out of Canarsie
Tangoed onto a land mine in Hazard Kentucky
In Hollywood slowly of undisclosed causes
Suddenly during a terminal illness
A suicide following open heart surgery
On the family farm in the clutch of a mistress
By lethal injection while singing
The Battle Hymn of the Republic missing
And still presumed to have invented solitaire
The self-proclaimed Sultan of Cockfighting
Heir to the throne of Qatar
Later an interview with his betrothed
Now stay tuned for a tour of the Providence morgue
Live from the cave where he long ago painted
Live from the world where he chipped his first tooth
Is survived by his mother