This Month in History

November Week #3 (11/17 - 11/23)

Lots going on this week. The 22nd is the 50th anniversary of the JFK assassination. There is going to be a NOVA special on this as well as the history channel will be playing a special as well. Also during this week:

- Arnold Schwarzenegger sworn in as California Governor (10th anniversary)
- 150th Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address
- Titanic's sister ship the Britannic sinks
- William H. Bonney aka "Billy the Kid" born
- Mass Suicide at Jonestown

You can find out more information about every story listed below on historyonair.com as well as many more.

In preparation for our upcoming Yosemite podcast, I've been reading The Making of Yosemite. I reccomend it fo anyone wanting to know this history of Yosemite.

The discussion forum is back! Check it out here.

We are still working on the Lego podcast. I'll let you all know when its available. Image credit.
On November 17, 2003 Arnold Schwarzenegger was sworn in as governor replacing Gray Davis in a special recall election. Schwarzenegger had previously served as the chairman of the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports from 1990 to 1993. He was nominated by George W. Bush, who liked to call him “Conan the Republican”. Most actors in Hollywood tend to be liberal and Democratic-leaning, so Schwarzenegger’s republican choice was a little different. Also, unlike a lot of actors of the time he was very outspoken about his choice and political beliefs. Schwarzenegger announced his candidacy on an August 6, 2003 airing of The Tonight show with Jay Leno.
Mass Suicide at Jonestown
November 18, 1978

Jonestown is the informal name for the Peoples Temple Agricultural Project in northwestern Guyana located in South America. It was led by a man named Jim Jones. It became famous when on November 18, 1978, 918 people died at a nearby airship and in Georgetown, the capital of Guyana.

Image credit: Jonestown Institute

150th Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address
November 19, 1863

Today, November 19 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Gettysburg Address. On this day, a Thursday, in 1863 President Lincoln delivered what many today call one of the most moving speeches of all time. This short speech, only 278 words, moved the nation that day and forever. You can listen to the Gettysburg addressed can be listened to [here](#).

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Titanic Sister Ship

Britannic Sinks

November 21, 1916

She was the third and largest Olympic-class ocean liner of the White Star Line. She was launched two years after Titanic’s disastrous failure in the cold North Atlantic Ocean. After the Titanic went down several design changes were made to the remaining Olympic-class liners. She was intended to be a transatlantic passenger liner. However, she was launched while the first world war was raging and was enlisted as a hospital ship in 1915. It was in that role that she met her demise. She hit an underwater mine in the Kea Channel off the Greek island of Kea on the morning of 21 November 1916, and sank with the loss of 30 lives.
President John Fitzgerald Kennedy (aka "JFK", "John Kennedy", and "Jack Kennedy") was assassinated in Dallas, Texas, at 12:30 pm Central Standard Time on Friday November 22, 1963, while on a political trip to Texas. He was shot once in the throat, once in the upper back, with the fatal shot hitting him in the head. He was the 35th President of the United States, serving from January 1961 until November 1963.
LIFE Magazine
Resurrected
November 23, 1936

So, LIFE magazine had been around well prior to November 23, 1936, but in a form we would not recognize today. You see back in January of 1883, LIFE magazine officially started. Back then it was a humor and general interest magazine. In 1936 Henry Luce paid $92,000 for LIFE magazine. Becoming the third magazine for Time, Inc. after Time (1923) and Fortune (1930). The first issue featured a cover of Fort Peck Dam by Margaret Bourke-White.

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