Nets' November sweeps to recall fall of Camelot

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Still wincing from the Washington tongue-lashing they got over last May's Buttafuoco-brimming sweeps, the Big Three have found a politically more palatable truecrime story with which to paper their airwaves this November sweeps — President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

This sweeps we'll see no less than 10 hours of programming pertaining to the 35th president's assassination, as this country observes the 30th anniversary of his untimely death. Set against a backdrop of the Washington violence hearings Round 2, the networks' November sweeps schedules, starting Nov. 3 and running through Dec. 1, are substantially less true-crime laden than their last sweeps period.

Instead of true-crime, this sweeps period runs to the sentimental, including the return of "Hart to Hart" (NBC, Friday, Nov. 5), a "Bonanza" telefilm (NBC, Sunday, Nov. 28) and the return of "This Is Your Life" (NBC, Friday, See SWEEPS on page 105

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Add to that list the 200th episode of "Murder, She Wrote" (CBS, Sunday, Nov. 7); a nostalgic '70s music celebration called "The Beat Is Back" (NBC, Tuesday, Nov. 16); the seven-hour return of "Lonesome Dove" (CBS, starting Sunday, Nov. 14), Milton Berle's appearance on "Matlock" (ABC, Thursday, Nov. 4); and theatricals "Home Alone" (NBC, Thursday, Nov. 25), "Ghost" (CBS, Sunday, Nov. 7), "The Wizard of Oz" (CBS, Thursday, Nov. 11) and "Dances With Wolves," which will feature 50 minutes excised from the American theatrical release (ABC, Sunday, Nov. 7, and Wednesday, Nov. 10).

NBC kicks off the Kennedy collective on Monday, Nov. 15, with the telefilm "Fatal Deception: Mrs. Lee Harvey Oswald," starring "Howards End's" Helena Bonham Carter as the widow of the man accused of Kennedy's murder.

CBS follows closely, on Wednesday, Nov. 17, with "Jack," a new special from CBS Entertainment that the network says includes home movies of "Camelot's first family" and "original interviews that reveal his relationship to women."

Friday, Nov. 19, CBS returns to the subject with "CBS Reports: Who Killed JFK? the Final Chapter" from CBS News, "the murder

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