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MONDAY'S PEOPLE



Face lift for movie

Doug Henderson builds scaffolding outside the Texas School Book Depository in Dallas. Henderson is part of a crew working to make the building, from which Lee Harvey Oswald shot President John F. Kennedy, look the way it did at the time of the 1963 assassination for a movie.

Caption incorrect 5/10/6

To the Editor:

I wish to bring to your attention a common historical misperception which is continually perpetrated by newspapers, including *The Times Union*. Your April 15 caption underneath a photograph of the Texas School Book Depository Building, which is undergoing renovations for the upcoming Oliver Stone movie on the JFK assassination, incorrectly states Lee Harvey Oswald shot President Kennedy.

While this conclusion was reached by the Warren Commission in 1964, it has never been proven in a court of law. Even an alleged presidential assassin deserves his day in court and Oswald, due to the actions of Jack Ruby, never lived to have his. A majority of the American public either believes Oswald was involved in a conspiracy or was actually, as Oswald himself said, "a patsy" in the hands of military intelligence. In any event, it has become quite apparent over the years that the investigation undertaken by the Warren Commission was faulty and incomplete at best.

In the United States a person remains innocent until proven guilty and while history might depict past events in a certain light, the true facts behind the assassination of President Kennedy and the role Oswald played nearly 30 years ago are far from being known or understood. Until the day comes when conclusive evidence can be presented against Lee Harvey Oswald, enough which would have led to his conviction beyond a reasonable doubt, he must remain, the alleged assassin of President John F. Kennedy.

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