

WHO KILLED JFK? The ultimate unsolved mystery

Even before its scheduled release late last month, "JFK," the new film by director Oliver Stone, was generating more than its fair share of controversy. The movie centers on a real-life New Orleans prosecutor, Jim Garrison, who believed that a group of right-wing conspirators, not Lee Harvey Oswald alone, killed the President in Dallas on November 22, 1963.

Some have dismissed the film's theories, christening it "Dances with Facts" (it stars "Dances with Wolves" director/star Kevin Costner as Garrison). But Oswald's widow,

Marina Oswald Porter (right), hopes that Stone's film will help change the public's mind about her husband. "The Warren Commission's conclusion [that Oswald was the lone gunman] was deliberately wrong, and I emphasize deliberately," she told LHMJ recently. "If this movie will answer the question of why that was so, that will be a step forward."

Porter is not the only critic of the commission: Some assassination experts have named everyone from Fidel Castro to organized crime as the force



behind the killing. The mystery has been made even more impenetrable by Oswald's murder, two days after Kennedy's death.

But Porter doubts that the movie will inspire any new investigation. "That the public will be informed," she says resignedly, "is the best I can hope." —JANE FARRELL

HOW TO SAVE ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

The astronomical cost of prescription drugs is becoming hard to swallow. According to the Senate Special Committee on Aging, medication prices soared an average of 152 percent from 1980 to 1990, and they shot up another 11.2 percent in the first half of 1991. You can save by comparison shopping, however, since prices at pharmacies can vary by as much as 100 percent. Other tips:

■ **Order medications by mail** Mail-order pharmacies take your prescription over the phone (toll-free), verify it with your doctor and mail the medicine to you. Delivery can take two weeks, so don't use

these pharmacies for drugs you need right away.

■ **Bypass brand names** Generics are usually significantly less expensive, and they undergo rigorous reviews by the FDA. Ask your doctor to prescribe them whenever possible.

■ **Buy in bulk** If you'll be taking a medicine for several months or more, ask your doctor to write a prescription for a large amount. Pills often cost less in big quantities, and you'll avoid price increases.

The following chart shows prices for commonly prescribed medications at pharmacies around the country. (Keep in mind that costs fluctuate.) —NADIA ZONIS

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICE CHART

	BIG CITY ¹	SMALL TOWN ²	NATIONAL CHAIN ³	AARP ⁴ 800-456-2277	PHARMAIL 800-237-8927	MEDI-MAIL 800-331-1458	ACTION 800-452-1976
XANAX (tranquilizer) 0.5mg, 30 count	\$22.95 to \$26.95	\$22.07 to \$28.20	\$19.69	\$17.05	\$16.20	\$17.24	\$14.69
DYAZIDE (diuretic) 100 count	\$35.75 to \$44.95	\$29.89 to \$44.70	\$27.99	\$28.95	\$27.99	\$29.95	\$28.39
Generic of DYAZIDE 100 count	\$24.50 to \$30.00	\$20.89 to \$34.50	\$21.99	\$23.95	\$22.00	\$20.50	\$20.99
ORTHO-NOVUM 7/7/7 (birth control pills) 28 count	\$20.00 to \$27.95	\$15.99 to \$22.50	\$18.99	\$18.90	\$18.00	\$19.95	\$16.99
LANOXIN (heart medication) 0.25mg, 100 count	\$13.45 to \$15.00	\$7.12 to \$15.80	\$6.99	\$7.35	\$6.99	\$8.95	\$5.99