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CLUES ACROSS

1. Dark blacks  
7. Construct a wall to confine  
13. Most inappropriate  
14. A type of board  
16. Sacred Hindu syllable  
17. Flatterer  
19. The Granite State  
20. Tears down  
22. China's Chairman  
23. Former Houston footballer  
25. Periods of time  
26. Expressed pleasure  
28. World alliance  
29. A Brit's mother  
30. Television network  
31. Brother or sister  
33. Type of spirit  
34. \_\_\_ Ladd, actor  
36. A medium over-see it  
38. One time province of British India  
40. Wrong  
41. The highest parts of something  
43. Insect  
44. Baseball stat  
45. A way to use up  
47. Where wrestlers compete  
48. It helps elect politicians  
51. As fast as can be done  
53. Genus of legumes  
55. Samoa's capital  
56. Monument in Jakarta  
58. Former French coin  
59. Exploiters  
60. College sports official  
61. Uninterrupted in time  
64. Stephen King story

65. Marked by no sound  
67. Weathers  
69. Denouncements  
70. More beloved

CLUES DOWN

1. Winged nut  
2. It cools a home  
3. Kisses (French)  
4. Oxford political economist  
5. Keyboard key  
6. Leaf pores  
7. Agrees with publicly  
8. Not around  
9. Czech city  
10. Muscle cell protein  
11. Greek letter  
12. Movements  
13. Ned \_\_\_, composer  
15. Popular series  
Game of \_\_\_  
18. Exclamation that denotes disgust  
21. Helper  
24. Gift  
26. Up in the air (abbr.)  
27. Treat without respect  
30. Trims  
32. Slang for lovely  
35. City of Angels  
hoopster (abbr.)  
37. Guitarists' tool  
38. Island nation  
39. Delivered in installments  
42. A baglike structure  
43. Cooking vessel  
46. Gets in front of  
47. Wounded by scratching  
49. More breathable  
50. Medical dressings  
52. Indiana hoopster  
54. Married Marilyn  
55. An ancient Assyrian city  
57. Congressmen (abbr.)  
59. Approves food  
62. Ventura's first name  
63. Between north-east and east  
66. Atomic #71  
68. Email designation

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

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THE HISTORICAL VIEWPOINT

Lee Harvey Oswald and Assassination

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Lee Harvey Oswald killed John F. Kennedy. He was not a patsy, nor was he working for any shady group. There is no credible evidence of any conspiracy, compared to the mountains of evidence Oswald was the sole shooter. I am saying this upfront, because the actual story of the most famous American assassination is interesting enough to be recounted, separate from any conspiratorial theory.

Oswald, born 1939, had a rough childhood. His father died two months before he was born. When he was three, his mother sent his older brothers to an orphanage; Oswald was sent to an orphanage a year later, where he stayed for two years before his mother took him back. They moved around constantly. Oswald grew up lonely, with his mother constantly gone for work, spending much of his time at zoos and museums. He had constant truancy and behavioral issues as a child, leading to him being sent to a detention center for three weeks of psychiatric evaluation. His social worker, Evelyn Siegel, described him as being "emotionally frozen" and "having never developed a really trusting relationship with anybody." When Oswald was fourteen, he found a leaflet discussing the impending executions of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, a pair of Soviet spies. Oswald began reading Marxist literature, finding a cause to dedicate his life to.

Oswald dropped out of school at 16 and joined the Marines at 17. He was trained in shooting, something he excelled at, earning him the designation of sharpshooter. While with the Marines, he was court-martialed twice, first for accidentally shooting himself in the elbow with a pistol he wasn't allowed to own, then again for assaulting the sergeant he believed was responsible for punishing

him. While in the Marines, Oswald taught himself to speak rudimentary Russian and constantly talked about Marxism, leading his fellow marines to nickname him Oswaldskovich.

In 1959, after three years with the Marines, Oswald managed to get a hardship discharge by claiming his mother needed him to take care of her. Immediately, he travelled to Moscow on a tourist visa, planning to defect. The Soviets rejected his request for citizenship and told him he had to leave. Oswald responded by slitting his wrists. He survived and was allowed to stay in the Soviet Union while he recovered and underwent a psych eval.

K.G.B. agents met with Oswald, hoping to recruit him as a spy. Unfortunately for them, Oswald didn't know anything useful. The K.G.B. decided against recruiting Oswald, considering him to be too crazy, suspicious and uncontrollable to be useful. And, to be fair, if I was plotting some vast conspiracy, the guy who shot himself in the arm and slit his wrists because his visa was denied wouldn't be my first choice for a hitman. Still, the Soviets allowed Oswald to immigrate to the U.S.S.R., giving him a luxury apartment and a job at a radio factory in Minsk.

In 1961, Oswald married Marina Prusakova, a 19-year-old pharmacology student, whom he had two children with. In 1962, Oswald, having grown bored and disillusioned with the Soviet Union, fled back to the United States, bringing his family with him. Oswald moved to Texas and bounced from odd-job to odd-job. In February, 1963, he purchased a Smith & Wesson revolver and a second-hand Carcano rifle through the mail, planning to use them to target a man who he saw as the second-coming of Adolf Hitler: Edwin Walker.

Walker, a retired Army major general, adamant anti-communist and die-hard

white supremacist, had been one of the key instigators of the Ole Miss Riot five months prior. Angered at the University of Mississippi allowing African American student James Meredith to attend, Walker gave speeches over the radio demanding the people rise up in "violent vocal protest." Thousands of white supremacists attacked the school, executing two people and shooting six federal marshals. The 15-hour-long riot was quelled when Kennedy sent in 30,000 federal troops. Walker was charged with insurrection, although a grand jury refused to indict him.

In April, 1963, Lee Harvey Oswald fired a bullet through Walker's window, hitting him in the arm. Oswald took the bus home, evading the police, and confessed what he had done to his wife. Walker survived and the crime remained unsolved until the same rifle was used for a much more famous assassination.

Two weeks later, Oswald left his family and moved to New Orleans, where he attempted to form an organization in support of Fidel Castro, the Cuban communist revolutionary-turned dictator and Oswald's personal hero. President Kennedy was incredibly hostile to Cuba, hence the ending to this story. In September, after returning to his family, Oswald began plotting to hijack a plane and fly it to Havana; Marina talked him out of it. Instead, Oswald attempted to move to Cuba by going to the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City and begging them to let him defect; they turned him down. Oswald returned to Dallas, where he took a job at the Texas School Book Depository.

Then, serendipity. Oswald learned that President John F. Kennedy would be visiting Dallas and that his motorcade would pass by the depository. On November 22, 1963, Oswald left his wedding ring and \$170, all the money he had, for Marina. He climbed

to the sixth floor and waited with his rifle. Two witnesses actually saw him standing at the window, holding a rifle, but assumed he was there to protect the president.

At 12:30, as the motorcade rounded the corner of Dealey Plaza, three shots rang out. The first missed. The second hit Governor John Connally in the back and Kennedy in the throat. The final shot went through the president's skull, killing him.

Oswald dropped the rifle and ran, escaping, again, by bus. 45 minutes later, J.D. Tippit, a police officer, stopped Oswald, due to him matching the description of the shooter. Oswald gunned him down with his revolver, in front of nine witnesses. He fled into a movie theatre. The police followed him and Oswald attempted to fire at them, but the hammer of the revolver got caught on the webbing between his thumb and index finger. The police disarmed Oswald and arrested him.

A lot of people imagine there must be a conspiracy, because it seems so impossible for a lone gunman to kill the President of the United States, but nothing about Oswald's story is surprising. He was a lonely, miserable young man. He wasn't satisfied with the Marines, with the U.S.S.R., and he wouldn't have been satisfied if he managed to defect to Cuba. He dreamed of a purpose, of being a hero and killing a monster. He was exactly the type of man you'd expect to become an assassin.

And, unfortunately for Oswald, so was Jacob "Jack Ruby" Rubenstein, an impulsive, volatile nightclub owner horrified by Kennedy's death. Two days after the assassination, as Oswald was being transported from police to the county jail, Ruby, on a whim, drew his gun and murdered Lee Harvey Oswald. His motive? To spare Jacqueline Kennedy the discomfort of a trial.

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