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"Zapruder film intrigues assassination buff" Rik HaymanThe Saginaw News Martin R. Shackelford of Saginaw has waited for years for a high-quality copy of Abraham Zapruder's home movie of President John F. Kennedy's Nov. 22, 1963 assassination. He bought two copies Friday for \$19.95 each from Sun Coast Motion Picture Co. in Saginaw Township's Fashion Square Mall. The store received 20 copies of the videotape about 10 a.m. By 7 p.m., they had sold five--two of them to Shackelford, said store manager Angela Pignatelli. The digitally enhanced film includes a 40-minute preamble and six separate showings of the president's skull shattering. Shackelford, 50, who lives on North Webster near Court, has collected information about the assassination since it occurred nearly 35 years ago. In 1974, he started taking a look at photographic evidence, including Zapruder's home movie of the Dallas motorcade. Like most Americans, Shackelford had seen the 26-second clip of the assassination before. But he wanted a closer look to develop his own theory of who killed Kennedy, never buying the official version that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone. "The whole idea is to find out what happened," he said. "If I thought there was a lone gunman, I wouldn't be doing this. What would be the point?" He obtained an 8mm bootleg copy of the Zapruder film in 1975, and later got his hands on a full set of film slides. He jumped at the chance to get a copy of the video when MPI Home Video of Orland Park, Ill., began distributing the film. Shackelford popped his new copy of the film into the videocassette recorder as soon as he got home. "This is far better than anything that's ever been available before," he said. COMMENTS: Overall, I liked the article, and not just because the reporters shaved a year off my age. His description of the video is misleading, unfortunately, and I'm not developing my own theory--and I got my first bootleg in 1974, not 1975.

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