

# Doctor agrees with JFK findings

## Pathologist says autopsy results in 1963 were correct, bullets shot from behind

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CHICAGO — A pathologist who participated in the autopsy on John F. Kennedy says he agrees with two others who recently said the president was killed by two bullets fired from behind.

"We got it right in 1963 and it still stands in 1992," said Dr. Pierre Finck, then an army lieutenant colonel and the only trained forensic pathologist at Kennedy's autopsy. Forensic doctors specialize in applying medical knowledge to legal matters; Finck is an expert in gunshot wounds.

"There were two bullets striking from behind, and there is no evidence for any wounds from the front," Finck said in

comments published in the Oct. 7 issue of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Finck's account, submitted in

forensic evidence are indisputable," said Dr. George D. Lundberg, the journal's editor, in an accompanying article in this

against the lone-gunner theory, accused Lundberg, a pathologist, of using his publication to protect the image of his fellow pathologists who conducted the Kennedy autopsy.

Wecht, who is a forensic pathologist, said Finck's new account is at odds with testimony he gave under oath in 1969 that he was instructed to skip certain autopsy procedures.

The pathologists' explanation leaves unresolved many questions, including how Kennedy and Texas Gov. John Connally could have been struck by the same bullet and discrepancies between the firing of the shots and the timing of the assassination as recorded on film, Wecht said.

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**-Dr. Pierre Finck, only trained forensic pathologist at Kennedy's autopsy**

written form to a JAMA reporter during an Aug. 19 interview in Switzerland, was consistent with interviews published by JAMA in May of the two other pathologists at the autopsy.

"These firsthand accounts of the autopsy and the scientific

week's issue.

"Both bullets struck from behind. No other bullets struck the president. A single rifle fired both," Lundberg wrote, adding that no conspiracy affected the autopsy, its findings or its report.

Dr. Cyril H. Wecht, who argues

# Rival buys San Antonio Express-News

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SAN ANTONIO — The publisher of the San Antonio Light, Hearst Corp., said Tuesday it has agreed to buy Rupert Murdoch's rival Express-News for \$185 million and close the Light if a buyer isn't found.

A shutdown of the Light would end one of the nation's fiercest newspaper wars, defined for years by blaring headlines, lottery-type games and behind-the-scenes shenanigans among employees.

The agreement calls for all 1,000 Express-News employees to retain their jobs. If a buyer for the Light is not found, the approximately 600 Light employees would receive severance benefits.

Hearst said it would seek a buyer for the

Light, a daily and Sunday newspaper that has lost \$60 million since 1987. If no buyer is found, Hearst said it would "reluctantly close the paper."

"Despite vigorous efforts to reverse the trends, Hearst has concluded that the Light's losses are irreversible particularly in view of the fact that the number of cities which can support two competing daily newspapers continues to shrink," Hearst said in a statement.

Hearst Corp. President and Chief Executive Officer Frank A. Bennack announced the agreement in separate meetings with employees of both newspapers Tuesday morning.

The Hearst purchase of the Express-News from Murdoch's The News Corp. is subject to federal antitrust review.

Murdoch, chairman and chief executive officer of News Corp., said the employee arrangement was essential to the deal.

"They waged a long and victorious contest in the San Antonio market and no agreement would have been possible without a guarantee that they would all be offered continued employment," Murdoch said in a statement.

Light and Express-News news department employees learned of the deal in hastily-arranged meetings. At the Light, telephones rang constantly in a vacant newsroom as workers met on another floor to hear the news. Light employees said they were given a 60-day plant closing notice.

Bennack and George Irish, publisher of the Light, did not immediately return telephone calls to The Associated Press.

# President opposes blockades of abortion clinics

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration urged the Supreme Court on Tuesday to keep federal judges from stopping abortion clinic blockades, but a lawyer for clinic owners said that would cripple abortion rights.

Justice Department lawyer John Roberts Jr. said the administration does not defend the tactics of Operation Rescue members and other anti-abortion protesters who block access to clinics, but he argued they should be held ac-



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Roberts said. "They are targeting (women) not because of who they are but because of what they are doing," he said.

countable in state courts.

Those who engage in unlawful acts at clinics lack the necessary motive — ill will toward women — to bring their conduct under federal scrutiny.

Deborah Ellis, a lawyer representing Virginia abortion clinic operators, said removing federal court authority to issue injunctions against blockades would leave women without adequate protection.

Clinic owners would have to turn to state courts for help, and many local police departments called on to enforce state court injunctions say they lack the resources to deal with massive demonstrations.

Ellis likened anti-abortion protesters who participate in clinic blockades to Ku Klux Klan mem-

bers who intimidated black students during the early days of school desegregation efforts.

But Jay Alan Sekulow, Operation Rescue's lawyer, said his clients oppose abortion, not women.

The legal and political battle was waged outside the high court's stately building as well.

On the public sidewalk in front of the court building, dozens of activists on both sides of the national debate shouted slogans at each other and vied for news media attention.

## NEWS ANALYSIS

# Bush's veto record comes to an end

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush calls his 35-1 veto record a "good streak." But the first defeat couldn't have come at a worse time.

The override of Bush's veto of legislation to re-regulate the cable industry dealt a major psychological setback at a time when he hardly needed more bad news.

In a blatant gesture of kick-him-when-he's-down, Democrats in the House whistled, cheered and shouted "Four more months" Monday night as Bush's perfect veto record was broken.

It was almost as if Bush were already a lame duck president.

When he was soaring in popularity, such an override would have been unthinkable.

In the past, Bush managed to prevail even when the measures he vetoed were

politically appealing.

In January 1990, he was even able to persuade the Senate to sustain his veto of a popular bill protecting Chinese students from deportation after the House of Representatives voted 390-25 to override.

But Democrats have managed to turn Bush's veto strategy — a strategy that once gave him enormous leverage despite Democratic majorities in both chambers — into a weapon against him in the final days of the campaign.

At the Republican National Convention in August, Bush said he would use his veto pen to hold the line on spending. Instead Congress has sent him popular measures that hold potential for political damage when they are vetoed.

For example, Bush vetoed a bill requiring employers to provide workers with time off in family emergencies and he prevailed. But he paid a price — giving the Democrats a

chance to claim he lacks commitment to the family values he and other Republicans trumpeted at their convention.

With the president unable to close the gap with Democratic nominee Bill Clinton in national polls, the cable-TV veto override was just one more political sour note for Bush.

To make matters worse, Democratic vice presidential nominee Al Gore was a sponsor of the bill that nearly everyone but Bush and the cable industry seemed to like.

The president's explanation for his defeat: "We were overwhelmed by a very good sales job on the part of the networks." Bush had argued that the bill, while ostensibly seeking to lower cable rates, would end up costing consumers more.

Bush had focused on the Senate in trying to persuade a group of GOP senators not up for re-election this year to back him on the veto.

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