

# Bush pushes Gore to step aside

## Vice president's camp wins more recounts; Bush, with thin lead, prepares for office

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In a war of nerves, George W. Bush's camp pressed Al Gore to concede decisive Florida as the presidential race struggled through Election Day plus three. "The quicker we get this resolved the better off it is for the nation," the Texas governor said yesterday. The Democrats countered, "This election is not over."

Bush considered seeking an injunction to block recounts being done by hand at Gore's request in at least three Florida counties. Gore campaign chairman William Daley led open the option of legal challenges that made even some Democrats flinch.

"I think that people's patience is going to be fairly limited," said Gov. Jim Hodges of South Carolina. Other Democrats sought to carefully balance support for Gore with suggestions that his options were dwindling.

"He needs to rise above it and say,



Vice President Al Gore plays touch football with his son, Albert, yesterday at Gore's home in Washington, D.C.

"So be it." You deal with the hand you're dealt," said Paul Feleciano, longest-serving Democrat in the Kansas Legislature.

Bush clung to a razor-thin lead in Florida — the crucial White House state with its 25 electoral votes — after county officials completed a review of the 6 million ballots cast.

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Still to come were an unknown number of votes from Floridians living overseas and the state's official certification, due Tuesday.

The presidential election limbo rattled Wall Street for the second day in a row. Investors disappointed by poor earnings and unnerved by the election saga sent stocks sharply lower yesterday with the Nasdaq composite index falling to a new closing low for the year.

In Florida, Gore advisers cited confusing and irregular ballots to press for follow-up recounts by hand in four predominantly Democratic counties. They

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Texas Gov. George W. Bush, center, joins running mate Dick Cheney and adviser Condoleezza Rice at the Governor's Mansion in Austin, Texas, yesterday.

## Drama leaves Americans amazed, weary

By HELEN O'NEILL  
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After days of recounts and recriminations, Americans remain incredulous, and some say they are wearying of this tortuous presidential election.

"It doesn't matter anymore. Bush ... Gore ... just give us a president," said Clarissa Wilkison, 25, of Bismarck, N.D.

Barbara Smith, a 57-year-old store owner from Marne, Mich., said she was so "stressed" by the agony of it all that she couldn't bear to watch television anymore.

"This is a nightmare for our country and I think our country is going to be so divided, whoever is president," said

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## 'They left us a legacy of freedom'

### Fifty-five years after they fell in battle, Chelmsford brothers gain recognition

By PIERRE COMTOIS  
Sun Correspondent

CHELMSFORD — In a sometimes heavy, freezing rain, more than 100 friends and neighbors gathered yesterday in solemn tribute to two local men fallen in battle 55 years ago.

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Brothers Allan and Herbert Clark, sailors who lost their lives serving with the Navy in the Pacific Theater during World War II, were honored yesterday morning.

"They left us a legacy of freedom," said their nephew, Allan D. Clark. "And the awesome responsibility of protecting liberty."

Town Veterans Agent Marty Walsh said Herbert and Allan's story came to his attention nine months ago when their sister, Muriel Harrington, told him about it. Since



SOLEMN TRIBUTE: Veteran Handel Matley plays taps during the dedication of a memorial to brothers Allan and Herbert Clark, who died in World War II, at a ceremony in Chelmsford yesterday.

then, he has spearheaded the effort to erect a memorial to the men.

The memorial consists of a stone marker centered on a spe-

cially constructed bricked and curbed area located at the tip of the "triangle" at the intersection of Groton Road and Main Street.

Yesterday's event was attended by members of the Clark family, the Board of Selectmen and other

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## Lowell knife killing called latest crime in a life of violence

By JEFF SKRUCK  
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LOWELL — All his adult life, Angel Santiago has been in and out of jail, often facing time for violent offenses.

The Lowell resident has been accused of assaulting police officers. Other times he's been arrested for striking victims with improvised weapons, such as a chair or a metal can.

But the pinnacle of Santiago's brutality, police say, is the stabbing death of Haroldo Sandoval, a Waltham man who died yesterday after Santiago allegedly plunged a knife outside a popular downtown nightclub early Sunday morning.

Santiago, 26, of 502 Moody St., stabbed Sandoval more than six times during a fight outside El Gran Paraiso at 76 Merrimack St. as hundreds of patrons — and witnesses — poured out of the club. Sandoval, his clothes covered in blood and bleeding from his mouth, collapsed on the hood of a police cruiser as officers came upon the scene.

The cause of the fight: an argument over a woman, police said.

After remaining in critical condition all week under the close watch of doctors, Sandoval, 31, died yesterday morning, according to sources.

Santiago will face a murder charge next week. But because Sandoval had not officially been pronounced dead, prosecutors did not charge Santiago yesterday.

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## After 'a whim,' he's \$4M richer

### A day after buying \$10 ticket, Tewksbury man celebrates his good luck

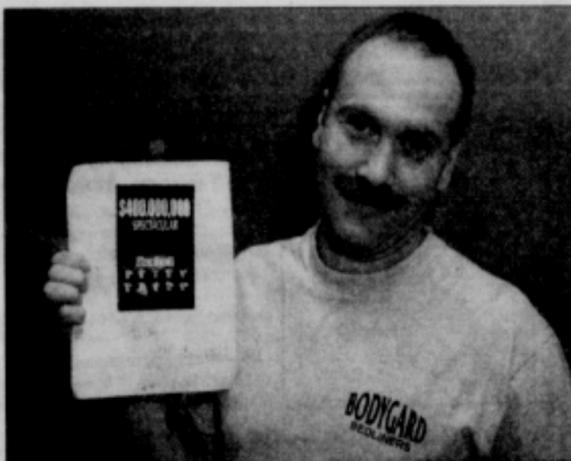
By MELISSA EVANS  
Sun Staff

TEWKSBURY — Before Thursday, 34-year-old Robert Mank of Tewksbury was just an average guy making his living installing truck accessories.

Yesterday, he was being hounded by reporters, he had \$134,000 in his savings account, and he found out he will receive the same amount of money annually for the next 20 years.

All of this after matching the right numbers on a 10-day-old Massachusetts State Lottery game for a jackpot of \$4 million, before taxes.

"I just bought it on a whim," he said yesterday, sipping on a



Robert Mank holds a copy of his lucky ticket at the Bacci Restaurant in Tewksbury, where he purchased it Thursday night.

beer at the Bacci Restaurant in Tewksbury, the same place where he purchased the winning \$10 ticket the night before.

"When I first scratched it, I

grabbed a friend of mine and said, 'Is this what I think it is?' After I stopped shaking, I

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UMass Lowell's Brad Rooney, left, battles BU's Chris Dymont for the puck.

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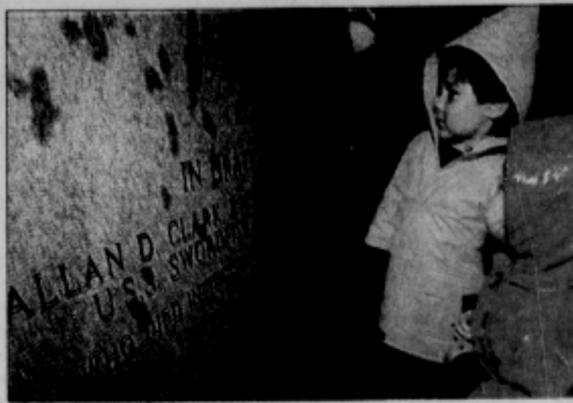
# Brothers honored 55 years after WWII deaths

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town officials.  
Two of nine children, Allan and Herbert Clark grew up at their home along Dunstable Road and entered the service with two other brothers when war was declared with Japan and Germany in 1941. Tragically, Allan was lost when his submarine, the *USS Swordfish*, sank sometime in January 1945 while on patrol in Japanese-held waters. Only four

months after the family learned of Allan's death, Herbert was reported killed in action on May 18, 1945 while serving aboard the destroyer *USS Longshaw*. The *Longshaw* had gone aground on a coral reef off Okinawa and come under fire from Japanese shore batteries.  
"I'm very, very surprised that in this kind of wet weather, so many people took the time to attend this memorial service," said Muriel Harrington.

The brief ceremony drew to a close amid the strains of a Navy Hymn that asks for calm seas on Earth and clear sailing in the next life for all those who go down to the sea in ships.  
Monument Hill Road resident Milie Butterworth seemed to sum up the feelings of all those in attendance at yesterday's event.  
"The dedication of this memorial is long overdue," she said.



Four-year-old Chase Enos, left, and his sister Julia, 2, both of Chelmsford, look over the new memorial to their great-uncles, Allan and Herbert Clark, at yesterday's ceremony.

SUN / TORY GERMAN

# Lowell man held in fatal stabbing led life of crime

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A pretrial conference hearing is set for Wednesday.  
Sandoval had been on a life-support system from Thursday night through yesterday so his organs could be donated, sources said.

Santiago was arraigned in Lowell District Court Thursday, where he pleaded not guilty to the charge of armed assault with intent to murder. He is being held without bail.

Police spokesman Patrick Cook said police recovered the knife, but declined to describe its type nor would he say where it was recovered.

Santiago's criminal past began in 1991 with a disorderly conduct charge that was dismissed in Lowell District Court. About a year later he was convicted of receiving stolen property and was given probation, according to criminal records.

From there, Santiago graduated to violent offenses and stints in the Middlesex House of Correction in Billerica.

In 1994, Santiago was sent away for a year for violating his probation after a conviction in 1993 for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (a metal can) and larceny, according to records.

In June 1995, he faced two complaints for assault and battery in Lowell District Court, which sent him back to the House of Correction for a few months. In December 1995, he was again charged with assault and battery and then, in March 1997, he was charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, according to criminal records.

Though details on the assault charges were not available, a law enforcement official noted they are most likely serious, given the jail time he repeatedly received.

In November 1997, he was convicted of two counts of assault and battery on a police officer and resisting arrest and was given a suspended sentence of 2 1/2 years in the House of Correction.

A case is still pending for a cocaine possession charge in July, according to criminal records.

## Victim collapsed on cruiser

Lowell police officers Rufus Simmons and Sergio Maldonado were working a detail at Central and Merrimack streets when the fight began at about 1:30 a.m. Sunday.

Shortly after the stabbing, patrons began running away, including Santiago, police said. Police arrested Santiago Tuesday night after he was brought to the police station for questioning.

Police would not say if Santiago or Sandoval were under the influence of alcohol or drugs that night.

The club, with a full liquor license to serve until 2 a.m., has been open since May. It has never gone before the License Commission for any violations, but police will seek a complaint because of the stabbing. Before it was El Gran Paraiso, the building was home to another nightclub, L.A. Ballroom, which closed two years ago.

Sandoval's death is the fifth homicide in Lowell this year and the second time a victim has collapsed on a police cruiser while bleeding. Eduardo Rivera, 22, of Lowell died two days after he was shot in the abdomen Oct. 12 and collapsed on a cruiser on patrol in Centralville on West Sixth Street. Police have not made an arrest for his death.

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