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Recalling those who passed on

Ceremony honors veterans who died during past year

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Area veterans and their families packed the activities room on the second floor of the Big Spring VA Medical Center Monday morning, as the facility held its annual Four Chaplains Memorial Service to remember Howard County's fallen heroes.

The memorial service — which is named after four U.S. Army chaplains who sacrificed their lives to save others when the U.S.A.T. Dorchester was sunk by a German U-boat in 1943 — is a chance to honor and remember the sacrificial spirit of the veterans who have passed away during the past year, according to VA Chaplain Dan Shadix.

"It gives us a chance to honor those who have a sacrificial spirit among our staff," said Shadix. "And I think the spirit of the four chaplains reflects the spirit of these veterans and their families, who have given so much for their country."

As VA Memorial Ladies Margie Myers and Clara Lewis-Moran read the list of area veterans who have died since last year's ceremony, Shadix said it's hard not to reflect on the impact the men and women had on their country.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Dan Shadix, a chaplain at the Big Spring VA Medical Center, recounts the heroic efforts of four Army chaplains more than 60 years ago during a special ceremony at the local veterans hospital Monday morning.

"As I heard some of the names, I knew some of them, and I remembered their faces," said Shadix. "I remembered their families, and even doing some of their funerals. So there are a lot of good memories there, and that's one reason I like working at the VA. It puts you in touch with people that have given so much."

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Clara Lewis-Moran, one of the VA Memorial Ladies, places flags in this centerpiece as fellow Memorial Lady Margie Myers reads the names of veterans that have passed away during the past year at Monday morning's ceremony at the Big Spring VAMC.

Candidates hedging bets on Super Tuesday

By **CALVIN WOODWARD**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rivals Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama agreed on one thing Tuesday — that the coast to coast balloting would not settle their pitched struggle for the Democratic presidential nomination. Republican contenders John McCain and Mitt Romney traded a last-minute flurry of elbow jabs.

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That seemed more likely on the Republican side, where McCain hoped to bury his chief opponent's presidential aspirations. But Romney put up a spirited fight in California, the day's biggest prize, and said a strong performance by him there would prove "the conservatives in our party are not at all comfortable with Senator McCain leading us."

McCain rallied in Manhattan on Tuesday morning and took shots at Romney on the talk shows, accusing him of having a "terrible record as governor" and pouring millions of dollars into ads attacking him.

Romney said McCain is "so making up facts that it's really quite extraordinary."

Romney told supporters at West Virginia's Republican

convention Tuesday that McCain's support for global warming curbs "would effectively kill coal," a lifeblood of the state.

"This is not a long shot," he said of his candidacy. "I am the candidate who can stop John McCain."

Weather was iffy in some places. A wintry mess including snow and ice was forecast

for New England, and snow was forecast for a large corridor from southwest Kansas to northern Michigan.

In Topsfield, Mass., where a steady stream of voters filed to a polling place in a cold rain, teacher Marcia Spector, 58, made the "very, very tough" decision to support Obama, reasoning he would be more able than Clinton to win the presidency in the fall. "I just feel that he is dynamic and he is for change," she said. "He doesn't bring the baggage. I think he's more electable, actually."

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SHDC names architect for Settles project

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Texas architect Norman Alston will head the team charged with the restoration of the historic Settles Hotel, according to Settles Hotel Development Company officials, as the effort to revitalize the giant get under way.

"Norman adds considerable strength and experience to the very talented team of experts we have assembled,

and we are excited to announce his engagement," said G. Brint Ryan, SHDC Manager. "His experience with National Register projects and the challenges of historical restoration and preservation projects in general will be invaluable to the successful restoration of the Settles Hotel."

Alston — a grad of the University of Texas at Austin — is no stranger to these

types of restoration projects, having worked on the historic restoration of the South Side of Lamar, Dallas; the Erath County Courthouse in Stephenville; and the Sams Historical Lofts, located in Waco.

The Waco project was recognized by Preservation Texas with the Rehabilitation Honor Award. Since beginning his private practice in 1987, Alston currently con-

centrates his professional services around historic preservation.

"We're excited at the chance to be involved in bringing back the historic Settles Hotel," states Mr. Alston. "Projects that we feel have an opportunity to help a community in addition to the building are the most gratifying. It's easy to see what the

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It was tough, too, for Mary Jordan, 43, a teacher's aide — so tough she didn't make up her mind until she was in the polling booth. Voting Republican, she went for Romney, the state's former governor, because of his business experience, while offering no one a glowing endorsement. "I think he's the least unlikely," she said. "I really didn't like any of them."

The tightness of the Democratic race and the sheer scale of the voting in nearly two dozen states left the candidates wary of making predictions as they offered last minute pitches in a round of early morning network TV interviews.

"We're all kind of guessing about what it's all going to mean because it's never happened before," Clinton said. "There's a lot we're going to find out about how all this works." She said she found it all "intriguing and somewhat mystifying."

The days of retail politicking in rustic diners was a distant memory, although just weeks old. Sens. Clinton and Obama each poured more than \$1 million a day into TV ads in the last week alone; Clinton buying an hour on the Hallmark Channel for a town hall meeting on Monday night, Obama seeing some \$250,000 disappear in 30 seconds in his Super Bowl ad a day earlier.

Not only was the electoral territory vast, but so were the stakes. Romney boomeranged across the country and back in a 37-hour dash, branding himself the true Ronald Reagan conservative at every stop.

Romney campaigned from Tennessee to California on the eve of the voting, then turned back to attend the West Virginia convention. McCain, Obama and Clinton clustered in the hotly competitive Northeast.

Former Arkansas Gov.

Mike Huckabee focused on the South, his continued candidacy an open question — as was Romney's viability if he couldn't pull off surprises Tuesday.

Clinton voted near her home in Chappaqua, N.Y., accompanied by husband Bill and daughter Chelsea. "You're a Democrat, right?" election worker Evan Norris joked. Clinton smiled. "I am just very excited about today," she said. "The stakes are huge."

In Illinois, Obama supporters expressed pride for the home-state senator as they voted. "We have something great to vote for today," said Catherine Braendel, 44, a marketing consultant who lives down the street from Obama in Chicago.

In Grayslake, Ill., registered Democrat Steve Greenberg, 39, decided his vote would be more valuable on the Republican side as he thought ahead to the general election. "I went with McCain because if the Democrats lost, I'd be more comfortable with him."

McCain struggled to close the sale with his party's base after coming strikingly far without its solid support. "I will preserve my proud conservative Republican credentials" while extending a practiced hand to Democrats, he promised.

Romney sought until the end to exploit the right's mistrust of McCain, an Arizona senator who opposed President Bush's tax cuts when they were introduced, departed from orthodoxy on immigration, favors mandates to slow global warming and led campaign finance reforms that activists say trampled on their speech rights.

McCain responded with a TV ad reminding people Romney had changed some stripes. It showed Romney in a 1994 debate calling himself "an independent during the time of Reagan-Bush. I'm not trying to return to Reagan-Bush."

After months when it

was all about expectations and momentum, not to mention confusion, real numbers finally became important.

The two dozen contests Tuesday were delivering 1,023 Republican and 1,681 Democratic delegates. The number needed to win the nomination: 1,191 Republican and 2,025 Democratic.

John Edwards' departure after South Carolina's primary simplified the math but little else on the Democratic side.

Since winning that state, Obama has collected a succession of marquee endorsements — several of them named Kennedy — and pulled into a statistical tie with Clinton in a national poll and in California, Tuesday's biggest prize with 370 Democratic delegates.

The two were campaigning for history as well — Clinton seeking to become the first female president, Obama the first black one.

Little separates them on most issues, including universal health coverage, ending U.S. military involvement in Iraq and raising taxes on the rich. And neither has accounted fully for all their proposed spending.

Instead, the campaign has turned on her experience and his vision of change, debated intensely but with more civility in the latest round than when former President Clinton, purposefully or not, brought racial sensitivities to the surface in stumping for his wife.

Party rules were stacked against a Tuesday knockout for Democrats. All their primaries and caucuses were awarding delegates proportionately, so coming in second counted. In the Republican field, nine contests offered all delegates to the winner.

Associated Press writers Jim Fitzgerald, Beth Fouhy, Glen Johnson, Jim Kuhnhen, Nedra Pickler, Libby Quaid and Liz Sidoti contributed to this report.

Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today:

- **JOHNNY ANCHONDO**, 23, of El Paso, was arrested Sunday on a local capias warrant.
- **PORFIRIO AGUIRRE**, 49, of 1018 S. Nolan, was arrested Monday on six local warrants.
- **CODY DEJUAN HAWKINS**, 25, of 1501 Lincoln, was arrested Monday on three capias warrants and six local warrants.
- **PABLO DEHOYOS**, 24, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested Monday on two local warrants.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1700 block of Wasson.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
 - in the 1200 block of 15th Street.
 - in the 1500 block of Lincoln.

- **JOHN LOYA CAMPOS**, 57, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated.

- **ADRIAN HILARIO**, 21, was arrested Monday by DPS on a Midland County warrant.

- **ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK**, 67, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

Fire, EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of S. Fourth Street in Coahoma. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Sgt. Paredes. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of E. 14th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Elm Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of Ramsey in Coahoma. One person was transported to SMMC.

Sheriff's log

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 47 inmates at the time of this report.

- **LESTER CLAUDE DUFFER**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of debit card abuse and escape from custody.

Take Note

The Senior Adult Valentine Banquet, a city wide event, will be held at 6:30 p.m. today at College Baptist Church. All seniors are invited to a great evening of fun. Featured guest will be David Garrett, who led the music during the city wide crusade. Meat will be provided for the ban-

quet. Bring a vegetable, salad or dessert ... and a friend!

Cross stitchers are needed to complete one or more blocks of this year's Howard County Fair quilt. All supplies are provided. Blocks may be picked up from Posey Cotton Office, 601 Scurry,

Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, call 263-1267 or 263-4980. This year's quilt theme is "Wildflowers of Texas." All proceeds from the sale of tickets for the quilt are used to defray the expenses of the Fair. The quilt will be awarded the last night of the fair.

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Settles project means to Big Spring."

SHDC announced plans for a \$12 million renovation project in December 2006. According to SHDC officials, the project includes plans for commercial and residential use of the property, with retail space available on the first and second floors.

Renovation of the downtown landmark is expected to begin this month, according to SHDC officials.

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VA

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Shadix recounted the story of the four chaplains for VA Chief Chaplain Dean Thomas, who was unable to attend the ceremony due to illness.

"During World War II, four Army chaplains — George Fox, Alexander Goode, Clark Poling and John Washington — went down with the Dorchester," said Shadix. "These four men, all of different faiths, gave up their life preservers and stayed behind on the

sinking ship to help comfort the men and women onboard. Although all four of them were from different faiths, that didn't matter at that moment. They worked together to help people, and that's such an important thing to remember."

The four chaplains were posthumously honored with the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart, and VA hospitals across the country use the anniversary of their sacrifice to recall recently passed veterans.

Shadix also presented the Legion of Honor Award to three VA employees and volun-

teers. Receiving the award were Jan Lentz, a social worker on the facility's extended care and transitional unit; Leonard Posey, a volunteer at the VA who passed away this year; and Paul Townsend, a clinical applications coordinator with the VA's education department.

The award for Posey, who volunteered at the VA's information desk for many years, was accepted by his family.

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Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 22-6-23-30-9. Number matching five of five: 0.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 26-24-21-30. Bonus Ball: 25. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-0-2-8. Sum It Up: 13.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-7-5. Sum It Up: 16.

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Carl Ford, 92, died Sunday. Funeral Services will be at 10:00 AM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7:00 until 9:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Omega Smith, 94, died Friday. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends at Canterbury following the service.

Esquiel Valles, 75, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Shirley Franklin, 79, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

CORRECTION

Item listed in Bargain Mart Ad, Feb. 3, 2008, **ARMOUR LUNCHABLES CHICKEN & PIZZA \$1.49** 3.5-OZ.

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