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## **Dyer Not Seeking Re-election**

Mayor Stanley Dyer, who began his service to Hart as a councilman in 1992, is not seeking re-election as Mayor of Hart. In addition to his position, the seats now held by Aldermen Danny Rodriguez and Wamon Foster were open for filing. Rodriguez is seeking re-election, and Foster did not. Also filing was Johnny Carrasco. This leaves a vacant position.

The Council, in May, will likely select a Mayor Pro-Tem, now Eliazar Castillo, and this person will be the mayor until the next election. The vacanty can be filled by appointment.

#### Notes

By Neoma Williams

As I write this Sunday afternoon, I am sitting outside in the back yard, trying to read the screen on my laptop. I am in the shade, but the bright sun makes it hard to read. But, I am thankful for warm weather and the sun. I am very tired of winter.

I used to get laryngitis almost every winter, usually in January or February. I would not feel badly, but the ability to not talk well would last for weeks. In the winter of 2014. I had larvngitis and I went to an area clinic, where I was seen by a Nurse Practitioner. She told me she thinks I have cold-weather related asthma. I had never had a doctor tell me that I have asthma, cold weather-related or not. Anyway, she suggested I cover my nose and mouth when outside when the temp is below 50. I used to cover my face with a scarf when out in the cold; the scarf would usually fall off. I tried dust masks, and my glasses fogged up.

I found a stretchy device that covers the lower part of my face, including my nose and mouth (and ears), and it has holes for my nose and mouth. It has worked - no laryngitis. If I want

to be a bit dressier. I use a scarf.

As I write this, I am surrounded by 14 cats. Last year, a female cat showed up while I was outside walking my dog. Being that she is a friendly cat, I decided to feed her and give her shelter. She was so grateful for my hospitality that she delivered six kittens a few months after her arrival. I have five of the six left, and they have been vaccinated and neutered. They go walking with me and my dog, Mojo. Sometimes, their mama (aka know as "Mama" and Miss Kitty) goes with us.

Well, I had lots of things going on when cats returned to my life, what with my bum knee and Don's health. And, I never got around to getting Miss Kitty neutered. I noticed that she was sporting a baby bump last fall. This bump grew and grew, and in December, she blessed me with ten kittens, one of whom was born dead. Then, a tom cat who comes visiting at times, got in the back yard one evening. I had let the kittens out of the hot tub room, where they were staying to keep out of the cold, to get some outside exposure. I needed to go inside the house, and much to my horror, the tom cat killed one of the kittens. If I could have caught up with him, continued to Page 7

# Mark Galvan Named District Defensive MVP

Senior Longhorn basketball athlete Mark Galvan has been named Defensive Most Valuable Player in

Joining Galvan on the All-district list are David Cedillo, Raul Gonzales, Jr. and Julian Rojas. Receiving Honorable Mention honors are Justin Garcia and

## Maybe a HOME House Is In The Works

The City of Hart has been trying for many years to get a HOME house built. HOME is a partnership program under the federal Housing and Urban Development agency.

When the effort began, the rules were to get five residents (residences) approved, which includes demolition of the current home(s). Now, reportedly because of lack of funds, one house can be approved.

At the March 9 meeting of the Hart City Council, a bid by Qualls, Inc. of Abernathy of \$101,965 was approved for a three bedroom house for Veronica Gonzales. The money is provided by a grant.

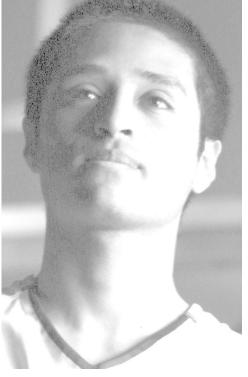
In other business, the City amended the budget for upcoming seal coating of some city streets.

The Council then approved a three percent across-the-board raise for salaried employees, beginning May 1 of this year.

The purchase of a commercial lawn mower was discussed. Public Utility Supt. Adrian Rosas said he will shop around for a mower and present information to the Council at a later

Mayor Stanley Dyer said he has been serving on a County Grand Jury and has become more aware of the drug and alcohol problem in Hart, especially methamphetamine. He suggested consideration of an undercover officer for Hart. This will be looked into and perhaps discussed at a later meeting. (The City does not have a law enforcement officer, instead relying on the Castro County Sheriff's Dept.)

Present were Aldermen Danny Rodriguez, Wamon Foster, Paul Ramirez and Eliazar Castillo, and Alderwoman Vickie Ethridge, as well as Dyer.



**Mark Galvan** 

### Five Ladyhorns On All-District **Team**

Head Ladyhorn Basketball Coach Ruby Romero announces five Ladyhorns were named to the All-District Team. Named to the first team are Marissa Godino and Leonor Ramriez.

Honorable Mention honors went to I'Lynne Marquez, Lilibeth Nuñez and Kaitlyn Sweet



### Science is true whether you believe in it or not.

—Neil deGrasse Tyson, astrophysicist