



## Republican County Chairman Ousted from State Convention

Pauline Cusack, Gillespie County Republican Party Chairman, and Lucy Pehl, had their credentials revoked by the Credentials Committee of the Republican State Convention. While this action does not affect Mrs. Cusack's status as County Chairman, it precluded her and Mrs. Pehl from participating in the state convention that occurred the weekend of June 2, and it precludes Mrs. Cusack's involvement in any other

Republican convention this year.

The credentials committees actions were the culmination of events set in motion at the March 25 Gillespie County Republican Convention, where the County Chairman, in concert with others, augmented their numbers by adding delegates contrary to the Texas Election Code, and Republican Party rules. They took over the convention and shut out a

number of individuals from attending the state convention.

When several individuals requested the precinct convention documents that would have revealed the scope of the actions, Chairman Cusack refused to turn them over. An open records request was filed for the documents, but the Office of the Attorney General has yet to render a decision. A decision is expected

from them no later than June 22. For more details on the county convention, see the article *What really happened at the Republican County Convention*.

### The Challenge

The challenge was made at 3 levels: First, the entire delegation was challenged, not because most in the delegation had done anything wrong or even had any knowledge of the misdeeds at the county convention, but simply because the law and the Republican Party rules require that a delegation be chosen by delegates from the previous convention. Based on the limited amount of documentation available, it appeared that this basic requirement of the Texas Election Code and the Republican Party Rules was violated,

leaving Gillespie County without a lawfully chosen delegation.

Second, a challenge was issued to those state convention delegates who had allegedly attended the county convention as illegal delegates: Margaret Phillips, John Wallace, and Dan Mittel.

Third, the county convention leadership--Pauline Cusack and Margaret Phillips--was challenged under the Republican Party rule that bars any convention leader from attending Republican conventions for the rest of the year if they are found to have intentionally violated the rules or the law.

### Testimony

Pauline Cusack offered the first testimony for those who were being challenged. She offered various reasons for the events at the county *Continued on page 3*



Ricky Priess, his wife Luana, and 7 year old daughter Michaela representing Gold Orchards, display their first prize entry in the Stonewall Peach Show

## Stonewall Peach Contest Winners

The following orchards won a blue ribbon at the Stonewall Peach Jam-boree Peach Contest:

Whittington's, Der Peach Garten,

Engel's, Gold Orchard, Behrends Orchards, Grape Creek Vineyard, Burg's Corner, Wild Boar Farm, Marburger Orchard, Vogel Orchards, Duecker Orchard

## Stonewall Rodeo

The 2006 Stonewall rodeo opened Saturday at 8 p.m. with a cowboy preacher invoking the blessings of God on "Gillespie County, where God and country are center stage." After asking God's blessing and protection on the event, the preacher ended his prayer "in Jesus name, amen."

Thus commenced the Lester Meier Rodeo. The opening demonstration

featured the US Marshalls, a riding troop of expert horsemen and horsewomen deftly executing a series of loops, crosses and other maneuvers in the arena freshly wetted from earlier rain. Sometimes the horses struggled for a footing, but none faltered. They did kick plenty of mud to the occasional dismay of those sitting nearest the fence.

Other events included bare-

back bronc riding, calf roping, ladies' breakaway roping, team roping, steer wrestling, ladies' barrel racing, and bull riding.

Some of the funniest moments in the rodeo were the mutton busting and the calf scramble. For the latter event, what appeared to be hundreds of children ten years old and under filled the arena and attempted to grab a ribbon attached to the back sides of a number of calves.

The lead clown lined up the children, and then told them, "On your mark, get set, go!" And a line of screaming and running youngsters closed in on the unsuspecting calves. The calves stood there dumbly until the closest children were no more than ten feet away; the calves finally realizing that the onslaught was directed at them. Then they bolted in every direction, followed closely on the heels, or hooves in this case, by the

## A New Paper For Gillespie County?

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Given enough interest from readers and advertisers, we hope to print every other week. Once we are a little better established, we plan to move to weekly publication.

We hope to win your readership by offering a staunchly conservative paper that does not shy away from controversy.

We will endeavor to cover hot topics at local, county, state, national, and international levels, and we plan to cover not so hot local news. Naturally, we will have a lively editorial section with plenty of room for your letters to the editor, whether you agree with us or not. In fact, the more you disagree, the more we would like to hear from you, because opposition makes for lively discussions!

To help us gather the news, we are looking for people who can attend events, and write well--from a conservative perspective. We are

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We look forward to serving the people of this county.

## Peach Crop Severely Diminished

This year's peach crop is only about 5% of what it should be, said Ricky Priess, whose family owns Gold Orchards in Stonewall. Several factors contributed to the diminished crop, including, a lack of chilling hours (a Peach Queen contestant said they need 750-850 hours), drought, a late freeze, and when rain finally came,

surging onrush. In the mele that followed, many children lost their shoes, bogging down below their ankles in the sticky, sucking mud. One spot in the arena was so boggy that cowboys had to help children, and their shoes, out.

In the mutton busting contest, youngsters tried their hand at hanging on to the back of an unwilling black-faced, barebacked mutton. Some youngsters fell off immediately, some were jolted down the mutton's side until they fell off. Others were unceremoniously removed when the sheep somersaulted headover heels over the top of the children, leaving little people

with it came hail and high winds. The remaining 5% of the crop is hail damaged.

In spite of the poor season, Gold Orchards was able to put together a first prize winning entry in the Stonewall Peach Contest *(see photo)*.

sprawled in the mud and organic matter. Some doggedly clung to the sheep so tightly the sheep collapsed, perhaps from having their airways restricted. One fellow rode his sheep almost to the other end of the arena.

Hanging on was the order of the day in the bareback bronc riding and bull riding. Most of the cowboys seemed to fair well enough after their brief but spine twisting gyrations that frequently ended in a collision with the ground. But, one fellow early in the bull riding contest was thrown off almost while still in the chute, and it looked like the bull hooked him.

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# Editorial Section

## Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor must be signed, and must have contact information so we can verify who wrote the letter.

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For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: 1Peter 3:10

### Trees in the middle of your street?

by Jim Lowe

Petitions are circulating, in Fredericksburg containing the text of a letter to the editor in the May 31 Standard-Radio Post critical of a proposal to bisect the Nimitz Parkway with a clump of trees.

Called "lunatic" by one resident, the plan would also remove parking spaces directly behind the Pioneer Memorial Library that afford access by the elderly with ambulatory problems.

The proposed project would cost approximately \$2 million. The commissioners did, however, reject one proposal by a company that it be given a \$9,000-a-year contract to conduct fundraising for the proposed project.

Petitions to can the whole idea are available, and should be returned, when filled, to 402 N. Edison, corner of Travis.

### 25% of the population illegal aliens in 20 years? (edited)

by Phyllis Schlafly

President Bush's dogmatic statement that we can't stop aliens from illegally entering our country unless legislation is packaged "together" with a guest-worker program is a non sequitur, nonsense, and untrue. So what gives?

Grassroots Republicans are speculating about explanations for Bush's behavior: (a) Bush prides himself on being a man of his word and he gave his word to Vicente Fox that he would never stop the migration of Mexicans into the United States; (b) Bush made a Faustian bargain with the big-money guys who raised more political money in 2000 than all other Republicans combined in order to nominate and elect him president; (c) Bush is a globalist at heart and wants to carry out his father's oft-repeated ambition of a "new world order"; (d) Bush meant what he said, at Waco in March 2005, when he announced his plan to convert the United States into a "Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America" by erasing our borders with Canada and Mexico.

Bush's guest-worker proposal would turn the United States into a boarding house for the world's poor, enable employers to import an unlimited number of "willing workers" at foreign wage-levels, and wipe out what's left of the American middle class.

Bush lives in a House well protected by a

fence and security guards (and he associates with rich people who live in gated communities). Yet for five years he has refused to protect the property and children of ordinary Arizona citizens from trespassers and criminals.

Much attention has been paid to Bush's proposal to legalize the illegals currently in the United States (estimated at 10 to 20 million). Despite his denial of the A word, friends and foes alike recognize this as amnesty.

However, amnesty for 10 to 20 million is almost a drop in the bucket compared to the mammoth legalization of immigrants hiding under the deceitful words "temporary" and "guest-worker." Those words are lies because the workers are not temporary and not guests.

We are indebted to the Heritage Foundation for its stunning report proving that the so-called 614-page "compromise" bill just passed by the Senate is a stealth open borders bill that would import into our country permanently and put on the path to citizenship at least 66 million people, with the actual number rising to at least twice that number when they bring in their relatives. Every category of legal immigration will be quadrupled or quintupled, and the racket called family chain migration will be dramatically expanded.

The so-called temporary workers in their fourth year will get the right to remain in the United States permanently if they

have learned English OR are enrolled in an English class, and after five years will get the right to become a U.S. citizen who can vote in U.S. elections. At the same time, the guest worker's spouse and children, without any numeric limits, will get legal permanent residence and citizenship.

After the so-called temporaries and their spouses become citizens, they acquire the right to bring in their parents as permanent residents on the path to citizenship. Siblings and adult children and their families will be given preference in future admissions.

In the words of the author of the Heritage report, Robert Rector, this is "the most monumental bill ever considered" and its mindboggling costs would be the largest-ever expansion of taxpayer-paid social benefits. Adding these millions to Medicaid, and adding their parents to Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, will become staggering entitlement costs.

The Senate bill would make 25 percent of our population foreign born within 20 years (most of them high school dropouts), and the United States as we know it would no longer exist. It is impossible in so short a time to assimilate a hundred million people whose native culture does not respect the Rule of Law, self-government, private property, or the sanctity of contracts, and where they are accustomed to an economy based on bribery and controlled by a small, rich ruling class that keeps most of the people in dire poverty.

## Local Events

### Boy Scout Camp

Five Scouts from Fredericksburg Boy Scout Troop 351 will experience all sorts of outdoor fun at Bear Creek Scout Camp near Hunt next week.

Ian, Alan and Luke Littman, and Patrol Leader Patrick Eberle and Scout Cameron Stuart are set to enjoy a week of camping, canoeing, shooting, archery, swimming, boating, hiking, mountain biking, snorkeling and exploring.

Troop 351 is sponsored by Faith Baptist Church and won honors at last year's summer camp at Bear

Creek. Summer camp offers an excellent opportunity to gain rank, according to Scoutmaster Curt Littman. The cost of Scout summer camp is partially underwritten by the Scout Council, and is probably the least expensive summer camp available to youth, said Littman. Boys between 10 and 18 years of age may join Boy Scouts by calling Littman at 830-990-1625.

"It is not too late to attend camp this summer. All the boy needs to do is register with a Boy Scout Troop, get a medical form filled out by his doctor, and pay the camp fee of \$195," said Littman.

### Holy Ghost hosting Evening VBS June 19-23

Children attending Holy Ghost's Fiesta vacation Bible school will provide special "Jesus Loves Me" blankets and Spanish Bible books for needy children in Mexico. Operation Kid-to-Kid™ will show kids that with God's help, they can impact their world. Small groups of children, called Fiesta Crews, will work together to create fluffy, warm blankets. The blankets will be delivered during Holy Ghost's next mission trip to Mexico.

Because of children's generosity, Operation Kid-to-Kid has grown to

become one of the world's largest global outreach of children serving children.

Past Operation Kid-to-Kid programs have allowed over a million children in North America to send hundreds of thousands of hygiene items, Bible materials, and shoes and socks to children around the world. (Visit [www.ok2k.org](http://www.ok2k.org).)

Everyone involved in this VBS will jump into God's Word...and will never be the same again! Bible learning is reinforced in everything they do. Fiesta will take place at Holy Ghost June 19-June 23 from 6-8:30pm. Children ages 3-5th

grade (just completed) are invited to attend and families are invited to a short program and potluck supper on Friday evening. It's located at 110 East San Antonio Street. Registration opens each day at 5:40 and closes at 5:55. For more information, call the church office at 830-997-2288.

### First Baptist VBS: June 26-30

First Baptist Church at 1407 E. Main in Fredericksburg is sponsoring their Vacation Bible School June 26-30 from 9 a.m. to 12:30, for ages 4 to sixth grade. You may call ahead 997-9511 to sign up, or just come. The theme is "Arctic Edge."

## Youth Speak

### Evening Primrose: Naturally Texas

by Hannah Treibs

Have you ever seen *Oenothera Speciosa*? Perchance you've seen a Pink Evening Primrose or Showy Evening Primrose? Most likely, you have. If not, you have missed a spectacular sight with the four flat petals that are palest pink at the edges, intensifying to a dark pink with a light yellow center as the crowning mark.

The Evening Primrose, sometimes called buttercup because of the yel-

low pollen that powders the nose as the faint fragrance is closely inhaled, is native to northern Mexico and most of the southern United States. This buttercup is a perennial that blooms all summer then sows its seed in the fall.

Preferring to grow in full sun, it will stop blooming or die if in the daily shade more than a few hours. Since the Evening Primrose plant is known to be toxic, care should be taken in planting it near fish ponds or streams as it has been known to contaminate the water and kill fish. Caution should also be exercised in planting primrose with other flowers

as it can be invasive. It likes lots of room and may choke out other flowers to achieve this goal. Don't let this be a deterrent if you wish to plant Evening Primrose. Simply put it in a place where it can ramble, or just keep it under wraps by planting it in containers.

So next time you take a drive through Fredericksburg or the surrounding county, keep your eye out for this wonder. Swing by the old Catholic cemetery where you may receive a chance to powder your nose with *Oenothera Speciosa*, the Showy Evening Primrose. It's truly a beautiful Texas native.

Hannah Treibs is Texas born, and the oldest of 8 children. Some of Hannah's interests include: rocks, insects, native Texas plants, and writing about these wonders of God.

If you have any questions, comments or ideas feel free to contact Hannah at [sirdavid@kctc.com](mailto:sirdavid@kctc.com) (that's her dad's email address!).



Realities of wildflowers: the cemetery mowed their lawn. We think this is evening primrose.

## Another UN Attempt at Gun Control

This 4th of July, using your tax dollars, the UN, under the auspices of the IANSA, is helping to coordinate the international convention to discuss, among other things, "the importance of regulating guns owned by civilians."

IANSA defines small arms as "weapons that can be carried and used by an individual, for example,

revolvers, pistols, rifles, shotguns, sub-machine guns and assault rifles--" guns of average citizens.

IANSA laments that "there are no international guidelines to assist states in regulating gun ownership among their own citizens." So what kinds of guidelines/restrictions would IANSA like to see imposed? *continued on page 3*

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## Chairman Ousted, from page 1

convention: someone had a family emergency, she had given the paperwork and responsibilities over to others, and she left town. She said she felt some of the violations were justified due to extenuating circumstances. She said she thought she had done the right thing in bringing the matter of John Wallace before the county convention for a vote (when all the added delegates voted to make themselves delegates). She did not discuss most of the other added delegates, except to say that she didn't believe she had done anything illegal. She did not have any of the precinct convention paperwork to clear herself.

Dr. Margaret Phillips testified next. She said she was not a delegate because when she came early to the Precinct 4 polling site where the precinct convention was to be held, they would not let her in. The votes were still being counted. Upon asking to be admitted early, Dr. Phillips says Parker Bell called her "Riffraff," which Parker Bell vehemently denies. Mrs. Phillips says she told Parker that she wanted to be a delegate to the county convention, and then went home very upset. Parker Bell says she never asked to be a delegate. He adds that the names of two other individuals also not in attendance that night had been submitted to him, and those two were duly elected by the Precinct Convention.

The third to testify was John Wallace, who has had something like 8 years experience as a precinct chairman in Travis County. He said that he told Pauline before the precinct convention that he wanted to attend, and he just assumed that she had seen to it that he was made a delegate. He didn't know he wasn't a delegate at the county convention. He also said he had just moved here, and wasn't sure who to tell that he wanted to

be a delegate.

Upon questioning by the Nominations Committee, John said he had been here "officially" since Oct 2004. He said he didn't tell the election judge Parker Bell that he wanted to be a delegate when he came to vote, because he didn't know who Parker was, and he said that he could not have any way because Parker was outside campaigning with his "kiddos."

The Nominations Committee next called Lucy Pehl to testify, to explain why she had added names to the county convention who were not eligible to serve as delegates. She answered that she didn't know it was illegal, and at least some of the names had been "approved." She said she had been instructed by Pauline Cusack and Chalmers Williams, but did not read the rules regarding her duties. She said that no delegate was turned away.

### Deliberations and Conclusion

With the testimonies done, the Nominations Committee concluded that the rules had been broken, and that the wrongs at the county convention were serious enough to merit stripping some of their credentials. They elected to penalize the two who were most responsible for the wrongs--the County Chairman, Pauline Cusack, and the Nominations and Credentials Committee Chairman, Lucy Pehl. The others they felt for various reasons could be excused.

The repercussions from the events this year will probably be felt most keenly in two years during the next Republican primary, when the Republican County Chairman's seat, and the precinct chairmans' seats will be up for grabs.

## What Really Happened at the Republican County Convention--an eyewitness account

by David C. Treibs

When we arrived at the County Courthouse on March 25, Saturday morning, we had no idea that delegates had been added to the roster, that the convention was going to be taken over with the help of the added delegates, that many attendees were going to be shut out of the then upcoming state convention, and that in the end, the rules of the party were going to be misused to ensure that we could not even voice objections to being shut out of the state convention.

When the meeting opened, the Convention Chairman Pauline Cusack, announced that she had the relevant portions of the Texas Election Code (TEC), 174.003 and 174.004. She read them, noting that the only requirements in those sections for a person to be a delegate to a county convention is that they live in the county and that they had voted in the primary. I asked her from the floor if there were any other laws pertaining to selecting delegates, and she said she didn't know of any.

Only later did we learn the full extent of why Chairman Cusack cited 174.003 and 174.004, she had apparently packed in enough additional delegates to change the outcome of the votes. Delegates at the county convention are only supposed to be those chosen at their precinct convention, but the Chairman failed to cite this portion of the law.

One of the first orders of business was for the Credentials Committee to report the list of those eligible to participate in the county convention. Lucy Pehl, the Chairman, said there was a problem because Precinct 4 had too many delegates--22-- present. That was odd, because at the precinct convention, Precinct 4 had only voted for 19 delegates and no alternates. Parker Bell stood up and said there were people present who had not been voted on by the precinct

convention, and he didn't think it was right for them to be delegates. He made a motion that those additional delegates not be accepted in the convention. The vote was taken. All those who were additional delegates, then voted for themselves to become delegates. The addition of delegates apparently violates both the Texas Election Code and the rules of the Republican Party of Texas. For the rest of the convention these added delegates, in conjunction with the minority, controlled the convention. The reason for the added delegates became apparent when it was time to select delegates to the state convention.

Lucy Pehl, the Chairman of the Nominations Committee read a slate of delegates to the state convention that excluded many present who wanted to go. The slate included many who probably had no intention of going to the convention. It seems apparent that their names were used to fill in all the slate so none of us who wanted to go could add our names. (Many on the list probably had no idea how they were being used). When several of us objected to this slate of names, and wanted to discuss the matter, the Chairman said something to the effect, I can't hear you. John Wallace, who was one of the added delegates, then used a parliamentary tactic called "Moving the Question" to cut off all debate, and silence those who wanted to discuss the matter.

The Republican Party of Texas rules clearly state that "Moving the Question" may not be used to cut off debate during nominations. But, neither the rules nor the law seemed to hold much sway in this convention. Again the vote was taken, and again, the added delegates, along with the minority, voted to silence those who wished to discuss the matter, and voted to accept the slate of names.

The convention ended with numerous

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<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/elo/dad31.pdf>



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Election Law Opinion DAD-31  
Re: Authority of a Political  
Party Convention Credentials  
Committee

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

This opinion is in response to your letter of May 28, 1982.

This official election law opinion is rendered by me as chief election officer of the state in accordance with Tex. Elec. Code Ann. art. 1.03, subd. 1 (Vernon Supp. 1982).

In your letter, you inquired whether a credentials committee of a political party convention could alter a delegation by adding or deleting a delegate.

The Texas Election Code provides the sole method by which delegates to the county and state conventions of a political parties holding primary elections may be selected. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. art. 13.34 (Vernon Supp. 1982).

In my opinion, the authority of a convention credentials committee, or of any person or persons charged by the party rules with examining the credentials of persons seeking to be seated as delegates, extends only to determining whether delegates have been selected in compliance with the Election Code. All delegates whose selection complies with the Election Code must be seated, and no other persons may be seated as delegates.

Mr. Edward M. Sullivan  
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### SUMMARY

Tex. Elec. Code Ann. art. 13.34 (Vernon Supp. 1982) provides the sole method for the selection of delegates to county and state conventions of political parties holding primaries. Party conventions must seat delegates whose selection complies with the Texas Election Code and may not seat any other delegates.

Sincerely,

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shocked and angry delegates, many who had participated in the convention process for the first time. Their eyes were definitely opened. We went home determined to rectify the wrongs that had been committed.

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Registration of all firearms; national gun licensing; banning private ownership of military-style rifles; mandatory lock-ups and storage; research the health and social impact

of guns; educate the public on the risks of firearm ownership; prevent youth access to guns; apply consumer product regulations to the gun industry; support international efforts at gun control.

Gun Owners of America, and the National Rifle Association urge action. Contact Secretary Condoleezza Rice and UN ambassador, John Bolton. Phone: 202-647-9572

Fax: 202-647-2283

Contact our US Senators to sponsor S.1488, to "withhold funding from the United Nations if the United Nations abridges the rights provided by the Second Amendment...."

Finally, the last time the UN sponsored a gun control conference, a protest was held in New York at UN headquarters. If interested contact this paper.

## Macias Message: Thank You!

I truly appreciate the opportunity to communicate with you in this forum. First off, my sincere thanks to the very impressive team of party officials, county officials and volunteers who worked marvelously to conduct the recent primary recount in a highly professional manner.

Please know that the closeness of this recent election is not lost on me. I look forward to reaching out to all communities and constituents, working to forge strong relationships for the good of the district.

I am fully indebted to my excellent staff and the hundreds of amazing volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure this tremendous victory, but I must say that my family, wife Susan and children (Caleb, Luke, Aaron, Grace, Leah, Hannah and little Abigail) have been the wind beneath my wings. I will be forever grateful to them for the support and energy they brought to the campaign.

I offer my best to Representative Casteel and thank her for all her hard work on behalf of the citizens of the 73rd House District. I also send my highest regards to her entire family and hope for their continued success both personally and professionally.

To the citizens of the great 73rd District, I humbly accept your charge to represent you with integrity, and to promote the conservative values of our grand old party and our beloved State. I said throughout the campaign trail that I will run, govern and vote as a conservative Republican, and I will keep my word.

As stated from the beginning, I will be a strong pro-life conservative, work tirelessly to decrease the tax burden and continue to improve our education system. I will crack down on illegal immigration, always oppose the conversion of free roads to toll roads, and go out of my way to protect personal property rights. And as a fiscally responsible conservative I will look for ways to bring efficiency to our state government and eliminate wasteful spending. I will be available, willing to listen, and truly vote the values of the district.

I once again thank you for the opportunity to put my heart of service to work for you in Austin...I will always guard your trust and I will not let you down!

On to victory in November! God Bless You and God Bless Texas!

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## Continued from Rodeo

Thankfully, however, the cowboy's vest, and the good Lord, protected him from several thousand pounds of meanness.

Fast and furious with mud a-flying only begins to describe the speed with which the young ladies rode their horses in the barrel racing event. Their awesome riding ability, coupled

with powerful, sure-footed, and swift horses was quite a spectacle. While the horses did slide and occasionally struggled for footing, they never slipped or stumbled.

Throwing doggies came naturally for those in the calf roping and steer wrestling events. Sometimes the cowboys missed, but they did their best, and the crowd never seemed disappointed.

The ladies' breakaway roping was described as the fastest event of the night, with one rider completing her task in a little over four seconds.

The rodeo concluded over one-half hour past its scheduled ending time, with participants and spectators alike enjoying every minute of the extra time.



The US Marshalls riding troop with the colors of Texas and the USA at the Stonewall rodeo, Saturday.

## What does it mean? and other questions

What is the significance of the name of the paper?

The name "Fredericksburg Con-

servative" succinctly expresses the goal of our paper, to be an outspoken, conservative voice for the Fredericksburg area, including the County.

Why is there a sword in the name of the paper?

The sword simply represents the truth. We intend to cut through the disinformation to give you the rightly divided truth.

Why the fancy fonts?

The fonts are the oldest ones we could find that are both distinctive, and legible. The old fonts symbolize our dedication to those old truths held at the landing of the Pilgrims in 1620, at the founding of our country in 1776, at the birth of Texas in 1836, and foremost, as represented in the birth of our Savior 2000 years ago.

If the old fonts are too difficult to read, we will switch to contemporary ones, and just retain the one in the newspaper name.

Drop us a line and let us know what you think.

Many tax payers, property owners, and those who don't consider themselves part of the establishment feel that their views are not being adequately represented. They think that those who tax and regulate us do not have their feet held to the fire. With your help, the Fredericksburg Conservative intends to change that. If nobody helps, well, probably not much will change.



Cowboys helping youngsters out of the mud Saturday at the Stonewall rodeo, Saturday.

## Your Feedback is Requested

Reader, are you enjoying the first edition of the Fredericksburg Conservative?

Do you have any suggestions for improvement, or are there things you would like to see added or deleted? We would like to hear from you.

What features would you like to read?

What news items are important to you: local events, outdoor activities available, appraisal district and school district news?

What sources of information would you like us to use?

Do you like the size and style of the type? Can you read the fonts easily?

While we are limited in what we can do because of space, time, and

budget limits, we will do what we can to make this paper the best it can be.

Contact us and let us know what you think!

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## New Peach Queen

Saturday night at the Stonewall Rodeo, the new Peach Queen was announced. Third Dutchess is Rachael Durst, Second Dutchess is Miranda Martinez, First Dutchess is Annie Achan, and the Peach Queen is Justine Frantzen. Congratulations to these young ladies, and to all the other contestants, for all their hard work.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.  
II Corinthians 4:7

## Peach Blossom Contestant Winners

0-12 months	"Baby Peach"	Ridley Strackbein
13-23 months	"Baby Peach"	Avery Nieto
2-4 years	"Tiny Peach"	Madison Lugo
0-4 years boy	"Peach Prince"	Traxton Graves
5-7 years	"Peachy Peach"	Callie Eckhardt
8-10 years	"Sweet Peach"	Baylie Eckhardt
11-14 years	"Junior Peach"	Cynthia Scharnhorst

### Overall Category Winners:

Best Peach Outfit:	Paige Kuhlman
Most Photogenic:	Rachael McKittrick
0-4 Overall:	Julia Cleland (see photo right)
5-10 Overall:	Peyton Kneese
11-14 Overall:	Savannah Sprinkle



Little Julia Cleland and her mother, Laura, with husband Mike off camera. Julai won Peach Blossom Overall 0-4 years old.