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CONGRATULATIONS CY-FALLS VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM!

The Friday night lights in Cy-Fair burned bright for the 2006 Cy-Falls varsity football team with an amazing 12-4

season ending one game short of a 5A Division II title. The 2006 Golden Eagles were the first team in Cy-Fair ISD history to reach the state title game in football.



Cypress Assistance Ministries Volunteers Needed

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If one of your New Year's resolutions was to spend more time volunteering in the community, then CAM is just the place for you. Bring along a friend and assist other volunteers in our busy sorting and hanging department. You will experience warm, friendly fellowship and the satisfaction of knowing you have helped families in need in our community. The services provided at CAM are made possible by many dedicated, weekly volunteers. If you can stand and lift for a moderate amount of time, please contact Lisa Bassett to schedule a volunteer orientation.

The CAM Web site, www.cypressassistanceministries.com, features other volunteer opportunities, up-to-date information on our current donation needs and a description of all our services.

NEW GARAGE SALE CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

It is time to pass the torch. Cameron Newcomb, who chaired the garage sale for 3 years and Debbie Brown, who chaired the last garage sale, are stepping down so we need someone to volunteer to be the new Garage Sale Chairperson. There will not be a Spring Garage Sale this year unless someone volunteers. Cameron has all the materials ready to go for the next chairperson, so please contact her at cjnewcomb@yahoo.com if you would be interested in chairing this event.

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ALPHA!

Questions about Christianity?

Do you have unanswered questions about the Christian faith? Have you been looking for an opportunity to search a bit deeper? Perhaps you'd like to brush up on the basics of Christianity?

If you have answered yes to any of the above, have we got a program for you! Alpha is a 12 week course designed to explore the Christian faith in a non-threatening atmosphere. There is no charge for registration. Alpha is supported by all the main Christian denominations, including the Evangelical Lutheran Church in American (ELCA). The evening starts with dinner, moves to an engaging video, and ends with a group discussion. Ideas are shared in a non-judgmental environment. More than four million people all over the world have completed the Alpha course in the last 10 years, and now it's coming to Messiah Lutheran! The course begins Thursday, March 1, at 6 PM and continues for 12 consecutive Thursday evenings.

If you are interested in attending Alpha, please contact the church. Messiah Lutheran Church is a grace place, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Messiah is located at 11522 Telge Road, ½ mile north of Highway 290. Regular worship times are at 8 and 10:30 AM on Sundays. The Education Hour is 9:15-10:15 AM on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or www.messiahlc.org . All people are welcome at Messiah.



EDITOR WANTED!!!!

We have received your very positive feedback regarding the monthly newsletter. However, the Board has been putting together the newsletter since it went to a monthly publication. We are looking for a resident who would like to take charge of the newsletter.

No experience is needed but you must have access to a computer and internet connection. The newsletter takes time, so if your interested, please be prepared to take the time needed to get it right and coordinate timely articles of interest.

The newsletter has come a long way and still has much room for improvement.

If you are interested, please contact us at *<u>editor@riataranch.net.</u>*

Classified Ads

The RANCH REVIEW runs classified ads that are FREE to residents. If you would like to place and add, please email your submission to <u>editor@riataranch.net</u>.

Your submission must be received by the 10th of the prior month. For example, you must have your request submitted by December 10th in order for it to appear in January's newsletter.

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Dental Tip of the Month.

Dear Friends,

People are living longer then ever before. People are keeping their teeth longer. There are fewer and fewer patients with full dentures. As a result more older individuals are visiting our offices for their dental care. Some of the more common areas of concerns among older population are root caries, where cavity is occurring on the root of the tooth. To prevent root caries, effort should be made to brush the gum line really well. Another problem, xerostomia, which is another word for dry mouth, is prevalent in this population mainly due to many medicines they are on. The solution for that is frequent professional cleanings. There are also artificial saliva producers that you can ask your dentist about.

Third problem I see is gum disease, or periodontal disease. This can be due to buildup of plaque and calculus, thus getting inflamed gums and bone loss. Gum disease can also occur due to shifting of the teeth, thus changing the bite. As a result of aberrant forces, can have bone loss that stabilize teeth.

We always try to be cognizant of patient's medical conditions and take that into account. We also understand that many patients have hearing loss and vision loss, thus we take our time and are very patient in tending to your needs.

In the mean time, if you have any dental related questions, please email me at sundranidds@yahoo.com, and I will happily respond to your inquiries.

Your dentist, Dr. Sundrani

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Cy-Fair College Events

Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America

The Harris County Public Library's Cy-Fair College Branch is proud to be the only Houston library (and one of three Texas libraries) to host this national traveling exhibition through Feb. 16. Take a tour to learn about Alexander Hamilton, see rare and precious historical objects and documents, pistols used in a deadly duel and handwritten correspondence. Among the final exhibition-related programs several book discussions, a one-man dramatization event and a Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce event titled "Patterson for the 21st Century". For information, go to www.cy-faircollege. com/goto/hamilton.

Check Out the Exhibitions in the Bosque Gallery

Two exhibitions available this month: One featuring the work of visiting artist Lindsey Wolkowicz through Feb. 8 and ending with a 4 p.m. closing reception and lecture. Wolkowicz combines traditional drawing, non-traditional materials and constructed surfaces to create her mixed media art. Then an Encaustic Exhibition is on display Feb. 20 through March 29 with a 4:30 p.m. opening reception March 1. This ancient method of painting combines colored pigment with hot wax as a binder and features student talent in Robert McGehee's class. Call 832-482-1038 for gallery hours and information or go to www.cyfaircollege.com/goto/bosquegallery.

Learn about African American Heritage

Add some culture with free book discussions, films, lectures and more this month. Join Serge Danielson-Francois for an Emancipation discussion series Feb. 6 - The First Emancipator: The Forgotten Story of Robert Carter, The Founding Father Who Freed His Slaves by Andrew Levy, Feb. 13 - Israel on the Appomattox: A Southern Experiment in Black Freedom from the 1790's Through the Civil War by Melvin Patrick Ely and Feb. 20 - The Confessions of Nat Turner by William Styron. Go back in time with two oneman shows with James Baldwin – Down from the Mountaintop Feb. 12 and Bill Mills – Hamilton, Jefferson and Rittenhouse: a magnificent triangle Feb. 14. The student organization UMOJA will also host several films, guest lectures (such as Home Cultures, Black Marriages, HIV-AIDS and Self-esteem) and more. Check out the events calendar for information at www.cy-faircollege.com. **Experience A.L.L. this year**

The Cy-Fair College Academy for Lifelong Learning (A.L.L.) provides opportunities for adults 50 and better to enjoy intellectual and social enrichment. With an annual membership of \$10, participants can take member-driven courses for free or at a reduced rate; study under the guidance of members who represent a wide range of expertise and life experiences; develop friendships within

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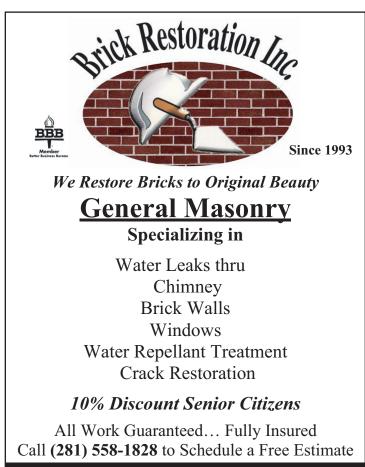


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a diverse group of people; participate in social activities; and be part of a collective voice of active adults in the community. Classes are offered in computers, health and fitness, government, financial planning, culinary arts, music, history, and more. Some classes will also be held at the Fairbanks Center. For information e-mail Twana.m.york@nhmccd.edu, call 281-290-5246 or go to www.cyfaircollege.com/goto/all for a full schedule of offerings.

Library Offers Free Computer Classes and Book Clubs

The Harris County Public Library Cy-Fair College Branch offers free computer workshops, including a family-friendly class. Topics range from basic computer functions to introductions to the Internet and various software programs. A variety of monthly book clubs are also available including women of the world, democracy, and sports page. There are plenty of youth programs with activities and book clubs for teens and youth age 7 - 12 as well as storytime for younger children. Go online to http://cfclibrary.nhmccd.edu for information.



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Help Keep the Storm Drains Clear

Recently, we have received reports of teens throwing items into the storm drains, such as boxes and basketballs. These items can plug the drain and cause flooding when the next storm comes.

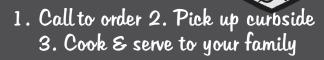
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Cypress Christian School Enrollment Events

<u>K-12 Prospective Family Night Open House –</u> <u>Tuesday, February 6, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.</u>

Prospective families are invited to attend a general assembly at 7:00 p.m. and then tour the campus. School and application information will be available. In addition, families may visit with CCS Administrators, the Athletic Director, Fine Arts Faculty, Academic and College Advisor, Curriculum and Learning Center Directors. Mark your calendars for this important evening, and invite your friends, neighbors and relatives who might be interested in Christian Education at CCS.

<u>New Applications Accepted – Tuesday, February 6</u>

This is the first day that new families may submit their child's application for enrollment. Application forms may be obtained from the Admissions Office or downloaded from the school web site at <u>www.CypressChristian.org</u>.

<u>Kindergarten Round-Up –</u> Tuesday, February 20, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Join us for an overview of the Kindergarten Program at Cypress Christian. Moms and dads will meet teachers, hear from guest speakers and enjoy snacks and fellowship with other parents. Visiting children will enjoy hearing a story from the Kindergarten teachers and coloring a masterpiece for their parents, and they will be delighted by a puppet show performed by CCS drama students. For more information or to register for free childcare (ages 2-5), contact the Admissions Director.

<u>K-12 Prospective Parent Open House –</u> <u>Tuesday, March 6, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.</u>

Prospective parents may visit classes and gather information. A map and list of classes will be available at the registration tables in the foyer of both the Elementary Building and Secondary Multi-Use Facility.

<u>K-12 Prospective Student Visitor Days</u> Tuesday, February 13, Thursday, March 22,

and Wednesday, April 11, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. each day

Students considering attending CCS in the fall may attend school all or part of the day. Parents must register their child and provide emergency information. We suggest that kindergarten and first grade parents visit each classroom with their child for 30-45 minutes only.

Service with Love

February is the official month to celebrate the gift of "love," and many people will celebrate that gift in their life with those they hold dear. The students, administration, and faculty of Cypress Christian School challenge you to express God's love to those less fortunate than yourselves this month.

There are many ways to show others that they are loved. For example, get involved in a community project like Habitat for Humanity, serve at your local food bank/mission, write a letter to someone who needs encouragement or bring food and flowers to an elderly person who might be lonely and missing family members. No matter what you do, your actions will be greatly appreciated and will serve as an encouragement to that person or group.

The mission of Cypress Christian School - "to produce students from Christian families



who are academically prepared with a biblical worldview to take their place in the world as servants of Jesus Christ" - includes the goal of teaching students to serve. In recent months, students have helped build

a house, collected food and supplies for a local food bank, visited and entertained residents in an assisted living facility, collected gifts for children whose parents are in prison, served at a home for incarcerated youth, and more.

As we strive to serve others in our community, we hope you, too, will join the effort to make those less fortunate feel loved through acts of kindness – small or large. To partner with our school in a service project or suggest a service project for our students, please contact Todd Clark, Chaplain, at 281-469-8829 or todd.clark@CypressChristian. org.

Vacation Watch

At your request, the Harris County Sheriff's Department will put your house on VACATION WATCH. Just go to www.riataranch.net and look for the Vacation Watch form in the FORMS and DOCS section.

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We are glad to hear all of the positive feedback and we intend to continue to improving the look and feel of the newsletter according to what you tell us. So get as involved as you like! We look forward to hearing from you.

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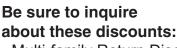
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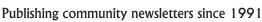
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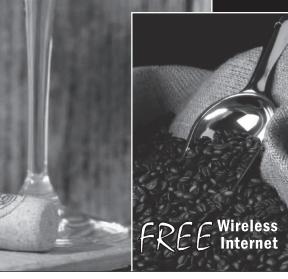


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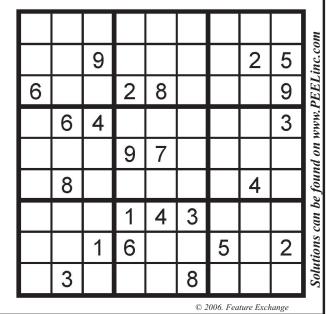


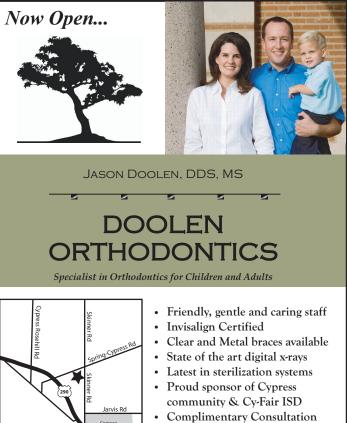
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Use Only Water In Sippy Cups Or Increase Cavity Risk AAPD Highlights Importance of Proper Use of Toddler Drinking Device

(NAPSA)-Most parents are well aware of the importance of taking care of their children's teeth, so it comes as a shock when they learn their toddlers have cavities during a checkup.

Tooth decay among young children is on the rise-and many experts believe that sippy cups containing sugary beverages are responsible.

The Misuse of Sippy Cups

Because sippy cups prevent spills, they're often used by children for long periods of time over months and years-rather than as a transitional drinking device, a purpose for which they were intended. "Sippy cups were created to help children transition from a bottle to drinking from a regular cup, but they're too often used for convenience," says American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) President Philip H. Hunke, D.D.S., M.S.D. "When kids sip for extended periods on sugared beverages, they're exposed to a higher risk of decay. Sippy cups should only contain water unless it's mealtime."

In fact, a report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) comparing the dental health of Americans in 1988-1994 and 1999-2002 found that while cavities decreased among older children, cavities in two- to five-year-olds actually increased 15.2 percent.

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A Child's First Visit

Hunke views the misuse of sippy cups as just the symptom of a larger issue-the fact that many parents wait too long before taking their children to the dentist for the first time. The AAPD recommends that a child's first dental visit occur shortly after the first tooth erupts and no later than the child's first birthday. But according to the 2005 National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH), only 10 percent of 1-year-olds and 23.8 percent of 2-year-olds had been taken for a preventive dental care visit in the past year.

At the first visit, the pediatric dentist provides information about proper sippy cup use as part of the presentation of a complete program of preventive home care. The dentist also checks the child's teeth to make sure they're developing properly.

"Studies show that children with poor oral health perform worse in school and have less success later in life," says Hunke. "Establishing the right oral care habits early helps get kids headed on the path to a lifetime of good oral health."

For more information about how to keep children's teeth healthy or to locate a pediatric dentist in your area, visit www.aapd.org.

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10-BAY CITY: MCBNC Coastal Bike Migration Raises funds for art made of bones. Space Center Houston. www.spacecenter.org the Matagorda County Birding Nature Center. Cyclists can choose from three routes that wind through Bay City and Matagorda County. Bay City Civic Center, 201 7th St. E-mail: mcbnc@tisd.net • www. mcbnc.org 979/245-3336

10-EDNA: Valentine Crafts Begins at 2 p.m. Lake Texana State Park. 361/782-5718

10—SANTA FE: Haak Port & Chocolate Affair Reservations are limited to 40. Haak Vineyards & Winery, 6310 Ave. T. www. haakwine.com 409/925-1401

10-VICTORIA: Black History Festival & Parade Parade begins at 10 a.m. at Patti Welder School on North Street then proceeds to the Victoria Community Center. The festival follows. 361/576-5650

10-11—KATY: Katy Antique & Collectible Market Merrell Center. E-mail: info@cwgs.com • www.cwgs.com 512/441-2828

10-11-LA PORTE: Remember the Maine Visit encampments depicting various eras of our nation's military history. Memorial service is held on the bow of the ship at 3 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday. Battleship Texas State Historic Site. 281/479-2431

10-May 10—CLEAR LAKE AREA: Bones, An Exhibit Inside You Learn how doctors see bones inside us, and walk through a bone brought to life. See games, tools, jewelry, musical instruments and

281/244-2100

14-SAN BENITO: El Second Weensdee The Narciso Martinez Cultural Art Center presents an oral history series on conjunto music. 225 E. Stenger St. 956/361-0110

15-18-PORT ARTHUR: Mardi Gras of Southeast Texas/Holiday Razzle Dazzle Includes parades, headliner bands, carnival, food and craft vendors, and strolling street entertainers. Downtown Port Arthur. www.portarthur.com/mardigras 409/721-8717

15-Mar. 22-NASSAU BAY: National Society of Artists National Juried Exhibition Arts Alliance Center. www.taaccl.org 281/335-7777

16-VICTORIA: Country Opry Begins at 7:30 p.m. Victoria Community Center Annex. 361/552-9347

16-17, 23-24—VICTORIA: Dinner Theatre Nave Museum. 361/575-8227

16-17, 23-25—BAYTOWN: Blythe Spirit Baytown Little Theater. 281/424-7617

16-18-BEAUMONT: Mardi Gras on the Neches Includes parades and activities. Held in conjunction with the Crockett Street's existing Mardi Gras celebrations. 409/724-0450 or 409/543-4220

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17-KEMAH: Yachty Gras Boat Parade Boaters sail Clear Creek Channel and by the Kemah Boardwalk, showering revelers with beads. Begins at 7 p.m. www.kemahboardwalk.com

17-PORT ARANSAS: Rotary Club Shrimp Boil Proceeds benefit local youth activities and scholarships. Civic Center. 361/749-6222 17-VICTORIA: Livestock Show Parade 361/576-4300

17-WEST COLUMBIA: Barn Day Fun Journey into the past with demonstrations of traditional crafts and food preparation techniques from the turn of the century while exploring Texas history. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site. 979/345-4656

17-18-KEMAH: Mardi Gras Kemah Celebrate Mardi Gras all weekend with beads and zydeco music. Kemah Boardwalk. www. kemahboardwalk.com

18-GALVESTON: Galveston Symphony Orchestra Includes music from Bach, Stokowski, Stravinsky and Beethoven. Begins at 7 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894

18-KEMAH: Krewe du Lac Kemah Truck Parade Parade winds around the Kemah Lighthouse District and ends at T-Bone Tom's Backyard for Mardi Pardi with a gumbo cook-off, live music and more. Parade begins at 1 p.m. www.krewedulac.org

18—SANTA FE: Bluegrass with Pet Rooster Hours are 2 to 5 p.m. Haak Vineyards & Winery. www.haakwine.com 409/925-1401



20-PORT ARTHUR: Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras Party This is the final party of the Mardi Gras season and includes music, dancing and bead throwing. O.C.A.W. (PACE) Hall. 409/962-9860

20-SAN BENITO: Mardi Gras Ball The Crusers perform. Begins at 7:30 p.m. Fun 'N Sun RV Resort. 956/399-5800

22—NASSAU BAY: Open Mic Jazz Nite Musicians, vocalists, poets and music lovers are invited to step into the spotlight with seasoned professionals Ben Atkinson (drums), Tom Borling (piano) and David Klingensmith (bass). Arts Alliance Center at Clear Lake. www.taaccl. org 281/335-7777

22—PORT ISABEL: Oral History Program: Telling Our Stories Topics involve the history, natural history and culture of the Laguna Madre area. Begins at 7 p.m. Treasures of the Gulf Museum, 317 E. Railroad Ave. www.portisabelmuseums.com 956/943-7602

22-WHARTON: Sheriff's Wild Game Dinner in the Crescent Wharton County Fair Grounds. 979/532-1550

22, 24-25—HOUSTON: Life & Laughter (Winter Repertory Program) Houston Ballet. Wortham Theater Center. www.houstonballet.org 713/227-2787

22-26—VICTORIA: Livestock Show Auction is Feb. 26. Victoria Community Center Dome, Grounds, Annex and Arena. 361/576-4300

23—GALVESTON: Lost in Yonkers — Montana Repertory Theater Begins at 8 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894

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23—LAKE JACKSON: Boston Brass in Concert Begins at 7:30 p.m. The Clarion at Brazosport College, 500 College Drive. clarion. brazosport.edu (no www) 979/230-3156 or 979/230-3658

23-25—PORT ARANSAS: Celebration of Whooping Cranes & Other Birds Includes birding bus and boat tours, renowned speakers, exhibits, trade show, seminars, demonstrations, concessions and more. Civic Center and UT Marine Science Institute. E-mail: info@ portaransas.org • www.portaransas.org 800/452-6278

24—BAY CITY: Matagorda County Fair BBQ Cook-Off www. matagordacountyfair.com 979/245-2454

24—BEAUMONT: Saxophonist Ashu The Symphony of Southeast Texas presents Saxophonist Ashu. Begins at 7:30 p.m. Jefferson Theatre. www.sost.org 409/892-2257

24—CORPUS CHRISTI: An Evening of Irish Enchantment The show is filled with dance, singing and music. Features guest performer Michael Donnellan. Hosted by Inishfree School of Irish Dance. Harbor Playhouse. 361/888-7469

24—RANCHO VIEJO: American Heart Association Heart Gala Includes music, dancing and dinner. Begins at 7 p.m. Rancho Viejo Resort & Country Club. www.playrancho.com 956/984-1213

24—SAN BENITO: Park-wide Garage Sale Hours are 8 to 11 a.m. Fun 'N Sun RV Resort, 1400 Zillock Road. 956/399-5800 24—SAN BENITO: The Platters Concert Fun 'N Sun RV Resort. 956/399-5800

25—GALVESTON: Elton John & Tim Rice's Aida The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894

27-Apr. 7—TEXAS CITY: Museum Quilt Exhibit Features more than 100 quilts. 409 6th St. E-mail: tcmuseum@prodigy.net • www. texas-city-tx.org 409/643-5799

28—SAN BENITO: 14 Kart Country Concert Begins at 7 p.m. Fun 'N Sun RV Resort. 956/399-5800

28-Mar. 3—BAY CITY: Matagorda County Fair & Rodeo Includes a PRCA rodeo and all the county fair exhibits. www. matagordacountyfair.com 979/245-2454

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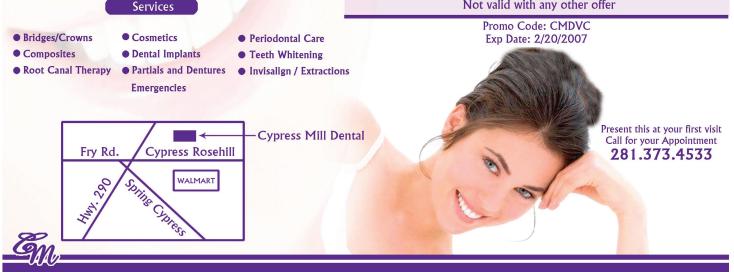
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