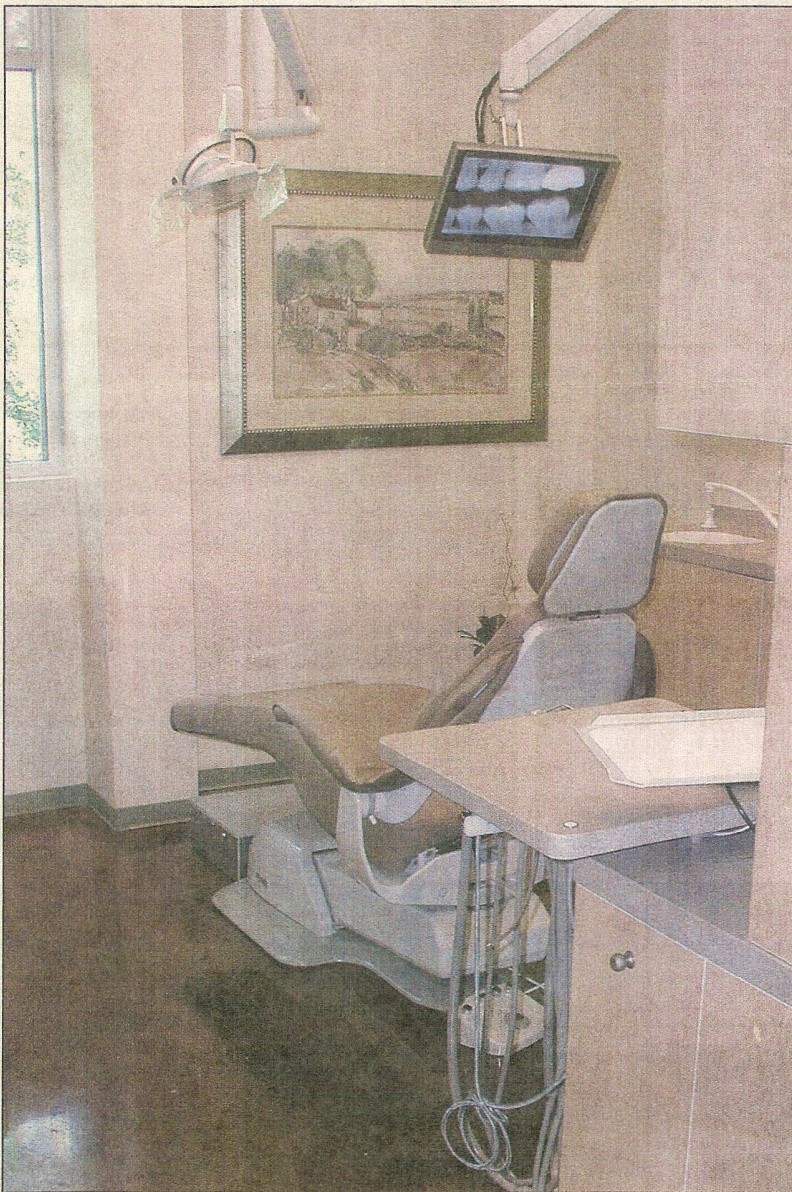




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PAINLESS TECHNOLOGY

Local dentist uses latest tools to keep patients smiling



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One local dental practice is using technology to keep patients smiling.

Dr. Carrie Muzny and Dr. Jennine Huet, who have a dental practice in The Woodlands, offer the latest in technological treatments and procedures aimed at patient comfort.

Muzny said the first thing she wants people to know is she and Huet have advanced certification in sedation dentistry.

"The patient is able to take a pill such as Valium to help relax them during their treatment," she said. "We also offer nitrous oxide (laughing gas) so the patient is completely comfortable during their treatment."

Muzny said they offer air-abrasion technology, which enables them to clean small cavities without having to use any anesthesia or shots.

Patients are also offered lavender-scented warm neck wraps, hot paraffin hand wax treatments, headphones to listen to CDs, movie glasses to watch DVDs during treatment, and there are ceiling-mounted televisions in all rooms.

"We have a Diagnadent, which is a small laser that is shined into the tooth, and tells us how large a cavity is," Muzny said. "We are able to fix cavities when they are very small. The laser helps us diagnose cavities very accurately. This is a definite benefit to the patient because it catches cavities in the early stages."

Muzny said they also offer Zoom 2, which is a one hour teeth whitening system, which provides the patient with less sensitive teeth.

"We have custom bleaching trays for customers to do their teeth at home too," she said.

Then there is the intra-oral camera which is another benefit to patients, Muzny said.

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is a small pen-like camera that we use to take pictures of the patients' teeth. The patient can see views of their teeth just like the dentists do. We can discuss treatment options together," she said. "The intra-oral photos and the digital X-rays both appear on the computer screen for the patient to see from the chair."

Muzny said they only offer only digital X-rays, which have 90 percent less radiation than traditional x-rays.

"Dr. Huet and I are also both very active in continuing education classes," she said. "The state only requires 12 hours of training a year, but we take over 100 by our choice so we stay on top of the latest technology and advances available to patients."

Muzny said that she and Huet both attended the Pankey Institute in Florida.

"The institute is world-renowned for restorative dentistry," she said.

Muzny and Huet take insurance and do payment plans.

Their practice is located at 3115 College Park Drive on Texas 242 Suite 105. For more information call (936) 321-8888.

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The latest advancements in dental treatment and painless options await patients of Dr. Carrie Muzny and Dr. Jennine Huet in The Woodlands.
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