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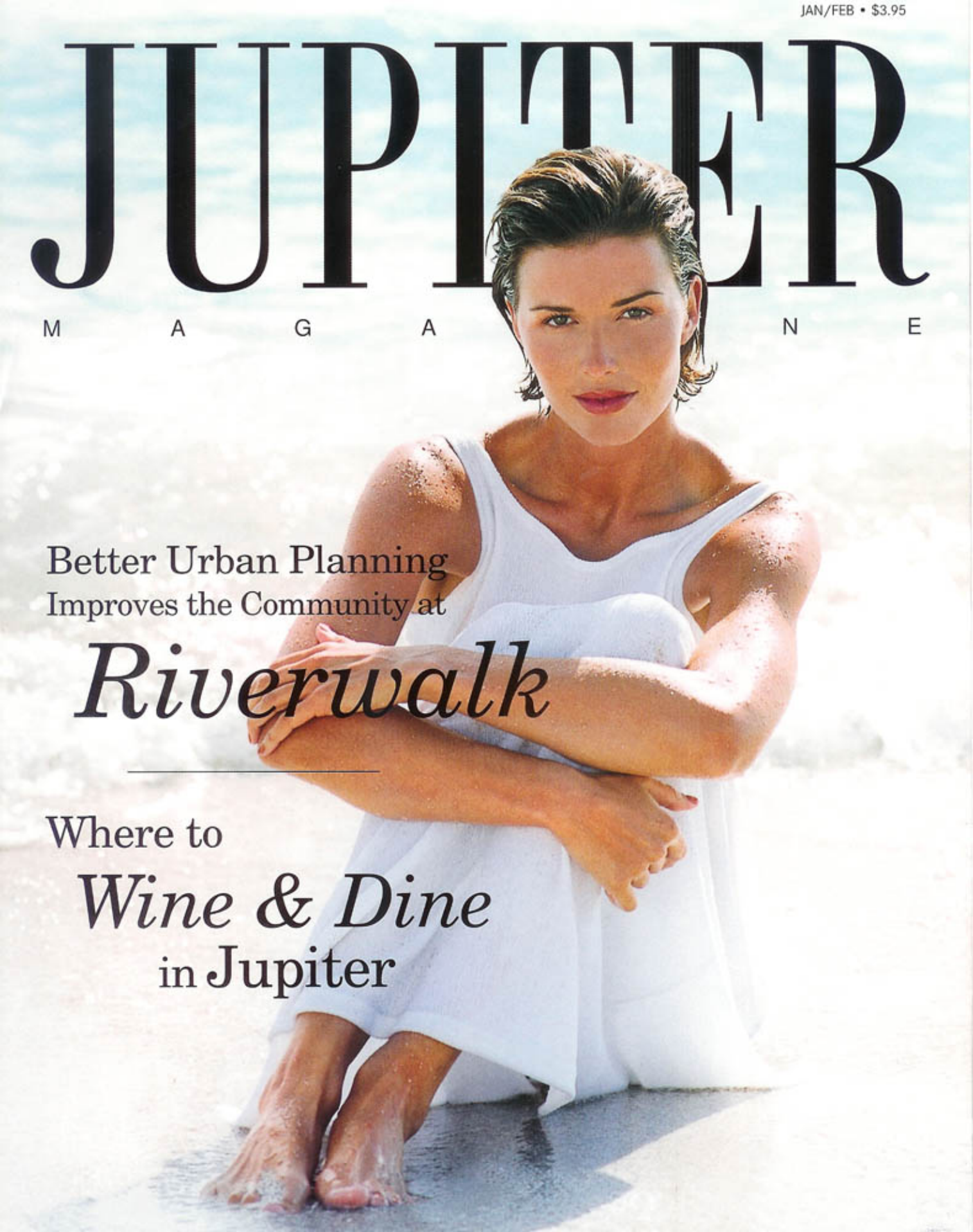
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JAY AJMO

The world of dentistry is rapidly changing, and Jay L. Ajmo, D.D.S., P.A., a Jupiter resident, is changing with it. His areas of expertise at his private practice, PGA Dental Associates, are cosmetic, restorative and implant dentistry. His goal is to help his patients enhance their smile—and their self-esteem—through his artistry.

"The majority of my clients are middle-aged or older," he says, "although I do work on younger people with trauma or sports injuries, or those who have been in car accidents. I think that today people have been turning to cosmetic surgery to improve their looks, and now they also realize that their teeth and their smile are just as important to their overall appearance as a facelift or eyelid surgery."

Ajmo, a graduate of Emory University's School of Dentistry, likes cosmetic surgery. "We not only enhance their smile, but we dramatically improve their appearance and their self-confidence," he says. "Our patients appreciate what we do so much and are always so thankful for the improvement in their appearance." Cosmetic dentistry includes the use of porcelain veneers, porcelain jacket crowns, fixed porcelain bridgework and dental whitening. Restorative dentistry involves replacing missing or broken teeth. Some of the teeth are broken due to sports injuries, Ajmo says, but most are due to older dentistry that is failing. Implant dentistry entails implanting a substitute tooth into the jaw. Clients who have partial or full dentures will often come to Ajmo to replace these with dental implants.

To make his patients better informed, he uses an intra-oral camera, which takes still photos of the client's teeth and magnifies them on a video screen.

"We photograph the teeth in the back of their mouth, so they can see close-up what the dentist sees. Since we work a lot with educating our patients, this technology helps them see what the problem is and lets them make wiser decisions about their care," Ajmo says.

The average person's teeth have improved during the past few decades, thanks in part to fluoride in municipal water, more awareness about the importance of oral health throughout a person's lifetime, and better dental care. In addition, Ajmo says, dental decay has decreased among children, teens and older people because of the preventative approach to dentistry.

"In modern dentistry," he says, "we are also treating gum disease, and the advancements in treatments are amazing. Years ago, an older person often wore dentures. Today, most have a full or nearly full set of teeth. This is a dramatic improvement for people's overall health, not just for their smile."

