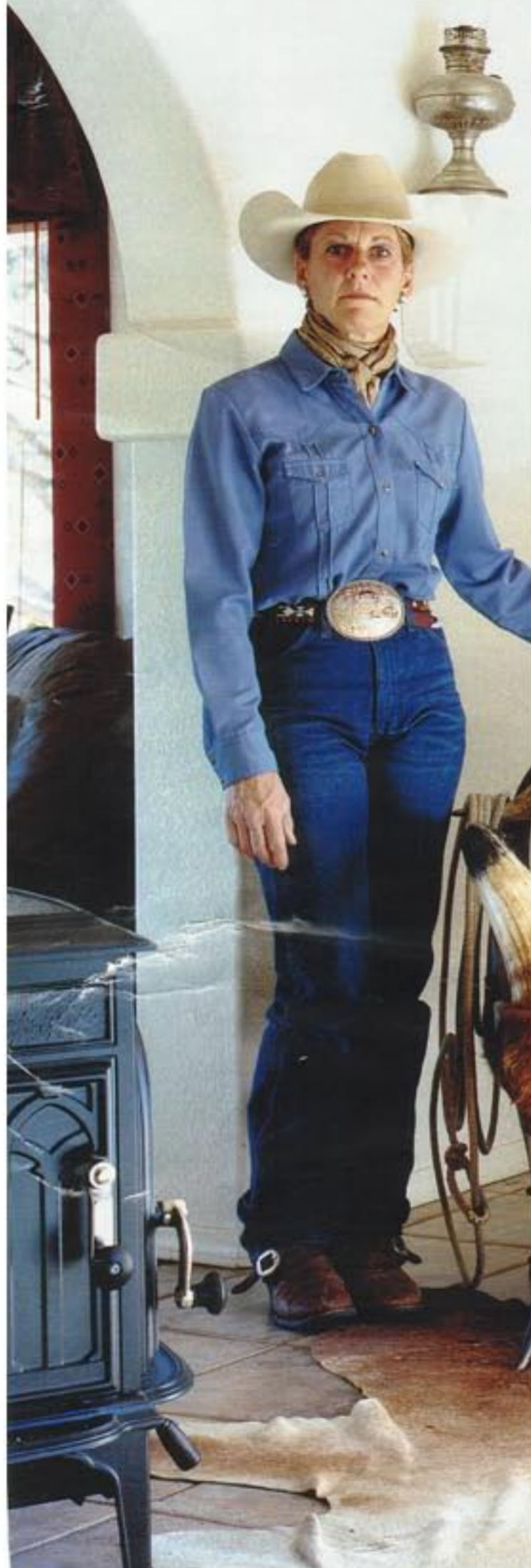


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THE BACKSTAGE SECRET INJECTING LIFE BACK INTO TIRED HAIR However lustrous it may once have been, hair gets depressed with age and needs more than a new shampoo to revive it. But while artfully placed lights add depth and movement, a good treatment should have an instant impact on condition. I wanted to try **Kérastase Chronologiste** because it promises a salon finish for time-damaged hair. It comes in two parts: caviar-like pearls filled with conditioning actives and a creamy mask. You mix these two, apply to damp hair and rinse after 10 minutes. The results are truly impressive and lasting. I honestly can't recall my hair having this softness, shine and clarity; this is what you call professional-strength haircare. £95 for 10 treatments (0800-316 4400). Available from April 19.



THE NOVELTY PAUL & JOE COSMETIC POUCH

Practical (it is waterproof with pockets in the lid) and decorated with the Paul & Joe founder Sophie Albou's trademark whimsical cats, this is the vanity bag of the summer – if you can get one (hurry, everyone is after it). £20, hqhair.com.

THE COMEBACK ELEMIS SKIN NOURISHING MILK BATH

When Elemis brought out this skin softener 20 years ago it stood out for its uniqueness – no one was paying much attention to how the bath benefited our wellbeing then. Enriched with camellia oil and oat extract, it makes skin baby-soft and is tolerated by conditions such as eczema. To celebrate its 20th anniversary, Elemis is donating to the Mothers4Children charity with every purchase. £39, timetospa.co.uk.



THE SCENT MARC JACOBS POMEGRANATE SPLASH

Taking inspiration from the sweet smells of a cake shop, Jacobs's new scent is a crisp blend of pomegranate, mandarin blossom, rhubarb, violet, bergamot, vanilla and an exotic fruit accord. It is not as sweet as you might think – in fact it is refreshing, and perfect as a light summer body fragrance. £45, 0800-6527661.



AGEL EXO SUSPENSION GEL A grape-flavoured mix of antioxidant-rich fruits and plants such as mangosteen and seabuckthorn, Exo claims to shield your body from free radical activity, which causes the cellular damage that ages skin, and boost your immunity from within. £40 for 30 21g doses, from Soulmate (0870-803 3833).

