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Sapphires, citrines, diamonds, and gold will certainly make a woman smile, but can they erase wrinkles and energize your cells, too? Catherine Piercy dives into the latest supercreams.

ucked between the southwestern tip of Sicily and the sprawling African coast, the tiny volcanic island of Pantelleria, known as the Black Pearl of the Mediterranean, is quite literally a hotbed of (mineral) activity. From miles above, those who arrive by private jet—the designer Giorgio Armani, who spends each summer lounging at his oceanside *dammuso*, and visitors like Julia Roberts, Madonna, and the ballerina Alessandra Ferri—may wonder at the lush vineyards and citrus groves that cover the island's glossy black surface. This rich, ink-colored rock, called obsidian pantelleria (a form of petrified lava made from quick-cooling magma chambers), is famously rich in restorative, therapeutic minerals and elements. So when Mr. Armani wanted to dive into luxury skin care, he didn't have to look far, dispatching a team of researchers guided by famed volcanologist Giovan-

Speaking of magnets, Natura Bissé's irresistible Diamond Magnetic cream is part parlor trick, part wonder product. The luxurious, yet gritty, lavender-scented paste—which aims to recast shoulders, collarbones, and legs as glimmering incarnations of diamonds themselves—claims to relieve stress while detoxifying the skin. One pass of the included hand-held neodymium magnet magically lifts off its purifying flecks of micronized iron, leaving a sheer, glimmering veil of diamond dust behind. □