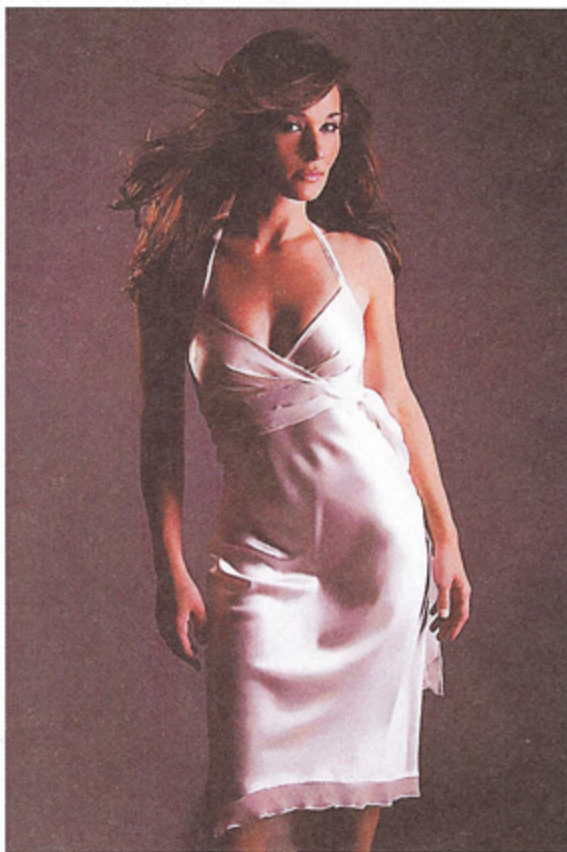


## A Model Life

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*Beauty queen-turned-business-woman Maria Lekkakos never leaves home without Lola – her pet poodle, that is.*



**M**aria Lekkakos knows a thing or two about beauty – she was Miss Massachusetts USA 2004. These days, the 30-year-old makes other women gorgeous at M. Lekkakos Salon, Spa & Boutique in Wenham. She also bestows her expertise on runway hopefuls, working as a pageant consultant. But her glow is more than skin-deep: In her spare time, Maria volunteers for the Animal Rescue League and the Greater Boston Food Bank.



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## I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT...

**1. Lola, my cream-colored pet toy poodle.** She even does appearances with me at fashion shows.

**2. Osmosis: Replenish Antioxidant/Repair Serum.** I love this product. It revitalizes your skin and takes no time. You just slip it on.

**3. Stella in the South End.** I think it's the best bar in the city. It's very welcoming, with a comfortable atmosphere. I love their food – the beet salad with goat cheese is great.

**4. True Religion jeans.** They're simple and easy.

You can dress them up and dress them down. I have about 15 pairs.

**5. My gym membership at the YMCA.** I go three times a week. I keep it small and do cardio and light weights, a simple routine that takes about an hour.

**6. Lentils.** I'm Greek, and Greeks love lentils. I make them every week, using olive oil imported from Greece.

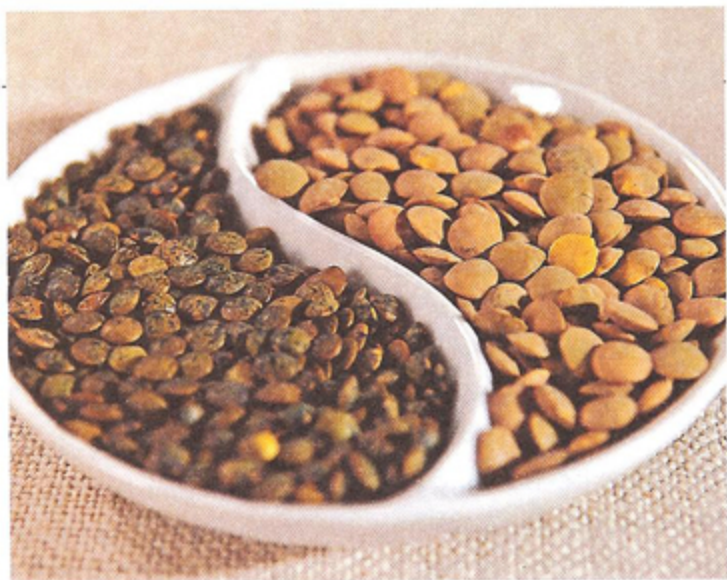
**7. Sundari Body Oil.** I use this in all my facials. It's refreshing when your skin is dry. It's made from natural plant oils and nourishes the skin.

**8. Family pictures.** I have a huge family, and we're very close. I always have pictures out. I have them at home, in my studio, and on side tables and shelves. They always put a smile on my face.

**9. Brunch at Stephanie's on Newbury.** I try to go almost every Sunday. The French toast with berries and cheese is dynamite.

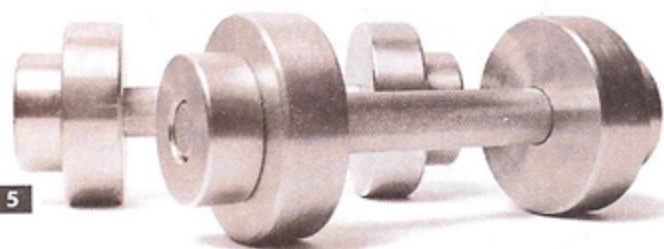
**10. Napoleon Perdis Auto Pilot Lip Service.** This is always in my bag. It's a conditioner for your lips. I use it after all my treatments.





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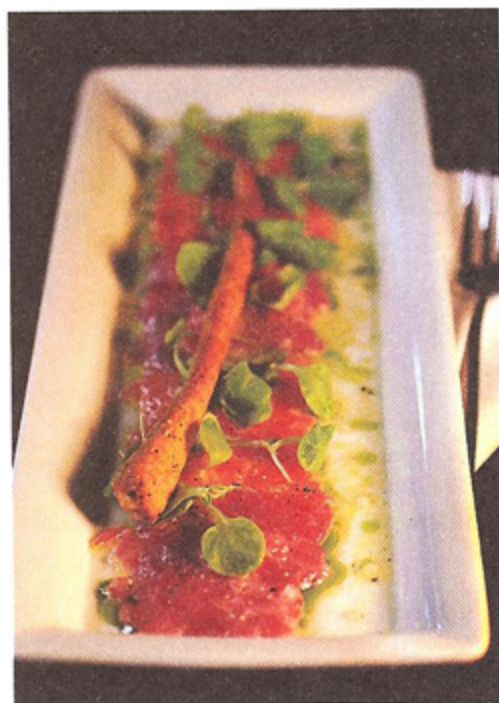


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