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## A little lovin' from Pure Romance

21 Feb

Have you girls discovered [Pure Romance](#) yet? If not, go check out their website right now! (Don't worry, if you click on it, it'll open up in a separate window). They're the fastest growing woman-to-woman direct sellers of 'intimacy aids' in the country and that's easy to understand if you visit their online store.

I LOVE how their look and feel is 'pretty in pink' and not tacky or gross in the least. In fact, it's a lot like visiting an Avon store... provided their line up included cutsey vibrators, naughty school girl outfits and creamy dessert-flavoured lubricant...



Last week Pure Romance spoiled me with fab hamper of their goodies.



Ooh la la bietse...

It included items from their make-up line which I'll chat about in another post as well as Spicy Dice, a Burning Desire soy massage oil candle and mini Night's of Passion Kit.

The soy massage candle (R225) is made from 100% natural soya bean oil.



It's got a very faint musky scent and comes with a spoon so you can scoop up the wax and massage it onto your skin or drizzle it on your man 'Body of Evidence' style.

Soy wax is ideal for this type of thing as it's got a lower melting point than other types of wax so it won't burn your skin. I wish to God I'd known this a few years back when we were having all those black outs and Cosmo asked me to whip up a story on how to have sex in the dark. My 'research' involved pouring regular candle wax on my arm so as to establish the best (i.e. least painful) height from which to drip it. Regardless of how high I held that bloody candle it still hurt like hell so, in the end, I just gave up and made up some random measurement. To this day I still feel guilt about it as well as responsible for a generation of Cosmo girls who've wound up at emergency chemists riddled in third degree burns...

Anyway, lets take a peek inside the kit (R280), shall we?



Mooiness...

It includes an Island Breeze-scented bubble bath that reminds me of a Yankee candle I used to own (Bahama Breeze – delish!) as well as a Seductive Sage massage oil. The latter's scent is pretty unisex so, should you use it on your man, he's not going to bitch about being made to smell like a meringue. There's also a strawberry-scented warming lubricant and unscented regular lube as well as a strawberry flavoured arousal cream. The latter makes use of a 'mint base' that helps stimulate blood flow to your naughty bits and, for the record, tastes surprisingly good!

Another great-tasting winner? Pure Romance's Whipped edible creamy lubricant, R160. I was given the Chocolate Cheesecake flavour and its well and truly delish. It also really does taste like 'chocolate cheesecake' as opposed to synthetic crap with a dash o' cocoa powder. Interestingly, I can't find this anywhere so I can't snap a pic of it. The last time I saw it was when it first arrived. I placed it next to the

lap top and consumed waaay too much of it while working on an incredibly boring freelance story. I haven't seen it since and have turned my whole flat upside down looking for it. Now, there's a suspicious part of me wondering if my ex-domestic possibly has the best tasting vagina in Khayalitsha... still, I'm sure it'll turn up somewhere... right?

Anyway, what I'm trying to tell you is this; if you're looking for a sensual little something, be it for yourself or a friend's bachelorette bash, Pure Romance is the shizz. Seriously. Their stuff is good quality, pretty to look at and not ridiculously overpriced. Also, shopping on their pretty pink website isn't going to make you feel like a dirty old ho. Their range is fabulous too; from something as innocuous as a Palsa vibrating bath ball (R160)...



It's for ma stiff neck, I promise...

...to a full on Frequent Flyer sex swing (R830)!



Ja, I totes need to get one of these... my last one broke after I packed away all that pastry in France...

Love, love

Leigh

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## Win big with Vo5's Art of Stylin' competition

19 Feb

Just so you know, Vo5 is running a competition called The Art of Stylin'. If you win, you could walk away with a grand prize worth R50K. This includes a R25 000 shopping spree at Cape Town's hottest boutiques, tickets for you and a friend to attend Cape Town fashion week in July and all the flights, meals and accomodation you might need if you're from out of town.

To enter, simply upload a piccie of your hair style and tell people which V05 products you used to pull it off. (The site includes a checklist, so you can simply tick which goodies you used.) I entered myself just the other day and it took all of two minutes.



Once you've entered you can send your friends a link to your piccie and ask them to 'like' it. The entrant with the most likes per week wins a R500 Vo5 hamper while the person with the most 'expressive style' overall wins the big kahuna.

Good luck girls!

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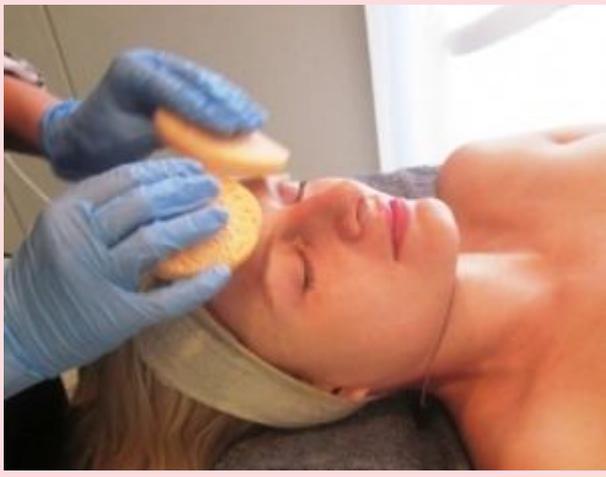
## So I had a Lamelle Alpha peel at Just Skin...

19 Feb

[Just Skin](#) in Green Point called me up the other day as they needed a test monkey on which to demo a Lamelle Alpha peel. I didn't know too much about it at the time but didn't hesitate to say yes. I've been popping in at Just Skin for a while and they're very good at what they do. They also know I'm vain enough to throw a brick through their window if they exposed me to anything that wouldn't enhance my natural fabulousity.

Anyway, as it turns out, Lamelle's peel makes use of glycolic acid (an AHA) and I had the 20% version, meaning it was a very mild one. It also contains 'neurosensory inhibitors' that make it much less *eina*. As for the benefits, an AHA peel can help even out your skin tone while smoothing out fine lines and refining your pores. It can also help improve congested acne prone skin as it helps boost your cellular turnover which in turn speeds up healing and leaves you looking more radiant overall.

Once the peel was painted on my face, it was left on for a minute.



My therapist kept asking me to rate the 'pain' on scale of 1 to 10 and I was definitely a '2' all the way through. In fact, anything I felt was more of a 'sensation' as opposed to a sting. Perhaps this was due to the inhibitors or the fact that my skin's become desensitized due to all the retinol and AHA's I use at home but either way this was definitely the least painful/ irritating peel I've ever had. (The worst I've ever had wasn't really painful either. It stung like a bitch, but only for a second and by the time I'd opened my mouth to yelp the pain was gone.)

Like most mild in-salon peels, there's no scabbing or actual 'peeling' later on. In fact, my skin didn't even look red or flushed. Afterwards, I went home, pottered around for a bit and then slapped on some make-up to go meet friends for lunch. They were none the wiser to my in-salon adventure. The next day, however, I could see a slight difference in my skin. It looked a little 'flat', a bit more refined and the giant pimple on my forehead looked as though it was finally starting to recede. Yay! My face also looked a bit drier than usual so I treated it to a slick of organic Spieza Rose & Vanilla face oil. Later that evening I noticed a few dry flakes on my forehead and sorted it out with a gentle exfoliating cream that didn't irritate my skin at all.

In all, the LAmelle's peel was an easy, breezy experience. If I was looking for all the promised benefits however, you'd have to do a course of at least four of them. They start at R450 a pop.

Thanks Just Skin, you guys rock.

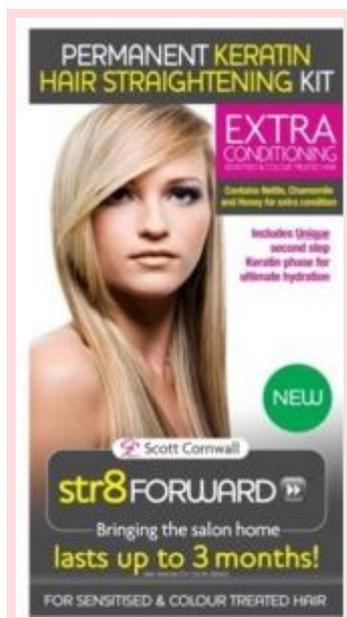
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## [Scott Cornwall Str8 Forward review with before and after pictures](#)

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Every now and again along comes a product that makes you go 'Jislaaaaiik!' [Scott Cornwall](#) Str8 Ahead is one of them.



Scott Cornwall Str8  
Ahead; kinda like a  
'Brazilian in a box'...

To give you the low down in a nutshell, Scott is a UK hairdresser with his own line of hair care goodies. I got to meet him a few months back when I was working for another website and watched his Colour B4 hair colour remover lift PERMANENT black hair dye off a model, returning her back to blonde in a matter of minutes. *Tres* impressive...

The other day I was sent a box of Scott Cornwall Str8 Forward, a semi-permanent hair straightening kit that can help straighten out your locks for up to three months. Initially, I struggled to find a willing test monkey. Some girls were put off by the fact that once you've used it, you can't wash your hair for a whole three days. You're also not allowed to tie it up or you'll create a permanent kink in it. You can, however, use oodles of dry shampoo and a flat iron to banish any 'bed head'. Then, once that waiting period's over, you can go back to treating your newly straightened 'do as per usual.

Anyhoo, my friend Tam who teaches make-up artistry at an academy took the box to school and found a student willing to give it a bash. Her name's also Leigh, which just goes a long way to proving that all Leigh's are well and truly awesome. Now, enough blabber... let me show you the results so you can 'ooh' and 'aah' over their utter fantabulousness...

Leigh's locks before:



We're talking serious curls, girls...

...and after...



Can we get a 'ta da!'?

It only took two hours to do and any not-being-able-to-wash-it dramz were totally and utterly worth it. Tam says Leigh is **THRILLED** with her new look. She also likes that her hair feels nice and soft, kinda like it's just been flat-ironed.

Now get a load of this last piccie... this is the real 'proof in the pudding' shot right here; Leigh's hair after it's been washed and left to air dry all by itself...



JISLAAAIIK!

Seriously girls, this is one KILLER GOOD product. My friends who initially turned it down are now all eating their words, including Tam.

If you want to learn more about it, pop on over to the [official website](#). Want to buy it? You'll find it in Clicks for a mere R160. Now what are you waiting for girls? Send this link to every curly-haired girl you know; this product might just make their day and save them a fortune on other more expensive straightening treatments.

Love, love

Leigh

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## [Good Earth Almond Milk range review – exclusive to Clicks](#)

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Yum, yum, yum...

I've always loved the smell of almonds. Just the other day I went through a phase where I was obsessed with eating sugared ones and had to wean myself off them, for the sake of my ass, due to their crazy kiljoule content... Merrily, I can still sort of revel in almond madness thanks to Good Earth's Almond Milk range, exclusive to Clicks.



My Good Earth Almond Milk goodies. Dankie Clicks!

The range includes a body wash, body scrub, body lotion, body butter, hand wash and hand & nail cream. I like that it's competitively priced, ranging from R26,99 for the hand & nail cream to R42,99 for the body butter. It also scores a few points in the green department as it's made in South Africa using sustainable sweet almond oil and the packaging is fully recyclable.

Of the three goodies I got to try; the scrub, hand cream and body lotion, I liked the last two the most. They're nice and light and sink into your skin in a flash, leaving behind a gentle, unobtrusive almond scent that's not going to compete with your perfume. All three make use of hydrating sweet almond oil in a good concentration (i.e. it's not listed stone cold last in the ingredients list, meaning it doesn't contain a mere ineffective dash) as well as skin softening urea and antioxidant vitamin E.

As for the scrub... the only reason I'm not mad about it is because I like my scrubs to be 'scrubby'. This one's acrylic little 'grainies' are so few and far in between that there's no way it's going to exfoliate your skin in any way that's visible. It does, however, make for a delish-scented body wash.

If you like almonds too, sugared or otherwise, keep an eye out for these wallet-friendly darlings on the shelves at Clicks. Oh! And while you're there don't forget to stock up on shampoo and conditioner; they're running some seriously good specials right now until the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. To give you an idea, you can **save R10 on each bottle of Schwarzkopf Gliss, snap up any two L'Oreal Elvive shampoo or conditioners and save R21,98 per set or save R20 on any 750 or 900ml TRESemme shampoo, conditioner or 3-in-1.**

Nice... very nice...

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## [Yardley Legacy Honour cologne review](#)

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Meet Matt.



Hoezit!

Matt is one of my good guy friends. We met at Red & Yellow and both studied copywriting. I'm a lucky girl in that I have quite a few really lovely 'male friends'. The kind who offer good 'guy perspective' advice and know you far too well to ever want to fiddle with you when you pass out drunk in their lap. Matt was my V-day 'date' the other day as my boyfriend was out of town. He was the only other non-pathetic cat-riddled single who didn't have plans plus the balls to help me hit up a sushi bar on the one day when *kak* service is a given.

If you're looking for love and are partial to a bit o' ginger awesomeness you should know that Matt would be a good bet. My girlfriends I are particularly impressed with his ability to buy super-thoughtful gifts.

To give you an idea let me tell you how he totally made Karisa's day a few years back... Karis Piss is one of ten thousand million children so, growing up, she didn't have a lot of toys to play with. Instead she had to make do with super fun 'organic' toys like sticks and rocks... All she ever wanted, however, was a My Little Pony and eventually she did get one, but at an age where it was kind of embarrassing. (I always feel bad when I hear all this 'cos I was a disgustingly spoiled child and got pretty much whatever I wanted including just about every bloody My Little Pony Hasbro ever made, but I know you'll find this hard to imagine, what with my totally down to earth, non-divaliscious personality and all..)

Anyhoo, upon hearing about K's pony dramz, Matt decided to surprise her on her birthday a few years back with a brand new My Little Pony! Adorable, right? It still stands pride of place today in her bedroom...

Anyway, I'm rambling here... what I actually want to talk to you about is Yardley's new cologne, Legacy Honour.



Yardley Legacy Honour, R239,95 for 100ml.

It's a fresh woody fragrance with cardamom and mint top notes. The heart is a herbaceous blend of tarragon, thyme and lavender that rests on a base of tonka bean (vanilla), moss, cedar and patchouli.

I was given a bottle the other day and thought I'd review it by spritzing it on the most readily available males and this is how I came to douse Matt with it. For the record he didn't like it and thought it was 'too pungent'.

Merrily, Legacy Honour fared much, much better with the next two boys...

This is Renzo, an old friend from Port Elizabeth who I met up with the other day after not having seen for a good ten or so years.



Molo fish!

Renzo didn't think it was too strong at all and while admitting that he probably wouldn't wear it, thought it was 'soft and clean-smelling and almost a bit soapy like a body wash'.

My last test monkey, celeb blogger Clayton Morar, thought it was 'fab'.



Love this pic of you cooks...

Clay declared it 'a nice, light, easy to wear "every day" floral'. He was so taken with it, in fact, that I gave him the bottle and he was thrilled. 'I'm not a perfume snob at all, I'll totally wear this', he said.

In all, perfume's a very personal thing and one man's fave is another's poison... so if you're looking for a new scent, be it for a man in your life or you happen to be a bloke yourself, give Yardley Legacy Honour a sniff when it hits the shelves next month. It might just up your street.

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