What’s in your makeup?

By Ana Mendaza

Mayra Pulido, a junior at Fresno State, not only sells cosmetics produced by Mary Kay, but uses 10 products every morning before she leaves for school. Pulido, however, is not an uncommon student. From foundation to lipstick, many women use more than six products every day. But are these products safe?

The list of ingredients in these products is hard to pronounce and even harder to understand. When they are tested by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and other non-profit organizations, the results are telling. Lead, animal waste from slaughter houses, and harmful chemicals known to cause cancer have been found in the cosmetic products Americans use every day. Currently the FDA has very little jurisdiction over the contents in these products.

In November 2009, the FDA reported on their website the results of their analysis regarding the findings of lead in lipsticks. The analysis found that in a sample containing 20 brands of lipstick, all of them contain lead. The brands with higher lead levels were Cover Girl, L’Oreal, Body Shop, Maybelline and Revlon. Cover Girl, the brand with the highest level of lead, showed a level of 3.06 ppm (parts per million). This was more than 30 times higher than the least polluted brands that were tested.

According to lead.org.au (Lead Education and Abatement Design group inc.), lead is known to cause learning, behavioral, health problems and sometimes even death. Because lipstick is usually applied several times a day, it is difficult to predict how it might affect each individual.

Animal products are also used in cosmetics, including fish scales, bones, cochineal beetles, whale sperm and other decomposing animal parts. According to EWG, ingredients such as hyaluronic acid (juices from the umbilical cord and the joints), gelatin (boiled animal skins, tendons, and ligaments), and even crushed snails are used as cheaper alternatives to either animal products or derived synthetically, as obtained from mercuric chloride), cochineal (boiled animal skins, tendons, and ligaments), and even crushed snails are used as cheaper alternatives to either animal products or derived synthetically, as obtained from mercuric chloride), cochineal, fish scales or derived synthetically, as obtained from mercuric chloride).

The most popular ingredient is lanolin, which according to safecosmetics.org, is “a fatty substance secreted by sheep.”

The named used in the ingredient list of these products, however, do not always specify the origin of each ingredient. Words like glucosamine, pearl essence (silvery-white substance obtained from the scales of certain fishes or derived synthetically from mercuric chloride), cochineal dye, lanolin, carmine, carminic acid, ambergris and other scientific names are used instead.

“(Often) they don’t use the proper scientific name, which makes reading the label very hard,” said Dr. Melissa L. Golden of the chemistry department at Fresno State. Chemicals that are known to cause cancer are a danger to consumers as well. The European Union currently has stricter laws than the United States. Regardless of the concentration of cancer causing chemicals, European laws acknowledge that “chemicals linked to cancer and birth defects simply don’t belong in cosmetics,” as reported by safecosmetics.org.

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Cheap textbooks now!

A s college students, there is no shortage of things we can protest. Last year alone, students protested cuts in the state’s education budget, student fee increases, even the lack of a 24-hour library. Preposterous though ideas may seem at times, we are an idealistic group of people. This year, it seems we can’t get out droves for Barack Obama—we love ideas like “hope” and “change.” And that’s the very reason we’re disillusioned with him now—he has failed to live up to his promises. We love to see things changed for the better, to right the world’s wrongs. This makes it all the more perplexing that one of the biggest wrongs in the life of a college student is sitting right underneath our noses, and we don’t even smell it. We’re12 of course, about the ridiculous rise of textbook prices.

According to the U.S. Public Interest Research Group (PIRG), a consumer advocacy group, the average college student spends $800 a year on textbooks, roughly one-fifth the cost of attending Fresno State. And this price isn’t necessarily reflecting stagnation. According to a 2008 Washington Post article written by Yael A. Amsel and Susan Kinzie, the price of textbooks rose by an average of 6 percent a year between 1986 and 2004, while inflation rose only 3 percent. In 2008, as any student can attest, and adds next to nothing to our education. A problem that hits closer to home is the problem of bookstores, specifically our own Kennel Bookstore. While Kennel makes everything easier and more convenient—it sells apparel, snacks and supplies along with our books—and can hardly be blamed for the rise in the price of new textbooks; it still has blood on its hands. Why? Its egregious textbook buyback policy.

At Kennel Bookstore, they buy back books from their store for half price. It seems like a deal to the student who bought the book. It’s as if they bought it for only half price. But then the bookstore turns around and sells the book again as used for 75 percent of the original price. This is borderline corrupt. In what other industry can a product increase its value by doing nothing except changing hands? Granted, Kennel is not the only bookstore to engage in practices like these. They even maintain a lower profit margin than other California State University libraries, with 23 percent compared to 25 through 29. But that’s a little like the Baltimore Orioles bragging that their better than the Pittsburgh Pirates—it may be true, but then again, neither are very good. Luckily something can be done. Though publishers may not be motivated to curtail their exorbitant publish- ing practices, our Congress and state legislatures can do something about it. A “Textbook Affordability Act” should be passed that, among other things, forbids a publisher from putting out new editions for a period of time. Five years seems reasonable.

For the Kennel Bookstore, the textbook buyback policy should be more fair. Used books should cost less than the price they paid to buy it back. For the Kennel Bookstore, the textbook buyback policy should be more fair. Used books should cost less than the price they paid to buy it back. Being located on Fresno State’s campus, it has a near monopoly on textbook buying. It has the responsibility to make textbooks affordable for students as it can. It should take that responsibility seriously and fix this policy. Students already have it tough, with rising school fees and a bleak job mar- ket after graduation. We shouldn’t have to empty our wallets for our textbooks too.

COMMENT: The Collegian is a forum for student expression. http://collegian.csufresno.edu

Corrections

In an article that ran on Friday, Aug. 27, on the front-page of The Collegian, Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) was not attributed as being the major sponsor of the Library Laptop Loan Program. An article that ran on Friday, Aug. 27, on page 5 of The Collegian mistakenly said that the magazine “On the Verge” added 30 members to its staff. These students joined a club that promotes the magazine, but are not a part of its staff.

One-Finger Salute

Taco Bell remodel

Reduced wait time and a swankier facility? We can’t wait for November for our favorite campus taco joint. Our very own Taco Bell 2.0 will arrive in November!

Jimmy Fallon hosting the Emmys

Fallon’s opening sequence with the cast of The Office was epic. Who knew he could pull off a decent Bruce Springsteen impersonation?

The persecution of Mary Bale

The lady in the UK who stuck a cat in a dumpster has become an internet villain. We can all agree cruelty to animals is wrong, but Ms. Bale shouldn’t receive death threats because of her actions.

Labor Day weekend

Whether you’re cheering on the ‘Dogs or getting out of town for Labor Day, enjoy your day off!
COSMETICS: Hidden ingredients, hidden risks

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over 30 years. In its long history it has reviewed only 11 percent of the 10,500 cosmetic ingredients that have been catalogued by the FDA. Safecosmetics.org reported that, “89 percent of the ingredients that remain unassessed are used in more than 99 percent of all products on the market.”

The FDA, like other government agencies, has been underfunded and is restricted by laws that have no power. The FDA cannot require the testing of any cosmetic product, or obligate any cosmetic company to report any injuries or deaths caused by their product, and cannot force companies to recall any of their products. The role of the FDA has been limited to observe and comment.

CIR’s industry panel review is limited to advising the industry on ingredients that will minimize instant skin reactions such as rashes and other allergic reactions. Safecosmetics.org reported, “89 percent of ingredients used in cosmetics have not even received a rash and allergy review from the industry panel, let alone a serious assessment of the ingredients’ potential to cause cancer or harm the development of a baby in the womb.”

Many organizations and individuals are currently working to persuade congress to adopt policies similar to Europe’s, that could protect American consumers from hidden ingredients in cosmetics. Their success thus far, however, has been limited. Unless a mass movement begins that demands safe cosmetics, the wait will continue.

Pulido, who owns over 50 cosmetic products believes, like many Americans, that “they should let people know; there should be a safe alternative.”

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CSU releases $75K Palin contract

By Robin Hindery
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A California university on Thursday released Sarah Palin’s contract for a June 25 speech in order to comply with a court order.

California State University, Stanislaus, made the nine-page document public after saying earlier in the day that it did not have a copy.

The school had obtained the contract from its nonprofit foundation arm, which handled the negotiations with the Washington Speakers Bureau and arranged for former Alaska governor’s appearance at a fundraiser.

Stanislaus County Superior Court Judge Roger Beauchesne on Monday ordered CSU to hand over the contract, along with other documents related to Palin’s June 25 appearance at the university’s Turlock campus.

The open-government group Californians Aware had filed a lawsuit in April accusing the university of violating its disclosure obligations under the California Public Records Act.

The contract, dated March 16, includes Palin’s $75,000 speaking fee, and details surrounding the contract, including the document made public in July. Other requests include first-class airline tickets for two from Anchorage to California — if she flies commercial. If not, "the private aircraft MUST BE a Lear 60 or larger ..." the contract specified.

The contract also said Palin may keep her private plane with a suite and two single rooms in a deluxe hotel near the Central Valley campus. During her speech, her lectern must be "stocked with two unopened straws."

The contract, dated March 16.

The university has said all negotiations surrounding the event fell to its foundation, which is not subject to the same public records requirements that apply to California’s higher education institutions. The judge did not dispute that claim, but said CSU’s use of the contract as part of the public record and subject to disclosure. He did not specify what he meant by "use."

Thursday marked the first time the full contract had been released. Five pages detailing Palin’s transportation, accommodation and other demands appeared to be identical to a document Stanford Stanislaus students claimed to have pulled from a campus trash bin in April. That document was dated March 30.

At the time, university president Hamid Shirvani confirmed the document was stolen from a recycling bin in a campus administration office.

The incident prompted an investigation by the state attorney general’s office, which also examined the foundation’s finances. The judge also imposed a gag order on stories appearing to be identical to a document Stanford students said they had stolen from a recycling bin in a campus administration office.

The AASM suggests reading a book or magazine, listening to soft music or something else that will relax your body.

The AASM recommends not drinking alcohol or exercising within six hours of your bedtime. Avoiding these two things can help you fall asleep faster because your body and mind won’t be pumped up. Exercising before bedtime will give you more energy and

Sleep: Students are deprived

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around the clock. It’s very important for students to practice good sleep hygiene," said Varmo.

The AASM defines good hygiene as "anything that helps you to have a healthy life."

Practicing good sleep hygiene is performing habits to help you sleep better throughout the night without waking up. For example, don’t have any caffeine after lunch and don’t go to bed hungry. Don’t eat a big meal before bedtime either.

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One habit that can be tough to maintain is waking up at the same time every morning, even on the weekends and holidays. The AASM also recommends keeping a regular schedule to "keep the inner body clock running smoothly."

"Best thing a student can do is make sleep a priority," said Varmo. "It’s not always easy."

College life can be tough for any student, but hanging in there Endless nights of studying and doing homework will be worth it when graduation day rolls around. Until then, rest up when and where you can.
Back to school, back to shows

New TV shows, as well as old favorites, rule the small screen this fall.

By Maddie Shannon

Bring on the serial killers, the Gleeks, the bleeding rich boys and William Shatner, who all usher in this season’s line-up, ahem, this season’s fall TV lineup.

The first of the fall season’s TV shows start Sept. 7.

The new season is bringing back old cable television shows after several years of being off-the-air, such as Hawaii Five-0 on CBS.

Highly acclaimed new shows, such as HBO’s Boardwalk Empire, also hit the small screen this season.

The new favorites

Hellcats (The CW)
Synopsis: Marti Perkins, played by Aly Michalka, competes for a spot on the Lancer University cheer squad, which comes with a scholarship. However, there are strings attached: With the position on the squad comes drama galore from Marti’s new roommate, Savannah Monroe.
Stars: Ashley Tisdale, Aly Michalka, Heather Hemmens, Robbie Jones and Matt Barr.
Why you should watch: The dancing is fun to watch, and Michalka, known for her stint as a Disney kid, is a surprisingly good actress.
Premiere: Wednesday, Sept. 8, 9/8c

Better with You (ABC)
Synopsis: A family of four, including two grown daughters, navigate the ins and outs of one sister getting engaged to her boyfriend of seven weeks at the dismay of her sister, a career-savvy attorney.
Stars: Joanna Garcia, Jennifer Finnigan, Josh Cooke, Jake Lacey, Kurt Fuller and Debra Jo Rupp.
Why you should watch: The relationship between Mia, the carefree sister, and Maddie, the high-powered attorney, makes for some good laughs, especially when Mia announces she’s married and pregnant. The boyfriends’ interaction with Mia and Maddie’s parents are funny as well.
Premiere: Wednesday, Sept. 22, 8/7c

Lone Star (FOX)
Synopsis: A Texas con man and oil executive leads a double life as he tries to balance his career, his wife in Houston, and get your discount today!
California State University-Fresno students
please see your discount today!
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**The daily crossword**

**ACROSS**

1. I get clothes, for a soldier.
6. Gift from a teacher’s pet.
14. Religion with five pillars.
15. Relax.
17. That battled Jim Crow laws.
18. Posted signs.
22. Riverbank steps in India.
23. Command to Rover.
28. “... a pocket full of ___”
29. Riverbank steps in India.
30. “... your seatbelts”
31. Place for a race car.
32. Middle of an animated query.
34. Capt.'s subordinates.
43. In ___ (harmonious).
44. Charge, as a fine.
45. Hasty drawing.
48. Gift from a teacher’s pet.
50. Challenge harshly.
51. Make ___ for it (flee).
52. Yahtzee equipment.
53. Airline employee.
55. Add spirits to the punch.
56. “Nay” and “uh-uh”
58. Zodiac butter.
59. Bronx.
60. Dangerous fish.
61. Desire intensely.
62. Ginger. (food choice)
63. Complicated, as a divorce.
64. Gives assistance.
DOW
1. “Laugh-In”-era skirt.
2. Adbr. on a B-52
3. Critize harshly.
4. Tasting current.
5. Canina snack.
7. Aristotle’s A.
8. Hits a high point.
9. Member of the lowest.
10. Big Band, for one.
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14. 90’s, 90s.
15. Whirling current.
16. Address the convention.
17. Soldier.
22. Title for a Crown.
23. In ___ (harmonious).
25. What a student crams for.
26. Some cured meats.
27. Large flightless bird.
28. Train again.
29. Hole-punching tool.
30. “That’s all ___!”
31. Sunbathing result.
32. Three-toed bird.
33. A billion years, geologically.
34. Filthy ___ (riches).
35. Hot air balloon.
36. Chests.
37. Religion with five pillars.
38. Three-toed bird.
39. British megacity.
40. Americas.
41. Relics.
42. Blows your horn.
43. Club ___ (resort).
44. Charge, as a fine.
45. Inter___ (among other things).
46. Spelled.
47. Make ___ for it (flee).
48. End of an animated query.
49. Dried-root candies.
50. From.
51. Postman.
52. A billion years, geologically.
53. Sunbathing result.
54. Hindu caste.
55. Museum.
56. “Nay” and “uh-uh”.
57. Hooded (bird).
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**Puzzle Solution:** http://collegian.csufresno.edu

**Suduko**

8 6 4 2 1
9 1 9 2 3
7 8 1 4 5
4 5 2 8 1
9 1 4 2 5
2 3 9 7 1
5 3 4 8 7
6 2 9 1 8
8 5 3 7 6

Complete the puzzle so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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**Word of the Day**

Half and half and half
A type of coffee so diluted by sugar, cream or milk that it no longer tastes like coffee, instead like milk and sugar, and has a beige or light brown color to it. The drink is typically concocted by those who want to appear as if they are drinking coffee but despise the taste.

**Upcoming Events**

40 Watt Hype @ The Pit TODAY 12 p.m.

**TV: New and old favorites hit the small screen**

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and his girlfriend in Madison, all while hiding his secrets from his father-in-law.

**My Generation (ABC)**

Synopsis: In Texas, a group of high school students are filmed by a documentary camera crew during graduation season, and the same camera crew follows up with the group 10 years later.

**Stars:** Mark Deklin, Bryce Johnson, David Keith, Kevin Machete, Eloise Mumford, Adrienne Palicki and Jon Voight.

Why you should watch: A rich oil executive who leads a diverse company in Mumbai, India, American businessman, tries to bring a new flame, and Camille makes headlines, which brings the crew back together.

**Premiere:** Thursday, Sept. 23, 8/7c

**Stills:**

**My Dad Says (CBS)**

Synopsis: This Twitter-feed sensation turned TV show stars William Shatner, whose character, Ed picks on his son to the amusement of the audience.

**Stars:** William Shatner, Jonathan Sadowski, Will Sasso and Nicole Sullivan.

Why you should watch: Nikita’s descent into rogue status begins with a twist.

**Premiere:** Thursday, Sept. 9th, 9/8c

**Outsourced (NBC)**

Synopsis: Todd Dempsey, an American businessman, tries to manage a call center for a company in Bombay, India, and learns about Indian culture as his employees learn about American culture.

**Stars:** Ben Rappaport, Diedrich Bader, Parvesh Cheena, Fippa Black, Rebecca Hazlewood, Rizwan Manji, Anisha Nagarajan and Sachi Dhawan.

Why you should watch: People from two cultures trying to understand one another brings up good points and life lessons.

**Premiere:** Thursday, Sept. 16, 9/8c

**Smallville (The CW)**

Last season: Clark threw 20 off the face of the earth right before Lois found out about Clark’s superpowers. Oliver was kidnapped by agents of Darkseid, a power that Clark fights in the upcoming season.

This season: Expect this to be the last season premier of Smallville, bringing about Clark’s transformation into Superman and, finally, the first appearance of the blue and red suit on the show.

**Premiere:** Friday, Sept. 24, 8/7c

**Bones (FOX)**

Last season: Bones leaves work for a year to do research, and Booth ships off to Afghanistan.

This season: Booth’s got a new flame, and Camille makes headlines, which brings the crew back together.

**Premiere:** Thursday, Sept. 23, 8/7c

**Glee (FOX)**

Last season: New Directions loses sections to a powerful rendition of “Bohemian Rhapsody” by a rival school’s glee club, Vocal Adrenaline. Shelby adopts Quinn’s baby.

This season: A Britney Spears-themed episode opens the beginning of the season, and John Stamos competes with Will for Emma. This season: Tuesday, Sept. 21, 8/7c

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**Smallville (The CW)**

Last season: Clark in the face of the earth right before Lois found out about Clark’s superpowers. Oliver was kidnapped by agents of Darkseid, a power that Clark fights in the upcoming season.

This season: Expect this to be the last season premier of Smallville, bringing about Clark’s transformation into Superman and, finally, the first appearance of the blue and red suit on the show.

**Premiere:** Friday, Sept. 24, 8/7c

**The Office (NBC)**

Last season: Dunder Mifflin squeaks its way out of a bad PR situation, and Holly gets transferred to the Scranton office.

This season: Steve Carell’s last season on the show is sure to bring a good round of inappropriate jokes, awkward stares between Jim and the camera and the usual office insanity.

**Premiere:** Thursday, Sept. 23, 9/8c
With the season opener against Cincinnati less than a week away, the Fresno State football team has been preparing extensively for their Big East foe. Fall camp came to a close when school began last week, but game planning for the Bearcats is in full swing.

The Bulldogs held their mock game on Saturday by going through a game-day schedule to help familiarize players for the routines and rituals on game days.

This season the ‘Dogs are returning 17 total starters: Eight on offense, eight on defense and kicker Kevin Goessling on special teams. But more importantly, Fresno State returns Jeff Grady, its offensive coordinator. This will be the first time in five years that the ‘Dogs have been able to retain its offensive play caller.

With Grady back, expect big things from the quarterback position. Leading the ‘Dogs on offense will be Manning Award candidate Ryan Colburn. The senior quarterback will be asked to air it out much more often in 2010, especially with the loss of last season’s leading rusher Ryan Mathews to the NFL.

Colburn went through growing pains last season as a first-time starter, throwing seven interceptions in his first four starts. However, as the season progressed, Colburn’s play improved steadily.

“The last seven games of the year, he was amongst the best in the country as far as passing percentage,” head coach Pat Hill said of Colburn. “He threw it over 62 percent. He played very well down the stretch. I think he’s an outstanding quarterback.”

In Colburn’s last nine starts, he completed over 66 percent of his passes with 131 completions on 197 attempts. Colburn’s touchdown-to-interception ratio also improved during that span, throwing for 12 touchdowns and only four interceptions.

Assisting Colburn on offense will be Devon Wylie and Jamel Hamler, last year’s No. 2 receiver, and senior Vince Pascoe. Pascoe started 12 games last year from his tight end position. He is third among returning receivers, behind only Hamler and Wylie, with six catches for 52 yards.

On defense, the ‘Dogs return three seniors on the line in defensive ends Chris Carter and Chris Lewis, along with defensive tackle Cornell Banks. Junior Chase McEntee will return as the starter at the nose tackle position. The starting four combined to record 116 tackles, 23.5 tackles for losses, six sacks, three forced fumbles and one interception. Also looking to make an impact on the defensive line is sophomore Anthony Williams. Williams improved his strength and physique in the off-season. Hill said that the sophomore set an all-time bench press record at Fresno State in the summer by lifting 470 pounds.

“Toughest hitter on the team—it’s got to be Lorne Bell,” Brown said. “Definitely, he’ll knock your head off.”
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