Mothers protest Diablo Canyon license renewal

Alicia Freeman

A local activist group, Mothers for Peace (MFP), led a rally aimed to shut down Diablo Nuclear Power Plant at the Avila Pier on April 16.

Amidst normal beachgoers enjoying the sun, warmth and even a wedding, the group of rally participants crowded around a makeshift stage, outfitted with speakers and microphones on the sidewalk and beach in Avila.

The protesters' signs read, "Fukushina Dai-ich is Japanese for Diablo" and "Children Not Chernobyl." The rally members peacefully protested Pacific Gas & Electric's (PG&E) attempt and "Children Not Chernobyl." The rally members peacefully protested Pacific Gas & Electric's (PG&E) attempt and Diablo's licensing by filing to become an intervenor — a group who isn't directly involved with an organization but has been granted permission by the court to legally give their input on judicial matters.

Dan Roser, a longtime advocate against nuclear power, said although some of his family members work at the plant, he still wants it to be shut down. Roser said he also participated in a 1974 MFP rally, at which he was arrested.

"One of my best life experiences was getting arrested," Roser said. "I don't believe in nuclear power, never have."

MFP is a nonprofit organization that began in 1969 after a mother expressed her disinterest for the Vietnam War. In 1973, the group became more centered against nuclear power and Diablo's licensing by filing to become an intervenor — a group who isn't directly involved with an organization but has been granted permission by the court to legally give their input on judicial matters.

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go with an open mind, he said, because "to know how food is produced, will help maintain food independence." The public is invited to a free show-
ing of "Food, Inc." today at 7 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. The showing is "to get the bullet points out there and spark interest," said Ryan McLeod, a computer science sophomore and club member.

Tuesday morning before the scheduled event, Salatin will tour the campus led by animal science professor Rob Rutherford. Ruther-
ford said he would describe Salatin as a preacher; and, according to the Polyface, Inc. website, Salatin considers himself one, too.

"I hope he will stimulate a spirit that it's OK to be a farmer," Ruther-
don said. "It's truly noble for people to produce food."

After the tour, Salatin will speak in the Mustangs, holistic manage-
ment class. Since modern agricult-
ure is a highly regulated business, Salatin offers a fresh look at where we can head as far as feeding our civilization, Rutherford said.

In fact, Rutherford said he predicted Salatin will make a case about estab-
lished, pending and forthcoming regulations and its impact on family farmers. Fam-
ily farmers may be driven out of business because we over-regulate ourselves, Rutherford said.

After the keynote speech, another forum for students will run from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

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"The filing period for All Elections has ended. See below for a list of candidates that are running in the elections on campus and the offices they are running for. You can vote online, in person, if you are student, staff, or faculty member."

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Anti-nuclear power advocate

Protesters denounced the possible Diablo Canyon license renewal citing questionable safety. "Anything that is not insurable — and nuclear power is not insurable — is not safe," local Betty Faas said. "We can't afford the long-term cost, period."

With the proximity of Diablo to the Cal Poly campus, Swanson said students should be aware of its dangers and even participate in the action against nuclear power. She said MTF is happy to present information to campus club for those wishing to know more about its efforts.

Arefberg said another concern for college students and San Luis Obispo residents is the lack of evacuation planning for those near the plant.

The plant says to stay on site, but plastic ducts around the windows and stay there until you die," Arefberg said. "But there's no way to evacuate this community. Some might be able to get out to Highway 1, but Highway 1 is closed."

Swanson said it was happy people of different ages and sexes attended the rally, because it showed the yearn-
ing for safer, more renewable energy. "As it wind and solar stretches across generations. Also, she said all the par-
ticipants were "incredible. No matter the gender or "biology," because of their values — caring, nurturing, and working to provide a safe environment for future generations."

As for PG&E's plans to renew the license, it was agreed to delay the renewal until seismic tests are done; however, PG&E will still pursue a renewal. Max said the company is doing the renewal and seismic stud-
ies concurrently. Yet, if the studies prove Diablo is unsafe, Max said the hopes PG&E and Diablo ofi-
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— Liz Arefberg
Mothers For Peace member

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State

STOCKTON (MCT) — Green policies have county agencies buying more recycled prod­ucts, opting to use less paper and working together to come up with ways to increase eco-friendly prac­tices, according to the second an­nual report from the San Joaquin County Green Committee report.

And the efforts are saving county government hundreds of thou­sands of dollars, according to the report presented to the Board of Supervisors.

"It's been proven in dollars and cents that it makes sense to do this," board Chairman Larry Ruh­staller said.

The report, covering 2010, showed significant achievements, Purchasing Director David Louis said. The solar panels atop the county's Agricultural Center and Administration Building reduce greenhouse gases to the tune of 66 tons of CO2, and is the equivalent of planting 2,650 trees or not dri­ving 225,000 miles, Louis said.

Use of recycled office supplies has been increasing, climbing from 12 percent in 2006 to 30 percent of total dollars spent on supplies in 2010. Buying the recycled products in 2010 is estimated as $72,000, he said.

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DAVIS (MCT) — The former head of anti-violence efforts at the University of Cali­fornia, Davis, pleaded no contest Thursday to two felony charges of embezzlement and falsifying, he said.

Jennifer Beeman, the veteran director of UC Davis' Campus Violence Prevention Program, en­tered a plea agreement with prose­cutors to them rather than simply han­dling cases as disciplinary matters at the local level.

In one of the deadliest days for for­eign forces in Afghanistan this year, eight NATO troops were killed in three separate incidents Saturday, authorities said. Three died in two separate attacks in the south, according to NATO statements. The nationalities of those killed were not immediately released.

Earlier in the day, five NATO service members and four Afghan soldiers were killed in a suicide attack by a Taliban bomber who dressed like an Afghan soldier to infiltrate a joint Afghan-U.S. base on the edge of the eastern province of Logar.

A Taliban spokesman has said the group plans to target Afghan offi­cials, including security forces, allied with NATO and the U.S. A senior U.S. military official Sunday said infiltration by Taliban agents in the security forces is a con­cern, but insurgents do not appear to be pursuing it as a strategy of late to the same extent as car bombs, suicide bombs and assassinations.

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International

YESEN (MCT) — Protestors calling for the resigna­tion of President Ali Abdullah Saleh gathered across Yemen on Sunday while opposition officials met with Gulf mediators in neigh­boring Saudi Arabia to seek a way out of the political crisis.

At least 40 people were injured in clashes between anti-government protesters and Saleh supporters in the central city of Zamalkh.

Meanwhile, a delegation from the Joint Meeting Parties, a grouping of the Yemeni political opposition, held talks with the foreign ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The talks aim to create a compre­hensive plan, Joint Meeting Parties Chairman Yasin Saeed Numan said late Saturday.

The Gulf Cooperation Council previously announced an initiative to call for Saleh to transfer his pow­ers to his deputy, raising concerns about the anti-regime protesters and the opposition that the president might remain in office, even if only as a figurehead. At least 100 people have been killed and thousands in­jured since Yemen's youth-led upris­ing started in mid-February against Saleh's 32-year rule.

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Precautions taken against air traffic controller fatigue

Christi Parsons

TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU

Federal officials moved on Satur­day to address the problem of air traffic controller fatigue and an­nounced they will adjust workers' schedules after another controller fell asleep on duty, this time at a center handling high-altitude air traffic near Miami.

The latest incident came to light when one controller reported that a co-worker was asleep on duty Sat­urday. A preliminary review showed that the sleeping controller did not miss any calls from pilots.

But the incident — the seventh reported to the Federal Aviation Ad­ministration this year — highlighted the urgency of the over issue.

"We are taking swift action to ensure the safety of our aviation sys­tem," Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said in a press state­ment. "There is no excuse for air traffic controllers to be sleeping on the job. We will do everything we can to put an end to this."

FAA Administrator Randy Bab­bit said that the agency will change scheduling practices that most like­ly promote fatigue. He didn't say what those changes were but that they will take effect within three days.

"We know we will need to do more," he said in a statement. "This is just the beginning."

The agency brought the issue to the forefront in March by ordering that officials around the country report instances of sleeping control­lers to them rather than simply han­dling cases as disciplinary matters at the local level.

In one case, a medical flight was unable to contact a lone control­ler working the overnight shift at the Reno airport. The plane landed safely with help from controllers at a regional radar facility. When a single controller at Reagan Nation­al Airport in Washington, D.C., fell asleep last month and could not assist two jetliners that safely landed, the FAA launched its re­view of the system.

The FAA has since placed an ad­ditional air traffic controller on the midnight shift at airport control towers and other facilities around the country previously staffed by only one controller during that pe­riod. Last week, the head of the FAA Air Traffic Organization turned in his resignation.

On Monday, Babbit is sched­uled to visit facilities around the country to speak with controllers and their managers about profes­sional standards.

Despite the tweaks already made, federal officials and aviation experts say systemic changes are needed. Babbit has ordered what he called a "top to bottom" review of the entire air traffic system.

Agency officials say they are work­ing with the National Air Traffic Controllers Union to address ques­tions of controller safety.

Fatigue is a persistent problem, said Babbit, who has remained a security consultant, because air traffic control is neces­sary around the clock and can't be performed by computers.

"It's a job that has to involve a human, because it requires judg­ment," said Ramis Pouvreymout, a retired United Airlines captain and aviation safety consultant. "But hu­man beings get sleepy at night, un­less they are very well-rested and have a back-up system for those times when they are not alert."
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PG&E safety records to be questioned

Steve Johnson
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

As controversy rages over a proposed $3 million fine for failing to give state regulators pipeline-safety documents on time, California utility company PG&E on Monday will face its first key deadline in a potentially far more punitive state probe — examining whether its record-keeping practices contributed to September’s natural gas explosion and other pipeline hazards.

This broader record-keeping inquiry will consider whether the utility’s missing, or otherwise hard-to-locate records violated the law and hurt the safety of its vast network of gas pipes. It’s likely PG&E will be found guilty and potentially fined $400 million or more, according to a report Friday by Bernstein Research, which does detailed financial analysis of utilities.

"The fact that they knew so little about their gas transmission lines strikes many of us as a risk," said Paul Clanon, executive director of the California Public Utilities Commission, which launched the record-keeping investigation in February. Noting that the probe will likely take months to conclude, $3 million added, "It will be a very litigated process. The potential fines could be very significant. PG&E will certainly put up a fight."

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Cuban oil drilling plans worries US officials

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MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Less than 75 miles off the Florida Keys, Cuba’s plan to explore for oil and gas resources in water even deeper than BP’s Deepwater Horizon oil well has some U.S. officials on alert.

The U.S. already has frosty relations with its Cold War adversary and U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar acknowledged this past week that Cuba’s oil and gas exploration are an “issue of concern.”

“We’re watching it closely,” Salazar said. “Obviously, because it’s located 60 miles off the coast of Florida… it’s an issue that we’re monitoring carefully.”

Cuba is eager to explore new options for energy sources off its coast near Havana.

The Spanish energy giant Repsol, which drilled an exploratory oil well in 2004, is expected to drill another five to seven such wells as soon as this fall, said Jorge Pinon, an energy expert and a visiting research fellow at the Cuban Research Institute at Florida International University.

Pinon, who attended an oil and gas conference in Havana last week, said the Cuban government is cognizant of its touristic-dependency economy and is reviewing everything it’s learned from the Deepwater Horizon.

But he acknowledged the country doesn’t have the assets to respond to a spill like the one in the Gulf of Mexico.

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The U.S. and Mexico — which share ownership of the Gulf of Mexico with Cuba — have been meeting to strengthen the standards for oil drilling in the Gulf, but Cuba hasn’t been a part of these talks.

The U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement has talked with Repsol about its plans for oil drilling in Cuba, but agency director Michael Bromwich says it won’t be available because we haven’t been meeting to strengthen theembargo.

Aside from the “seamless” mistake, the investigation will likely focus on PG&E’s recent difficulties in locating records to justify its pipeline pressure levels. PG&E said it has so far found pressure-test records for about a third of its 1,805 miles of urban pipes that were subject to the records request.

PG&E has argued that it wasn’t required to keep records when it installed many of its older pipes. But a 1979 federal law required extensive documentation on pipes built since then. And the commission has said it is especially critical that PG&E provide complete files for 7 percent of the urban pipes installed after that date. In addition, the commission must determine whether the general condition of PG&E’s records violates laws requiring it to run a safe pipeline network.

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the Houston Chronicle quoted Bromwich as saying recently on a conference call.

“That would certainly be desirable, but finding the mechanism to do that is tricky and needs to be explored further.”

The presidential commission that investigated last year’s BP spill recommended that Cuba and the U.S. come together to talk about oil drilling. A spokesman for the State Department says that it hasn’t yet held any discussions with the Cuban government on the possibility of oil exploration.

“We however, any company operating within Cuba’s oil and gas sector to adhere to all the industry environmental, health, safety standards and to have adequate prevention, mitigation, and remediation systems in place in the event of an incident,” spokesman Charles Luoma-Overstreet said.

“We will pursue activities that are within our legal authority, in order to minimize the risks posed to U.S. territory.”

Critics of further engagement with Cuba argue that Cuba has proposed offshore oil drilling for the Gulf of Mexico with the U.S. without delivering on the promise.

“We’ve seen this dog-and-pony show for 10 years and the fact remains that there’s no drilling,” said Maclver-Carone, the director of a leading pro-embargo lobby called the U.S. Cuba Democracy political action committee.

He contends that the plans are part of a propaganda campaign by the Cuban regime to attract investors and to secure the oil industry’s support for joining the lobbying effort against the embargo.

The embargo has already affected Cuba’s operations: the country sold a rig that didn’t violate the U.S. law that prevents vessels with more than 10 percent of U.S.-made parts from operating inside Cuba.

Claver-Carone suggested that if the oil rig — which is now located in Singapore — approaches Cuba, there would be time for Congress to make it even more difficult and expensive for Repsol to proceed with its plan.

Some Florida lawmakers have already filed legislation aiming to block Cuba’s actions by making it more difficult for foreign oil companies to do business in that area of ocean.

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Little overall progress made in Libya

"We expected Kadafi to quickly fold his tent and go somewhere else," said Barso, a senior fellow at the Center for New American Security, a Washington-based think tank. "But the Libyan forces quickly adapted to the airstrikes by becoming very quickly like civilians."

French President Nicolas Sarkozy and British Prime Minister David Cameron, who led the charge within NATO to launch the air campaign in Libya, argued last week that the alliance needs to step up the attacks to fulfill the United Nations mandate to protect civilians. But winning agreement to escalate the intervention could further divide the already badly split alliance.

The U.S. military moved into a support role early this month, and Obama has given no indication U.S. warplanes will start flying combat missions again. If Washington isn't willing to escalate, few alliance members may be eager to do so either. Adm. James Stavridis, the U.S. commander of NATO, has appealed to NATO members for additional ground attack planes.

Obama's decision to limit the U.S. military role left NATO without a A-10 Thunderbolt II or AC-130 Spectre gunships, U.S. planes that are designed for close air support of ground troops and precise attacks against ground targets.

The U.S. is leading A-10s and other strike aircraft on standby in case of emergency. But bringing the planes back on standby will take time, the NATO officer said.

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Gadafli's tanks and artillery no longer threaten the de facto rebel capital of Benghazi in eastern Libya, and Gadafli's combat aircraft and helicopter gunships are grounded. But the disorganized rebel forces are still outnumbered and outnumbered by Libyan army units, which show no sign of giving up. Nor do Gadafli or his regime.

Gadafli has intensified his counteroffensive in recent days. Human rights groups accused Gadafli's military of using cluster bombs and truck-mounted Grad rockets to bombard residential areas of Misrata, the only city in western Libya still in rebel hands.

"We rushed into this without a plan," said David Barso, a retired Army general who once commanded Libya's military equipment at the 32nd Brigade, an elite unit led by a tribal-based society. But those gains have not shifted the balance of military or political power on the ground.

The mohed rebel forces that emerged in mid-February to challenge Gadafli's 40-year rule have proven surprisingly inert on the battlefield. Nor have Gadafli's military commanders or key units defected to the rebel side, as some European officials had hoped.

"We do believe he is having trouble in being able to mount a sustained campaign," said the U.S. official, speaking anonymously because he was discussing intelligence estimates. "That said, he is still much better organized than the rebels and still has the upper hand."

In some ways, Kadafi's forces have proved surprisingly adept. Instead of using armored troop carriers that attract attention from surveillance aircraft, they have camouflaged troop movements by relying on the same kind of battered pick-up trucks that the rebels use, even disguising the vehicles with the opposition flag.

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Music students rock out for at-risk youths

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"This is kind of an exam for them," Clarke said. "It makes up one of the modules of their diploma." Performers will be videotaped and graded based on showmanship, music excellence and songwriting. Although the concert functions as an educational and charity event, it will be an exciting night, Clarke said. "It's not going to feel like a fundraiser," she said. "It's going to feel like a show."

Approximately 20 musicians will play a mix of original and cover songs. Some of the performers are as young as 14 or 15 years old. Cuesta College student Bentley Murdock is in MMA's Artist Development Program and will perform two original songs at the event.

"We know this is our crowning moment," Murdock said. "We're pitching our music to people who've never heard it before."

The Artist Development Program is the more advanced of the academy's two courses — the other is the Professional Music Foundation Program. The curriculum for these courses comes from the Academy of Contemporary Music in London (ACM).

"It's one of the most prestigious music schools in the world," Murdock said. "No other school in America is allowed to use ACM's programs, Clarke said. Diplomas from ACM are industry qualifications, which are not considered accredited in the U.S. However, MMA students receive technical training for a career in the music business. By the time they graduate, students have developed an online presence, created a press kit and recorded original songs to promote themselves as artists. "They have a really good way of helping people solidify what they want to become," Murdock said.

Despite the fact that some schools have canceled music programs for budget reasons, creative outlets are needed in schools to teach kids about themselves and inspire, he said.

Barbara Gorin, the Guitars Not Guns vice president of fundraising and public relations, said the organization provides guitar lessons to kids who would not have a creative outlet otherwise.

"Their mother could be a drug addict in rehab, their father could be locked up in jail," Gorin said. "We're giving kids an alternative to destructive behavior."

The beneficiary of the Big Benevolent Bash offers an eight-week program for foster care, at-risk and needy kids, ranging from ages eight to 18. They are given a guitar to practice basic techniques with a volunteer instructor for an hour each week. If they complete the program, they are allowed to keep the guitar.

"It's a happy time — that one hour," Gorin said. "It gives them a sense of accomplishment. They leave the class having learned chords, having learned songs."

Exceptional students are also considered for a sponsored education at MMA.

"They have a really good way of motivating kids and giving them a sense of hope," Gorin said. "We've got kids who've never heard it before."
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Freshman finds imperfections make for the perfect adventure

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"This is a story we'll tell our grand-kids about, well, at least our grand-WOWies." I told my two friends at 2 a.m. as we sat in my car in a foreign city with a mysterious bra in my trunk.

But how did we end up sleeping in my car 300 miles from home after one of the greatest nights of my life? Note: it had nothing to do with the bra) and arrived at UCSD to meet our favorite band, the Black Keys, was playing a holiday show.

We struggled through back-up Santa Barbara only to hit Los Angeles traffic. — I was not aware that 9 p.m. on a Friday night was a prime time for rush hour. Nonetheless, I barrelled down the 405, pulled up outside my friend's house (as she picked up her laundry, a bra was left behind — my apologies if you were reading as hear about the bra) and arrived at UCSD to meet up with another friend a day before the concert.

We made plans to stay at his house in Corona the night after the concert and bighalled it up the freeway. The next night we packed out to The Black Keys and made fun of Tokyo Police Club and Sleigh Bells and their poor excuse for music for music before heading north.

We are some delicious In-N-Out Burger, reminiscences and blazed loud music to keep us awake (it was now 1 a.m.) all the while texting our friend whereabouts. "Thirty minutes out, 15 minutes, be there in five."

But the closer we came to our friend’s house, the less texts we received. Pulling up into the drive-way, we saw all the lights were out and a quick check at the door revealed that no one was in the house, so we retreated to the car.

After 10 anxious minutes and five or six phone calls, we admitted defeat. Our friend fell asleep minutes out to The Black Keys and made fun of Tokyo Police Club and Sleigh Bells and their poor excuse for music before heading north.

With drooped heads we shuffled back to our car thinking about how our best laid plans had come crashing down upon us.

Inside the car we drifted off to sleep in the sweaty T-shirts we had picked up at the concert while coming up with some of the most ingenious and profane commentary on our sleeping beauty friend — most of which I have blocked from memory. Sometime later, around 7 a.m., our phones went haywire.

Having awoken from his slumber, our friend raced to find out where we were — which was about twenty yards away from his house. Greggory and still pissed off, the group staggered inside and crashed on the nearest soft piece of furniture we could find, too tired to scold our asphamed friend.

In any case, we gave him enough crap about it to last a lifetime (see: this column).

Thankfully last weekend my friend had a chance to redeem himself as 10 of us headed north to catch the final game of the Giants' opening series against my team, the St. Louis Cardinals.

This road trip pitted a mini-van full of six women and one guy (shout out to Alan for getting through the weekend) as well as a Subaru with sleeping beauty, myself and another friend. The trip to The Bay was uneventful. Other than spotting a half-finished Sleigh Bells and their poor excuse for music before heading north.

As the San Francisco freeways conspired to trap us in the city limits, I assume this is to honk the city and get people high), the two cars naturally split up before the on-ramp to the 101. Though, being guys and having no sense of direction, we turned to our phones to guide us out of the horrendous traf-fic while the females directed (and redirected Alan).

By the time we got back to San Luis Obispo, our superb man-skills evolved, turned a 45-minute lead over the minivan. Though I must say, the cop who pulled over the minivan, and asked the driver if she had been drinking (though she has never been drunk in her life) might have slowed them down a bit.

I do not know when our next adventure will come, but I do know that I'm still in search of the perfect road trip. But, on second thought, maybe imperfection is exactly what makes road trips perfect.

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Conservatives and their Planned Parenthood lies

Leonard Pitts Jr. is a columnist for the Miami Herald.

"If you want an abortion, you go to Planned Parenthood. And that's well over 90 percent of what Planned Parenthood does." — Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., April 8, 2011.

(The statistic Kyl used was not intended to be a factual statement.)... Statement from Kyl's office to CNN, later that day.

Actually, about 3 percent of Planned Parenthood's services are abortion-related. The overwhelming majority of the organization's work involves cancer screenings, contraception and treatments for sexually transmitted diseases. Granted, the 3 percent figure is self-reported and Politifact, the non-partisan, Pulitzer Prize-winning fact-checking website, suggests it could muddle higher depending on how you crunch the numbers. But it also rules that Kyl "easily overstated" the organization's involvement in abortions. In other words, he lied.

Conservatives seem to do that as an awful lot.

No, the capacity for mendacity is not exclusive to any party or ideology. Yes, Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and Harry Reid have all, at one point or another, said at variance with the truth. But when it comes to serial lying, to the biggest, most brazen, most audacious lies, the lies repeated ad nauseam until people mistake them for truth, when it comes to the most absolute contempt for the facts and for the necessity of honest debate, it's not even close. Conservatives have no equal.

Consider Politifact has six categories for judging veracity. A statement must be either, truly, mostly true, barely true, false, or "Pants On Fire," after the old schoolyard taunt that begins "Liars Liars!" Politifact uses this designation for statements that are not only untrue but also make some "ridiculous claim."

I reviewed 100 such statements on Politifact's website. By my count, of the 70 that originated with an identifiable individual or group (as opposed to a chain or email or miscellaneous source), 61 were from the political right. That includes Rush Limbaugh saying President Obama is going to take away your right to fish. Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer saying these beheaded bodies are being found in the desert, Sarah Palin claiming death panels will stalk the elderly — 90 percent of the most audacious lies coming from conservatives.

And that wool is used advisedly here. There is little that is truly conservative about what we are seeing. No, this is extremism, true believers so rigidly committed to their ideological crusades that they feel justified in vandalizing reason and sacrificing integrity in furthering their cause. The end justifies any means. So, is it the case with Jon Kyl, if you can't prove your point with the facts at hand, make up facts and prove it with those.

I apologize for making assumptions about (Matt) without knowing you. I envisioned you to be completely insufferable, which is unfair. However, I was not saying that technical disciplines are robotic. I only meant that, to me, they seem to have more clear cut answers. Since your discipline also "requires a lot at least as much creativity and abstract thought as any other," you must know that it is difficult to come up with those ideas sometimes. Because many areas of liberal arts offer so few high profile, famous superstars, we must prove ourselves above and beyond others in order to garner praise and success, and that engenders extreme pressure, just as you probably feel excessive pressure in your field. Both your major and yours are difficult, but in completely different ways. You may disagree with the previous point, but I respect your major just as I respect mine, and find no use in comparing them. But that's just me.

— Debbie

In response to "Majority/minority making students feel special"

Well I was going to say everything that John said, but he beat me to it. I want to take away your right to fish. Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer saying these beheaded bodies are being found in the desert, Sarah Palin claiming death panels will stalk the elderly — 90 percent of the most audacious lies coming from conservatives.

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— Matt

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I feel that I am uniquely qualified to comment on this: I hold a degree from the Cal Poly College of Engineering (B.S.) as well as a master's degree in the social sciences from a well known, Ivy League university (A.M.). While my experience is, of course, anecdotal, I can certainly vouch for the ease of my social science degree versus that of my engineering degree.

In addition, there is an old phrase that goes something like, "I don't need a weatherman to tell me when it's raining." I think that applies here quite well: the soft sciences simply are not as difficult as the hard sciences, and it doesn't take a rocket scientist (perhaps you'd prefer a poet) to make that observation. Even if one were to accept the thrust of your argument — that somehow the amount of time one major spends in study versus another — engineering would still come out on top. Beyond this, of course, is the nonsensical nature of "the time = difficulty" argument. Social sciences are important, but not difficult. Not by a longshot.

— Stephen

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Miller then launched a two-strike single into right field scoring Crocker and putting Cal Poly up 5-2. A leadoff home run by shortstop Kyle Ast would be the last run scored during the game, as Cal Poly closed out the game 5-3.

Crocker credited the team’s recent success to new players who have filled into starting roles.

“Guys are stepping up,” Crocker said. “Even guys who are taking the place of injured players are really taking a role in the lineup. We’re finally playing to our capability. We get to keep taking things one game at a time and things are going to keep falling into place.”

It was Cal Poly’s first Big West sweet since it defeated UC Davis in April 2009.

Men’s tennis downs UC Santa Barbara

The Cal Poly men’s tennis team stayed undefeated in Big West play, after beating UC Santa Barbara 4-3 Saturday. The Mustangs are now 4-0 in the conference and 14-3 overall. Andrey Dume got the Mustangs started with a win in singles play, but the Mustangs won just two more matchups. With the point in doubles play, it would be enough for the win.

Softball

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to left as the Titans walked off with an 11-8 win.

The Mustangs didn’t fare better in the first game of Saturday’s doubleheader.

Cal State Fullerton got on the board first with a run in the first, when Torrie Anderson hit a RBI single to center.

The Mustangs answered in the sixth. Catcher Stephanie Correia hit a single down the right field line to bring home right fielder Nicole Lund, and Parson hit a RBI single to center to put the Mustangs ahead 2-1.

But, in the bottom of the sixth, Cal State Fullerton answered with two runs of its own. Cal State Fullerton’s Ashley Carter hit a RBI single, while Jena Rubio gave the Titans a 3-2 lead.

The Mustangs would go down 1-2-3 in the seventh for the loss.

Patton pitched all six innings and gave up two earned runs. She struck out two, while walking one.

In the second game, Cahn got the start and pitched all six innings. She gave up two earned runs and walked four, en route to her ninth loss of the season.

In route to her ninth loss of the season. She didn’t get much help from her offense. The Titans were able to score one run in the first and two more in the sixth, but Cal Poly had no answer. The Mustangs combined for five hits in their eighth shutout loss of the season, falling 3-0.

It’s now a battle to get back to the top. With UC Riverside defeating UC Santa Barbara, the Mustangs are in sole position of last place in the Big West. The Mustangs will play Long Beach State, Cal State Northridge, UC Davis and Pacific to close out the regular season.
Baseball sweeps Cal State Northridge, wins fourth straight

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The Cal Poly baseball team extended its winning streak to four on Sunday, as the Mustangs completed a sweep over Cal State Northridge with a 5-3 victory in game three.

Even though Cal Poly had already clinched the series Saturday night with an 8-2 win, head coach Larry Lee said the team was not going to take care of business after last weekend. You don't always think of a sweep, but you know that each game is necessary just to keep us within striking distance, so each upcoming series means that much more.

In their past four games, the Mustangs batted .364 as a team while averaging only one earned run in each of those games. The Mustangs followed suit in the last game, batting .364 as a team, and only giving up one earned run.

Freshman Chase Johnson started the game and went 5 2/3 innings, giving up no earned runs off four hits. Pitcher Joey Wagman then came on and pitched the last 10 outs of the game, striking out eight of 11 batters, including the last six in a row. His only blemish was giving up a solo home run in the seventh inning.

Wagman said when he walked on the mound, he was determined to preserve Cal Poly's lead and earn them a much-needed win.

"We know the time is now to step up." Wagman said. "We wanted to go 6-3, win this game and sweep this team. My main goal was give the team a chance to win this game."

The lineup was powered by center fielder Bobby Crocker, who went 3 for 5 with two runs, shortstop Mike Miller, who went 3 for 4 with two RBIs, and first baseman J.J. Thompson, who went 2 for 4. It was the fourth straight game Cal Poly has earned double-digit hits.

The Mustangs scored their first runs of the game in the bottom of the fourth inning, with Miller hitting a single down the left field line. DJ Gentile followed up with a double off the center-field wall to bring Miller home.

Thompson kept the rally going, with a single to right field, advancing Gentile to third. The hit, his second of the game, marked the 12th hit time in the last 20 games Thompson's batted two hits.

Catcher Elliot Stewart brought Gentile home with a ground out to third base, giving the Mustangs a 2-0 lead.

Cal Poly continued to add to its lead with another lead-off single in the bottom of the fifth, this time from Crocker. After second baseman Denver Chavez laid down a sacrifice bunt that advanced Crocker to second, Miller singled up the middle to bring Chavez home and expand the Mustang lead to three.

But in the bottom of the sixth, Cal State Northridge pulled itself back in the game.


With just one out, a ground-out from third baseman Tommy Simis brought in Goossen-Brown and narrowed Cal Poly's lead to one.

That brought starting pitcher Johnson out of the game and brought in Wagman. After pitching a full count, Wagman managed to walk Miles Williams to end the inning.

Cal Poly responded again in the sixth inning in its third consecutive inning. With one out and Busby on first, Crocker collected his third hit of the game, putting runners on second and third with one out. Chavez brought in Cal Poly's fourth run after Simis missed a hard grounder to third base, and Busby scored.

Softball swept by Cal State Fullerton

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After the Cal Poly softball team defeated UC Riverside in its Big West opening series, the Mustangs looked like they were about to flip the script on what has been a difficult year.

Now, the Mustangs are starting to write a different story.

Cal Poly failed to grab a win against Cal State Fullerton in its three-game conference series this weekend, marking the second weekend in a row where the Mustangs have been swept.

It's been a harsh fall off for what has been a streaking program in recent years. Head coach Jenny Condon's 189-114 record in her five seasons at Cal Poly has been the best in

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The Mustang Daily team combined for 12 hits, and scored a 364 batting average Sunday against Cal State Northridge.

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