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Change comes to the White House

Local festivities planned to celebrate inauguration

Matt Fountain

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As millions of Americans flock to the nation’s capital for Tuesday’s inauguration of President-elect Barack Obama, Cal Poly students and San Luis Obispo residents who could not secure a much-coveted invitation still have options to celebrate the festivities with fellow students and members of the community.

On the Cal Poly campus, Associated Students Inc., University Housing and the Multicultural Center will host a live broadcast of the inauguration in room 220 of the University Union starting at 7:30 a.m.

The live television broadcast will be projected onto a large screen and free food, coffee and juice will be provided throughout the day, according to ASI Marketing Coordinator Michelle Broom. The noon will be decked out in true American fashion with red, white and blue balloons and streamers to add to the celebratory atmosphere.

“This election year was so significant in so many ways,” Broom said. “For those who were following it, it is a good culmination of what that democratic process looks like. This is what it’s all about.”

Tuesday’s all-day event is free for students, faculty, staff and interested members of the community who are encouraged to attend.

Across town, another celebration will be kicking off early Tuesday evening at the Graduate restaurant and nightclub.

The Central Coast Inaugural Ball is sponsored by SLO Grassroots Democracy (SLOGD), an independent, bipartisan organization which seeks to bring together members of the community in support of positive political action. According to SLOGD Chair Marilyn Armstrong, the group planned and organized the event because they felt it was a historic evening to be celebrated by Americans, not just political parties.

“For too long we have been debating politics and finding ourselves in gridlock,” Armstrong said Sunday. “Our community should attend the Inaugural Ball event to celebrate not only a new president-elect, but to celebrate America and the power of its people.”

The future of our country will depend on the inspiration of all Americans, and perhaps college students most of all, who will envision a shift from an industrial growth society to a life-sustaining civilization,” she said.

According to Bob Korot, general manager of the Graduate, a crowd of over 700 people is expected to attend. The Ball will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will include a live broadcast of the inauguration, free appetizers and desserts, raffle prizes and a live DJ providing an open format of lively music.

Though tickets for the event sold out early Friday, interested participants are encouraged to inquire at the door beginning at 7:30 p.m. for the second half of the event, when the kitchen closes and the dance floor opens.

Attendees are also encouraged to dress up in formal or historic attire to add to the festive and historic atmosphere. For more information, visit the SLOGD website at http://www.slogreaddemocracy.org.

Proposition 8 opponents reconvene and regroup

Chelsea Bieker

MUSTANG DAILY

Community members gathered at Congregation Beth David on Sunday to take a look at what they felt may have gone wrong in the No on 8 campaign that was waged last year against Proposition 8, whose passage in November banned same-sex marriage.

Marriage Equality USA chapter leader David Kilburn, whose organization helped with the event, said he wanted attendees to remember their emotions when the proposition passed in order to make change.

“There were some horrifying, devastating stories of the emotional toll that our community and our allied community went through after being singled out to have our rights taken away,” he said. “We have had some time to let things settle, but we need to feel those emotions again.”

People crowd the National Mall in front of the U.S. Capitol in Washington Monday in anticipation of today’s inauguration.

Obama steps into the door of White House and history

David Espo

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barack Obama stood at the threshold of the White House on Monday, summoning fellow Americans to join him in service as tens of thousands flocked to the nation’s capital to celebrate his inauguration as the first black president.

“Tomorrow we will come together as one people on the same Mall where Dr. King’s dream echoes still,” said the president-elect, invoking the memory of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. on the national holiday in his honor.

The 47-year-old former senator takes office at noon Tuesday at a time of economic crisis at home and two wars overseas. But the challenges of the moment receded into the background for many who came for a chance to witness history.

“I didn’t think I would see a black president in my generation. I just had to be here,” said Donald Butler, 20, a University of Washington student.

“I’m just really happy that I’m living to see this wonderful event,” said 70-year-old Betty Bryant, who rode a chartered bus from Augusta, Ga. Standing in front of the icy Reflecting Pool facing the Capitol, she made plans to rise at 3 a.m. Tuesday to take her place on the Mall for the see inauguration, page 2

Proposition 8 opponents

Cal Poly alumnus Eric Hubbs helped lead the event. He and other organizers hope to inspire people to fight the passage of the proposition.
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Alicia Murrell, a Los Osos resident, attended with her wife, who she married in June.
"I think that it might have been the worst year I've had in my life," Murrell said. "I guess I assumed that since we were in California, people would be more open-minded." She said that it's important to make people more aware and accepting of same-sex marriage, "because it's not this horrible thing that the ads all said it was.
"We want to get people to see that we're just normal people, we're trying to live our lives with every security that they have," she added. She was also concerned about the messages the Yes on 8 campaign was relaying to the public.
"That it had anything to do with education, with the religious idea of marriage, with religious leaders being forced to perform ceremonies or that kids would be taught gay marriage in school—it wasn't about any of that," she said. "It was about civil marriage for all citizens no matter what gender, race or faith," she said.
Murrell was not alone in her grief. The emotional toll the passage took. However, her message more effectively.
"I don't have the same rights as other married couples do," she said. "How are we going to leave the house to her? I know about inheritance and taxes? The reality is that we don't have those rights and that is difficult. I love my family, and I want to keep them together." The event was one of many future steps forward in the fight for marriage equality, and Kilburn put the situation in perspective.
"Anyone can imagine if something as simple as your security and the person that you love were taken away," he said. "If they could put themselves in that position and feel how we feel, it's devastating." Kilburn said that the community needs to view gay and lesbians as "human beings, and I am confident that their enthusiasm has not been thwarted.
"People are saying, 'what can I do? I didn't do enough, I have hope.' We have a lot of our straight allies coming to help us and we have a lot of the faith communities. People, are coming out knowing this is a huge issue," he said. "If a group of people can have their rights taken away, then are groups of us, we think people recognize how easy it is at this point to change the constitution. It scared people." Kilburn's husband David Perez said that the important thing for people to turn their negative feelings into positive energy.
"We never say down, we always come back," he said. "We're going into a new time now. It may not happen just like that, but I'm going to work," he said.
Many attendees expressed the same feelings. Amanda Bailey, a Cal Poly alumnus, said that her eight-year-old daughter had a difficult time processing the passage.
"I really didn't know what to say to her," Bailey said. "She came out to the booths with us during the election season, she saw what was going on, so she had a good idea of what Prop 8 meant to her, but she didn't understand the ramifications of the passage of Prop 8." Bailey added that she was concerned with her daughter's future.
"I don't have the same rights as other married couples do," she said. "How are we going to leave the house to her? I know about inheritance and taxes? The reality is that we don't have those rights and that is difficult. I love my family, and I want to keep them together.
On the specially built inaugural stands outside the Capitol, musicians Yo-Yo Ma and Itzhak Perlman rehearsed for their role in Tuesday's ceremony.
George W. Bush was in the White House for a final time as president after two terms marked by the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and the economic collapse of 2008. He plans to leave the world to his successor, President-elect Barack Obama.
"Let us strive always to find that common ground," Bush said. "Let us find that common purpose, that common principle that is the essence of America." Bush will be en route to a Texas retirement, and leave the White House with a storied mansion's front portico and see them in a future memorial.
"The evidence and syntax of Obama, it comes directly from Dr. King," said Kirk Moses, a retired Army Medical Center, where he visited 14 veterans injured in Iraq and Afghanistan.
"We are now," Obama, who also thanked them and said, "If we are going to make government work."
"Barack Obama
President-elect"


I am making a commitment to you as your next president that we are going to make government work.

The president-elect thanked them and said, "If we are going to make a commitment to you as your next president that we are going to make government work." Obama's public events recalled his time as a community service organizer in Chicago, in the years before he entered politics. An Illinois state senator a mere four years ago, he won elections to the U.S. Senate in 2004 and announced his candidacy for the White House in early 2007.
A party atmosphere took hold on the National Mall as light snow fell intermittently, small crowds gathered around large-screen televisions showing reruns of Sunday afternoon's concert featuring a star-studded cast. Several blocks from where Obama will take the oath of office, the Boy's Choir of Korea gave an impromptu performance for anyone who happened to be nearby.
"Mission Accomplished," read the headline on a souvenir magazine that bore the picture of the future memorial.


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“What changes would you like to see in Obama’s presidency?”

"Just for him to do better than President Bush and solve the economic problems overall."
-Kelisuke Suzuki, aerospace engineering freshman

"Health insurance that is available to people who don’t have it through their jobs or their parents."
-Amy Halencak, animal science senior

"Something better to stop the war."
-Rosie Harris, English freshman

NTSB investigator says probe will last a year

Larry Neumieier (Associated Press)

The probe into the crash-landing of a US Airways jetliner will take a year, and the lessons learned from the spectacular accident will last much longer, a senior investigator said Monday.

"I think this one is going to be studied for decades," said Robert Bombard, chief investigator on the case for the National Transportation Safety Board.

Bombard said the fact that all 155 people aboard the plane survived requires the guilt and finger-pointing that sometimes accompany aviation accidents. He said lessons learned from the successful ditching into the Hudson River could improve air safety.

"In one like this, I think there’s plenty to see. Probe, page 4

State

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lawyers representing a 14-year-old boy accused of killing a gay classmate want the case dismissed and transferred to juvenile court because they say the district attorney’s process for changing youths is flawed.

Brandon McNeary of Osburn has been charged as an adult in the Feb. 12, 2019 shooting of 15-year-old Larry King at their junior high school. He has pleaded not guilty in the killing, which was charged as a hate crime.

NAPA, Calif. (AP) — A bomb squad destroyed another suspicious package at the Napa home of the parents of the former Bay Area transit officer arrested for shooting an unarmed man at a BART station.

The Napa police department said the package was found Saturday and did not contain explosives.

ATLANTA (AP) — The inauguration of the nation’s first black president is a huge step toward realizing Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of racial equality, but there is still work to be done, King’s nephew told a large crowd Monday at a church where the civil rights leader once preached.

Isaac Newton Farris, president of The King Center, told the jubilant crowd on Martin Luther King Jr. Day that the election of Barack Obama was built on a foundation laid by King.

“There is definitely a spiritual connection between these two events,” Farris told congregation.

National

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York Gov. David Paterson insisted Monday he still hasn’t decided whom he will appoint to the Senate seat expected to soon be vacated by Hillary Rodham Clinton despite news reports to the contrary.

The Democrat, who is in Washington for the inauguration, said he hopes to announce a decision by the weekend.

He said he has narrowed the field of as many as 20 hopefuls, including Caroline Kennedy.

“I’m not leaving in one direction, but I think I’m focusing on a few candidates now who, in my mind, would be finalists,” Paterson said.

LO S A N G E L E S (AP) — Hundreds of millions of dollars in humanitarian aid will be needed immediately to help Gaza’s 1.4 million people and billions of dollars will be required to rebuild in shattered buildings and infrastructure, the U.N. humanitarian chief said Monday.

John Holmes said some neighborhoods have been almost totally destroyed, there are huge medical needs, sewage is flowing in some streets and unexploded ordnance is posing a big problem.

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Bush commutes sentences of former U.S. border agents

Deb Rischmann

In its final act of clemency, President George W. Bush on Monday granted early prison releases to two former U.S. Border Patrol agents whose convictions for drug trafficking caused an outcry.

NSIS inspectors examine the tail section of US Airways Flight 1549 as it sits on a barge at Weeks Marina in Jersey City, N.J., on Monday.

Biden shushes wife after slip on Oprah

Nedra Pickler

Joe Biden's wife said Monday night that he had shushed her after accidentally saying "elect" immediately after "president," in a statement e-mailed to reporters.

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Michelle Obama, left, her husband, President-elect Barack Obama, and his wife, Jill, walk together while being introduced at the War Memorial Plaza during a stop on their inaugural whistle stop train trip, Saturday, in Baltimore.

Tuesday, January 20, 2009
Students to wrestle with the truth of everyday issues as part of annual forum

VERITAS FORUM EVENTS
(all events are held in the Chumash Auditorium unless otherwise noted)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20
What Darwin Didn’t Know (11a.m.) Dr. Fazale Rana

The Temporal Mechanics of the Gospels: Chronology, History, Theology and the Life of Jesus (1p.m.) Dr. Douglas Estes

The Cell’s Design: How Biochemistry Reveals the Work of a Creator (8p.m.) Lilian Barger

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22
(6 p.m.) Lilian Barger
(1 p.m.) Paul Copan
(11a.m.) Lilian Barger

The Tem poral Mechanics of the Auditorium

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23
What Darwin Didn’t Know (11a.m.) Dr. Fazale Rana

The Death of Beauty: How Media and Spirituality (11a.m. -3p.m.) Gretchen Pappas

Sex, Love, and Marriage (1p.m.) Jamey Pappas and Gretchen Pappas

Porn Nation (8p.m.) Michael Leahy

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22
UU 220, COFFEEHOUSE

Veritas Coffeehouse and Discussion (11a.m. -3p.m.)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23
The Death of Beauty: The Role of Beauty in the Mass Media and Spirituality (11a.m.) Lilian Barger

 Atheism vs. Theism (1 p.m.) Paul Copan

Biblical Religion and the Sacred Feminine (6 p.m.) Lilian Bárger

The Plurality of Religions (8 p.m.) Paul Copan

Janelle Eastridge

Searching for truth? Ever wonder what effect porn may have on relationships and society at large? Curious about how the media shapes society’s conception of beauty or whether religious pluralism is even valid?

Then look no further than the Veritas Forum for answers.

Veritas, so named for the Latin word for truth, is a four­
day long, campus­wide event focusing on — you guessed it — truth. Sponsored by Associated Students Inc., Campus Crusade for Christ and the John Templeton Foundation, the event’s goal is to discuss some of life’s hardest questions (including the ones mentioned above) by bringing together students from all walks of life.

“We just want to bring the whole campus together to enjoy each other in conversation,” said David Foglesong, Veritas co­leader and art and design­senior. “I think that we don’t have that at a lot of campuses, and that is why we’re providing a way of allowing students to discuss a lot of hard questions with each other. It’s going to be good.”

This campus­wide pursuit of truth is from a decidedly Christian point of view, though.

“We present these issues in a Christian context, which means speakers may have personal backgrounds in Christianity that aid their study or research issues like porn, in which speakers have been changed by the aspects of Christianity,” said Else Bartley, Foglesong’s co­leader and art and design­senior.

But coordinators emphasized that the talks are open to everyone in the community, not just Christians.

Planning for the forum began last June. As Bartley explained it, during the initial stages she and others brainstormed questions and topics college students wrestle with on a regular basis. Ultimately, they decided to focus on social and cultural issues this year, and how these issues affect people. Once they had decided on the topics, the search for scholars specializing in those areas began. Bartley and Foglesong were helped along by a team of 24 students who helped coordinate everything from publicity to finances to the Veritas Web site.

The event will kick off tomorrow with Fazale Rana’s talk “What Darwin Didn’t Know,” which explores recent scientific discoveries regarding the origin and structure of life, and how these tie into Darwin’s theory of evolution. Other science­themed events Tuesday include a talk by Douglass Estes in which he will discuss the concepts of chronology, history and theology in the ancient world as they apply to the life of Jesus, and “The Cell’s Design How Biochemistry Reveals the Work of a Creator,” also led by Rana.

Wednesday’s talks will focus on sex and love with “Is Christian Love Biologically Impossible?” (11 a.m.), “Sex, Love, and Marriage” (1 p.m.) and “Porn Nation” (8 p.m.).

The week’s biggest event, “Porn Nation,” is a 75­minute multimedia presentation that explores the impact porn, and living in our hypersexual culture in general, might have on students and their relationships with others. Foglesong noted that the talk will, in some ways, be similar to last year’s Jeremy talk, sans the debate format and with a greater focus on how porn affects culture. “Porn Nation” will take place Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium.

Thursday will be devoted to the Veritas Coffeehouse and campus­wide discussions. The Coffeehouse will take place in University Union room 220 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature artwork and short films. Food and drinks will be provided. Discussion boards will also be placed around campus — in or on UU Blaza, Dexter Lawn, Campus Market, Poly Canyon Village and the Rec Center — and provide a blank canvas on which students and faculty members can respond to previous talks, present their own thoughts or raise questions of their own.

The Veritas Forum will conclude Friday with a mixture of talks focusing on beauty and femininity (Ellian Berger), “The Death of Beauty: The Role of Beauty in the Mass Media and Spirituality” at 11 a.m. and “Biblical Religion and the Sacred Feminine” at 6 p.m. and theology (Paul Copan) at 1 p.m. and “The Plurality of Religions” at 8 p.m.

“This is what we feel is hitting our culture a lot,” Foglesong said. “We live in such a broken world, and a lot of these talks just try to get to the center of the matter in people’s relationships. That was kind of our goal.”

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"Slumdog Millionaire" has made $43 million since it opened five weeks ago. It won several Golden Globe awards and the film is set to open in India this week.

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varying degrees, agreed financial coordinator and business senior Craig Moberg. "But, I think (most) people won't go out there and pursue the answers themselves. I don't think that most people are too motivated to find them and I think that most people just hope that the answers come to them somehow through a teacher, an anonymous person, an event or a close friend."

But that is Veritas' goal, he said, to provide people with some possible explanations — and then to continue the discussion. "I would love to see discussion arise on campus in which people are willing to ask of themselves and people around them the questions they wrestle with and hear some possible explanations and reasons as to why they exist," Barley said.

"I think oftentimes we can choose to be ignorant or simply to ignore our big questions out of an attempt to remain comfortable when, in reality, these questions plague all of us. I would love to see a campus seeking out truth with one another."

Each talk will last about 45 minutes and be followed by a 45-minute question-and-answer session. All of the week's talks, with the exception of Thursday's, will take place in the Chumash Auditorium.
Barack Obama has always been able to get people to believe in him. From the moment he received the Democratic Party's nomination, there has been much anticipation for this day. The record-breaking inauguration crowd is proof of his ability to connect with people and strategize a genius campaign. Jan. 20, 2009 will be a day that goes down in history for numerous reasons.

The man taking the presidency today is a radical change from the man that has been in charge of the country for the past eight years. He is America's first black president and, for many, a symbol of how far we've come in the past half-century. To top it off, his inauguration fills the day after we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday as a national holiday.

Still, some of the commotion surrounding the event is a little uncivilizing.

Take for instance, the MSNBC commercial featuring a God-like picture of the president-elect's illuminated face as a booming voice tells viewers that they will always remember where they were during the moment Barack Obama became president. Or the unprecedented MTV coverage of Obama, which currently features a list of songs inspired by him on their Website.

The iconic Obama poster inscribed with the word "hope" has made its former street artist famous as millions post them on dorm room walls and street corners. In the midst of the celebration, people around the nation are acting as if America's hard times have suddenly changed direction. Hope doesn't change things; it only inspires that change. When people around the nation are acting as if America's hard times have completely flat. Further, it doesn't mean anything until it's put into action. Hope doesn't change things; it only inspires that change.

Remember that today we're inaugurating a man — not a God. To treat our next president as anything but a mere mortal borders on dangerous thinking.

Obama supporter is sure to be disappointed at least twice. The most, in fact, anyone can promise: change. More importantly, remember that the man taking the inaugural oath IS, like any other mortal, fallible; he can and will make mistakes (or should) do in four years. We should have realistic expectations — numerous reasons.

Today we inaugurate a man, not a God.

Couldn’t make it to D.C.? Watch the inauguration LIVE at www.mustangdaily.net
Transportation investments can’t be overlooked
California’s stake in the federal stimulus plan
Just days before the inauguration, Obama takes a historic journey to enter Washington, D.C. by train, a symbolic message of his commitment to revitalize the Nation’s public transportation networks. As America aims to wean its dependence on foreign oil, California seeks a federal stimulus plan to support transportation programs, such as the recently passed high-speed rail project as a way to stimulate the states crumbling economy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The U.S. Department of Transportation is often criticized for providing minimal oversight to state governments, rather than investing in smart infrastructure. California has all too often succumbed to the forces of land developers and contractors that have significantly reduced the state’s ability to lobby for critical funds from the federal government. The state has proposed that only a third of the proposed stimulus budget is allocated to public transportation, while a third would be allocated to building new roads. In tight budgetary times, the federal government is ill-equipped to address all the financial needs to reinvent the transportation sector. If Obama is committed to cutting greenhouse gas emissions, reducing the dependence on foreign oil, providing green jobs and improving local economies, he will have to make tough decisions about where and how to invest in infrastructure. Does he invest in the expansion of highways or does he create opportunities for high-speed rail and intercity transit options? Does he invest in fueling the future of automobile transportation or does he choose to invest in public transportation options to reduce oil dependence, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and strengthen the economy through wise infrastructure improvement? Supporting transportation investments is a critical component to meeting the rising challenges to fighting climate change and stabilizing the economy. The opportunities in times of transitional moments become clear because ideas are weighed more heavily in formulating bold new directions. Encourage your congress people to lobby and support public transportation investments to ensure a healthy, safe and accessible California.

Nancy Cole is a Mustang Daily columnist, a city and regional planning senior and the former re-presenter of the Emperor Poly Coalition.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Israel attempts to minimize civilian casualties in acts of self-defense
Grace Kirschner’s letter to the editor on Jan. 16 is informed by gross misinformation and a poor understanding of the situation. The United Nations Secretary General’s comments about Israel’s casualties is more credible if the UN was not so ripe with anti-Israel bigotry. The Israeli army repeatedly warned Gazans about impending attacks with leaflets, phone calls and text messages. It is well known that Hamas uses houses, mosques, schools and hospitals and even UN buildings to launch rockets and stone weapons. Abu Bilal al-Jabir, a senior Hamas member, was personally called by Israel security to say that he had five minutes to evacuate his family and himself from his house. Instead he organized a large number of people to stand on his rooftop as human shields.
Israel can only do so much to prevent the loss of life to innocent bystanders before it must attack to defend in citizens. Grace quotes Human Rights Watch, alleging Israel is attacking civilians with white phosphorus. This is a half truth at best, and libel at worst. Israel, a proven superpower, does not attack civilians. Israel used white phosphorus to illuminate military targets and the International Red Cross said there was no evidence to suggest it was being used improperly.
Israel can call itself a democracy because all citizens are given universal suffrage, there are 12 Arab members of parliament, and an Arab in the Supreme Court. In fact, unlike most of its neighboring Arab countries, Israel, a Jewish state, affords its Arab citizens full civil liberties.
1) http://www.israeldaily.com/view/3734_1238407029
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Zachary Goldstein mechanical engineering senior
The obstacle to peace in Gaza is Hamas’ refusal to recognize Israel
In response to Grace Kirschner’s letter “Israeli attacks are incomparable to human life.” The accusation that a United Nations truck was deflected by the Israeli Defense Forces is false. The UN has an “accuse first, investigate later” policy that gets twisted in the media. The UN said that its workers that were killed were “no doubt hit by shells because there was an IDF tank near them.”
“No doubt” doesn’t mean sure. Both the IDF and now the UN say they want to investigate, it is possible that the truck was hit by sniper fire from Hamas. Grace, the cause for the recent war in Gaza is very simple. Hamas didn’t want to remove the cease fire deal without opening the crossings into Gaza. Israel will not agree to those demands until Hamas renounces violence, and recognizes Hamas. Hamas explicitly calls for Israeli destruction so it is incomparable for Israel to give in to Hamas’ demands. In order to achieve its ends, Hamas launched 2000 rockets into Israeli population centers forcing Israel to war. Hamas committed three war crimes: deliberately targeting Israeli civilians population centers, hiding behind Palestinian civilians to use them as human shields, and calling for the destruction of a UN member state.
The obvious solution would be for Hamas to recognize Israel and renounce violence. Palestinians would be able to import and export goods freely, and enjoy political autonomy. However, what I don’t understand, Grace, is why you spend all of your energy trying to make people hate Israel when the real obstacle is Hamas’ refusal to recognize Israel.
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again." Sharks general manager Doug Wilson is no stranger to reclama
tion projects after adding Jeremy Roenick and Sandis Ozolins to his
cub last season. He also provided a chance to Lemieux, who joined the
Worcester Sharks in late November and signed a two-way contract in
late December.

With Lemieux monitoring every
division on television, Lemieux had
three goals and eight assists in 23
games with Worcester, racking up
24 penalty minutes and a plus-2
rating.

"Historically, people that can
come back and help you later in
their careers usually have similar
attributes," Wilson said. "I'd love
for the game, a high level of intelli-
gence, and ... being genetically gift-
ed. He's gifted, and he's gone and
put the work and time and energy
in. He's not been given anything by
us. If anything, we've given him a
couple of reasons to say it's not been
worth it."

Lemieux won't be the oldest
player in the NHL nor with De-
troit, but with Chris Chelios turning
47 later this month. But his
comeback is even more remarkable
because of his lengthy absence from
the game.

Montreal coach Guy Carbon-
neau played with Lemieux during
parts of six seasons with the Cana-
dians in the 1980s.

"I'm very surprised, even
shocked," Carbonneau said after the
Canadiens' practice Monday. "Chris
Chelios is 46 years old, but the fact
that Claude stopped playing three
or four years ago, it shows the kind
of character he has. I'm happy for
him. When I first heard about it, I
didn't think it would be possible,
but it's a joy to see that noth-
ing is impossible."

Although the Sharks led the
overall NHL standings with 71
points entering Monday's games,
their fourth line hasn't been im-
pressive or productive since Roen-
ick was sidelined last month with a
shoulder injury. If Lemieux sticks
and Roenick returns soon, the
Sharks could match Roenick and
Lemieux with enforcer Jody Stel-
ley on a line that would be among
the NHL's most entertaining, if no
longer its most talented.

Lemieux replaces forwards
Brad Staubitz and Tom Ca-
vanagh, who were sent back to
Worchester where they can play in
the All-Star break.

"Claude deserved it, he earned it,
and it really can't stress it enough
that the guys down in Worcester are
happy for him," Wilson said. "They
know he put the work in. He's hap-
py to be here, it's that simple.

— Freelance writer Sean Farrell in
Worcester contributed to this report.

Greg Beachum

OMAHA, Neb. — Jamal
Crawford's first game with Golden
State was a humbling loss at Wash-
ington eight weeks ago. After se-
ing the Warriors' injury problems
and daunting holiday schedule, the
newcomer sensed Golden State
might be a grim place for a while.

The cloud over the Warriors
fi-

nally seems to be lifting with ample
help from Crawford, who has barely
left the court at all during their first
real streak of success all season.
Crawford had 28 points and eight
assists, and Stephen Jackson added
26 points in the Warriors' third win
in four home games, 119-98 over
Washington on Monday in a rare
matinee game at Oracle Arena.

Crawford played all 48 minutes
and hit four 3-pointers, scoring at
least 20 points for the sixth time in
seven games. The veteran has finally
seemingly upended since joining the
Warriors from New York, deter-
minted to help coach Don Nelson
get his team together again.

"Now that we've finally home
for a while, I'm hoping we can
build on what we're doing," said
Crawford, who played 47½ minutes
against Atlanta last Friday and 60
minutes in a triple-overtime loss to
Sacramento last week. "With a lot
of games left, hopefully we can put
something together. ... This crowd,
they give us so much energy. I'm
being serious. If we didn't have this
crowd, I don't know if I could do it."

Corey Maggette scored 16 points
for the Warriors, who had won three
of four just once previously in their
disappointing season. Golden State
comfortably held off the Wizards,
limiting 13 3-pointers and making
53 percent of its shots against Wash-
ington's sketchy defense.

"It was a game we thought we
should win, and we did," Nelson
said. "We finally held somebody
below 100. We're counting that. I'm
making it very difficult to do that,
because we're a high-scoring team,
but when it happens, it's kind of a
special thing for us."

Even with serious injury prob-
lems, Golden State has put its game
in the lineup last Friday, Golden
State already has three wins on a sev-
engame homestand that still includes
visits from lowly Oklahoma City
and the Los Angeles Clippers.

"Our team is coming together,"
Maggette said. "We're doing a lot of
good things, and having Jick Buck
adds a lot more good things. We've
stayed positive through all the ad-
versity, and we're finally coming to-
gether and playing well."

The Warriors could get their
first three-game winning streak of
the season Wednesday against the
Thunder Golden State improved to
9-9 in Oakland.

Warriors roll past Wizards

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Jenna Greer led all scorers with 16 points in a Conference defeat to rival UC Santa Barbara. Her warm-up layup gave the Mustangs a 72-62 loss to UC Santa Barbara on Saturday in Mott Gym. While teammate sophomore guard Jordan Winter had 14, the Mustangs top duo of Jenna Greer and Jordan Winter combined for 28 points while senior guard Megan Keeler with 13 and senior guard Chelsea Briody with 12 percent of their 22 shots to Cal Poly's 44.6 percent, which compares to last Saturday's 80-63 loss to UC Irvine.

"I thought defensively they were more locked in and played with more energy," said Mustang head coach Kevin Brockway. "I thought there was a much improved effort tonight." Cal Poly's high scorer of the game was sophomore guard Shawn Lewis with 16 points, junior guard Lorenzo Keedle with 15, and senior guard Chaz Thomas with 13.

Santa Barbara's Poole had a game-high 17 points and seven rebounds, while teammate sophomore guard Jordan Winter had 14.

The Gauchos (8-9, 2-3) made 44.6 percent of their floor shots to Cal Poly's 38.2 percent, which included six 3-pointers for UCSB and seven for Cal Poly.

"The Gauchos outbounced the Gauchos 38-37 with help from Lewis' nine rebounds and sophomore forward Wes Deprey's eight.

The second half was interrupted after 7-foot-2 freshman center Greg Somogyi's dunk in the 12th minute led to two ejections. Somogyi earned a technical foul while teammate sophomore guard Chaz Thomas were ejected after a confrontation following the foul. None of the players were hurt.

"I personally like the emotions," said Brockway. "Emotion is a strong thing, if you can direct it. If you have good emotion and you can direct it and altogether direct it, it can be very powerful."

Cal Poly welcomed back senior forward John Manley in Saturday's game after suffering a recurring back injury that has him out since October. This was his first game all year and he is currently pain-free.

"I felt really good tonight. Obviously, all I want to do is win, so it's better to be able to come back, feel good and then lose," said Manley. "We weren't consistent, but we played well at times. It's something to build on, I think."

Manley said that he sees several ways to contribute to the Mustangs following his extended absence.

"I think where I could really help out is to be an offensive threat," he added.

Cal Poly will travel to Stockton to face Pacific at 7 p.m. Thursday.