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username and password in a safe place. As the pieces of your application are turned into the colleges, it is advisable to check if anything is missing. Many colleges allow you to check the status of an application online, including when they received recommendations, scores and grades.

Spend some time deciding which extracurricular activities you want to highlight in your application. There is usually a section where you list how many hours per week you were involved in sports, music/arts, clubs, community service, leadership and work experience.

Sending official test score reports for the SAT, SAT II and ACT is also required. The College Board and ACT will forward your score reports to your colleges for a small

fee. Don't wait till the last minute to request these. You can even send them to colleges before you fill out applications.

Essays help colleges see a clearer picture of you. Give yourself enough time to not only write on the topic. Watch your grammar, punctuation and avoid typos. Asking friends to proof your essay and application is smart, but be careful that they offer constructive feedback, but not actually write or rewrite your essay. Your voice is the only one that counts to the college admissions committee.

This is your chance to shine. Good luck! My College Admissions Coach offers personalized help for students and their parents as they navigate the college search and admissions process. Follow my new blog at: http://collegeoptions.blogspot.com/•

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## **Frankly** from page 6

George Steinbrenner built an [evil] empire. He really did. He deserves to build a great stadium. He deserves to have the best team that money can buy."

Not sure if old man Steinbrenner, who has been hidden from public view in the past few years as the ravages of growing old take their toll, "deserves" to win. After all, he is a convicted felon, having pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice charges some 35 years ago when Steinbrenner was associating with one Richard Milhouse Nixon. Remember

him, amigos?

show up early.

But that was then, this is now. And the Yankees, and their sometimes insufferable fanatics, aren't going anywhere.

So the rest of us baseball fans need to get

over it and just hope that our team of choice sacks up and opens the checkbook to acquire the players necessary . And Dodger fans, once Jamie McCourt

And Dodger fans, once Jamie McCourt extracts her cash from the team coffers, your team may look a lot like the Washington Nationals. Sorry. We Halo fans feel your pain.

## Water

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upcoming eco events. This Saturday, residents can drop off their unwanted electronic components at the Public Works' Department's free E-Waste Recycling event from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the City's Maintenance Yard (150 Illinois Street). Acceptable items include computer monitors and towers, laptops, faxes, stereo systems, speakers, TVs of all formats, copiers, calculators, keyboards, cell phones, telephones and anything else you can plug into the wall. Residents can also trade two strands of their old energy-guzzling holiday lights for one LED holiday light set. Because supplies are limited (one light set per household maximum), it's advisable to

Then on December 5, City staff will set up shop at Whole Foods Market (Plaza El Segundo on Sepulveda Boulevard north of Rosecrans Avenue) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. as part of Los Angeles County's Brag About Your Bag campaign. Those who bring in five plastic bags will receive in exchange an environmentally-friendly, reusable tote bag. Participants can also sign up for a chance to win a lunch with Laker forward Luke Walton or a trip for two to Miami for a taping of *Sabado Gigante*.

For more information on the above programs and events, call 310-524-2359.





