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Decades later, dad of shaken baby jailed

15 YEARS: He served less than a year in a 1989 abuse case, but the victim's death at age 19 in 2006 made him a murderer.

BY MITCH STAGY
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW PORT RICHEY, FLA. — Soon after Christina Welch turned 18 in the spring of 2005, her biological parents asked permission to pay her a visit. Mike and Tina Wells broke down when the bed covers were pulled back and they saw the state of the girl: so severely brain damaged as a baby that she never learned to walk, talk or sit up by herself.



Christopher Michael Wells

Maureen Welch, the woman who had adopted her, walked into the kitchen to leave the three of them alone, thinking to herself that it was good the couple finally got to see what Mike Wells had done to his infant daughter.

"I didn't know I hurt her that bad," he said to Welch when he came into the kitchen. He apologized and told Welch she was a guardian angel sent by God to take care of their Christina.

Mike Wells was 19 when he shook his 2-month-old daughter and covered her mouth to stop her from crying. He and Tina Wells were convicted of aggravated child abuse in 1989, and each served less than a year in prison.

They went on with their lives, having several more children together. They raised their growing family in weathered mobile homes in rural Pasco County northwest of Tampa, and then in central Georgia where Mike Wells worked for a while at a used-tire shop. Neither got in serious trouble again with the law.

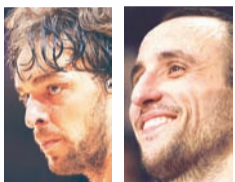
And that might have been the end of it — a forever-sorry father
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COURTING HISPANIC FANS

The NBA has launched a Hispanic marketing effort to promote its Latin-born players and to increase its Latino fan base.

The league:
18

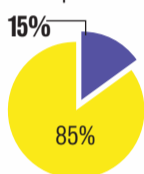
Hispanic players from 6 Latin countries.



Pau Gasol Manu Ginobili

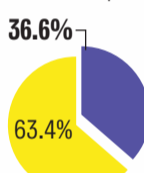
The market:
15

percent of NBA fan base is Hispanic.



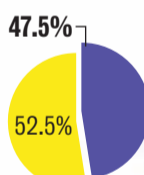
California population:
36.75 million

36.6
percent Hispanic



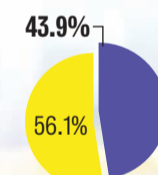
San Bernardino County: 2.02 million

47.5
percent Hispanic

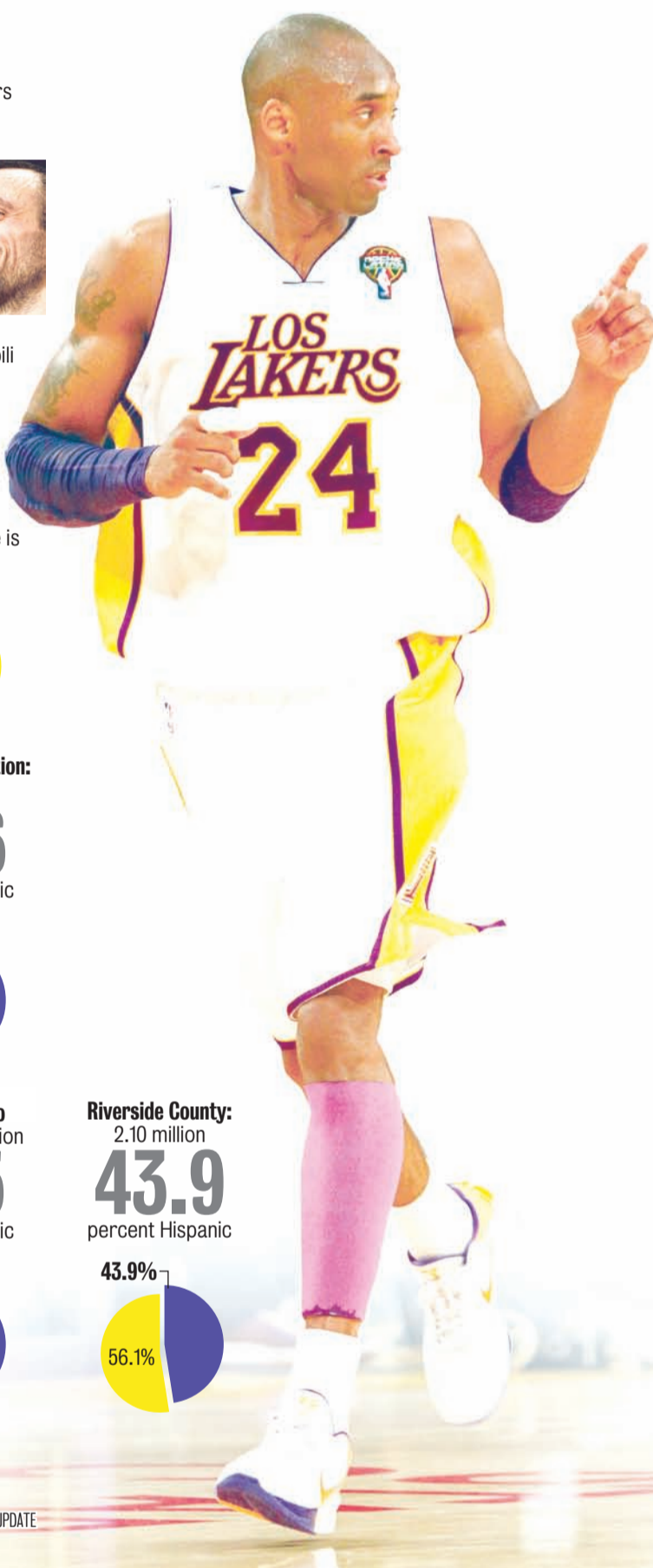


Riverside County: 2.10 million

43.9
percent Hispanic



SOURCES: NBA, 2008 CENSUS UPDATE



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LAKERS, LEAGUE CAMPAIGN TO WIDEN THEIR BANDWAGON

BY MATT CALKINS
THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

LOS ANGELES — It's Kobe's team. It's Kobe's town. Some would argue that until another franchise supplants the Lakers as champions, it's Kobe's league as well.

But for one night, it was Pau's crowd. Taking part in the NBA's "Noche Latina" promotion four Sundays ago, the Lakers changed their uniforms to read "Los Lakers," which is how the team name is spoken in Spanish. As a result, thousands of fans waved sticks sporting the mug shot of Pau

Gasol, the Lakers All-Star center from Spain, who admitted that the scene was slightly different than what he was used to. "I tried not to look into the stands after I made a shot because it was a little weird seeing all of those," Gasol said.

No surprise that when the Lakers open the playoffs today at Staples Center against Oklahoma City, a large share of the sold-out crowd will be their Hispanic fans.

The NBA has made a concerted effort to build its Hispanic fan base over the years,
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ON TV

■ Oklahoma City at Lakers, noon, Channel 7
IN SPORTS DAY
■ Lakers, staggered by injuries, prep for youthful Thunder. **B1**

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17,000 more flights canceled by drifting ash

As more European airspace was shut down by the erupting Icelandic volcano, questions about the long-term consequences for public health, military operations and the world economy were being raised.
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Andres Vasquez, 21, of San Diego, cools off at the Do Lab during the Coachella Valley Music & Arts Festival in Indio on Saturday.

Festival rocks amid long waits, handful of acts on no-show list

BY TIMOTHY GUY AND VANESSA FRANKO
THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

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A sold-out crowd at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival braved hot weather, entrance delays and gridlocked traffic Saturday to check out musical acts ranging from rock to bluegrass.

Jam-packed audiences were expected Saturday night for headliner Muse, just as the venue was filled to the brim for Friday's headliner Jay-Z.
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The reality of 75,000 people converging on a single area hit Indio hard as traffic was backed up getting in and out of the festival. Two-hour delays in just getting out of the parking lots were a common complaint of concertgoers who attended Friday and came back for more Saturday.