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MIRACLE MAN!



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Lakers guard Kobe Bryant celebrates after making a three-point shot that sent Game 2 of the NBA Finals into overtime Tuesday.

No one blamed for 9-11

Panel report will focus on system failures, fixes

By Hope Yen
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Draft portions of the Sept. 11 commission's final report offer a stinging rebuke of the FBI and intelligence agencies but refrain from assigning blame to individuals in government to avoid the appearance of partisanship, several commissioners say.

The 10-member panel still is wrestling over recommendations to shore up the intelligence gaps and communications breakdowns that allowed the hijackers to succeed, four commissioners told The Associated Press in separate interviews.

"There's broad consensus that major changes are needed. This is

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not just a question of running faster, jumping higher," said Republican commissioner John Lehman, a former secretary of the Navy. "We need to ensure the fusion and sharing of all intelligence that could have helped us to avoid 9-11."

Among the ideas under consideration is a domestic intelligence agency modeled after Britain's MI5.

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Vote on cross upheld before angry crowd

By Troy Anderson
Staff Writer

Despite passionate pleas from an overflow crowd of 2,000, Los Angeles County's Board of Supervisors refused Tuesday to back down on its decision to remove a tiny Christian cross on the official seal because of a legal threat from the ACLU.

The 3-2 vote came only hours after a private legal foundation filed a lawsuit against the county in federal court in Los Angeles, seeking to prevent the removal of the cross, which was part of a design adopted nearly five decades ago.

Should L.A. county go to court to keep the cross in the county seal? **See Page 2**

The standing-room-only audience estimated at 2,000 — the largest crowd to attend a county supervisors' meeting in recent decades — included people of many faiths and some who espoused no faith. They were united in opposing removal of the

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Kobe's late 3 leads to win

That's what great players are supposed to do, make the spectacular play, come through when it matters most, be oh-so cool under pressure.

And still it shocks, takes the breath away, leaves eyes stunned and fighting disbelief.

Not that Kobe Bryant's 3-pointer with 2.1 seconds left in regulation was big or anything, but it may have just saved the Lakers' championship.

Game 2 of the NBA Finals seemed lost to the Lakers, and with it their titles hopes. Having already lost the opener to Detroit, they were down by three Tuesday and the final seconds ticking loudly



STEVE DILBECK

away. No team in NBA history has ever lost the first two games at home in the Finals and come back to capture the championship.

The dream was slipping away, the Lakers about to be shocked by a Pistons team few had given much chance of defeating them in these Finals.

The Lakers called timeout with 10.9 seconds to play, trailing 89-86. It wasn't hopeless, but was close enough that Lakers' obits were at the ready.

The ball was inbounded to Shaquille O'Neal, but the Pistons did not foul. A

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Ovarian cancer gives small clues

By Amanda Gardner
HealthDay News

Ovarian cancer might not be the silent killer it's reputed to be.

A new study has found that, contrary to popular perception, women with early stage ovarian cancer do experience symptoms. The trick is that they are not gynecologic symptoms, and they are similar to what a woman might normally expect to feel over the course of a month or a year.

"The difference was in frequency, severity and duration — things like bloating, urgency of urination and constipation," said study co-author Lynn Mandel, an educator in the department of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Washington in Seattle.

A report on the finding appears in today's issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

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Thousands show their love, respect

By Dana Bartholomew
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SIMI VALLEY — Bill Metcalf flew in from Tucson to glimpse Ronald Reagan's casket and almost gave up on account of the traffic.

Elizabeth O'Connell left her Van Nuys home at 11 p.m. to see the president, only to turn back at the miles of parked cars.

Stacey Wilson drove all the way from Lancaster — only to make a U-turn and drive back home.

But each would return late Tuesday to join the tens of thousands of mourners hoping for a last chance to circle the flag-draped casket of America's 40th president, lying in repose at the Ronald Reagan Library in Simi Valley.

"I loved the man, I had to see him; I really felt I had to pay my respects," said Wilson, 53, who hopped on his motorcycle Tuesday afternoon to return to Moorpark College by the 6 p.m. cutoff for mourners to be bused to the library.

Like many among the last residents to make the shuttle to Reagan's future

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Mourners file past the flag-draped casket of former President Ronald Reagan in his presidential library in Simi Valley on Tuesday.