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Sharon suffers massive stroke

Bleeding in brain found; power shifted to Israeli's deputy

From Wire Reports

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon suffered a severe cerebral hemorrhage Wednesday night and was rushed into surgery.

After an initial six-hour operation, he was sent back to the operating room when a CT scan revealed that more treatment was needed.

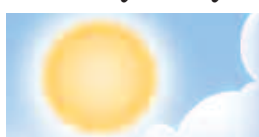
A hospital official said early today that Mr. Sharon's surgery ended and that he has been transferred to the intensive care unit with stable vital signs.

As Sharon supporters in Jerusalem began to gather outside the hospital Wednesday, Israel immediately transferred power to Mr. Sharon's deputy prime minister, Ehud Olmert.

The medical crisis enveloping the 77-year-old threatened to trigger political turmoil as well. Israel is less than three months away from general elections, and Mr. Sharon is the linchpin of a new centrist party that holds a commanding lead in the polls.

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Mostly sunny



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Therapy a boost in ovarian cancer fight

Pumping heavy doses of chemotherapy drugs directly into the abdomen boosted the survival of women with advanced ovarian cancer by 16 months in what experts call the first big advance in more than a decade. **11A**

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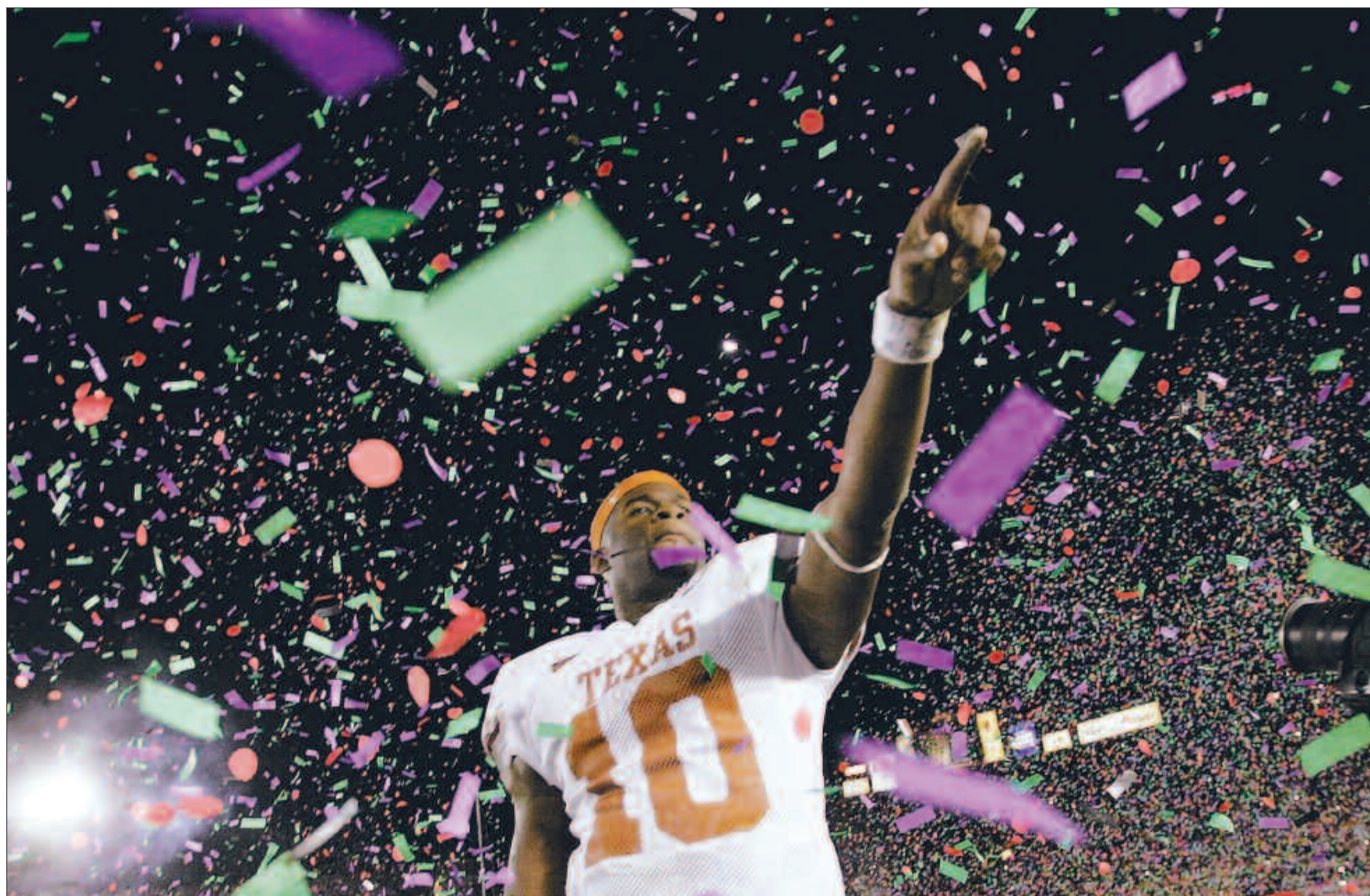
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Invincible

Young wills UT to upset win, national title



ERICH SCHLEGEL/Staff Photographer

Vince Young celebrates Texas' first national championship since 1970. The quarterback rushed for 200 yards and passed for 267 yards Wednesday.

By BRAD TOWNSEND
Staff Writer

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streak, pandemonium broke loose on the Texas side of the Rose Bowl, with Texas players rushing the field amid floating confetti.

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INSIDE

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ON THE WEB

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Joy of miners' families quickly turns to sorrow

Hours after miscue, they get the bad news: All but 1 man died

By TAMARA JONES
and ANN SCOTT TYSON
The Washington Post

SAGO, W.Va. — The storm kicked up sometime before dawn Monday, sweeping across the scabbed mountains and bare winter woods with enough ferocity to jolt people awake in this Appalachian hamlet. County Commissioner Donnie Tenney felt his blue farmhouse rattle. Thunder, he

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Mine had safety violations. **14A**
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thought. The phone roused him again. It was his sister. Someone from her prayer chain had told her there had been an explosion at the Sago Mine. Men were trapped. Six miles away in Buckhannon, W.Va., the only incorporated town in Upshur County, tiny St. Joseph's Hospital prepared for multiple casualties.

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Reuters

Betty Casto comforts her husband, Earl, whose cousin was one of the 12 West Virginia miners who died.

City agency scrutinized over \$20 million gap

Exclusive: Auditors target 2-year budget shortfall by Love Field operator

By KATIE FAIRBANK
and TANYA EISERER
Staff Writers

The city department that oversees Dallas Love Field had a \$20 million shortfall over two fiscal years, resulting in a drop in the airport's bond rating. City auditors are questioning why.

The auditors say they will examine the books of the Aviation De-

partment, a stand-alone business entity that independently operates Love Field, Executive Airport in southern Dallas and the Convention Center heliport.

Council members have asked City Manager Mary Suhm for a full accounting of the situation at a mid-January briefing.

"We have an entity that should be breaking even, and we're not doing it. That means that there are things we are not doing right," said City Council member Mitchell Rasansky, a critic of the Aviation Department.

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Bush, DeLay, others vow to donate cash tied to Abramoff

By TODD J. GILLMAN
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Bush and other recipients of Jack Abramoff's largesse kicked his mud from their boots Wednesday, vowing to give to charity the mon-

Abramoff pleads guilty. **2A**

ey the disgraced lobbyist gave them — before he confessed to defrauding clients, trying to bribe lawmakers and cheating the IRS.

Rep. Tom DeLay, the indicted former majority leader from Sugar Land, said he would give away \$15,000 that Mr. Abramoff gave his Houston-area campaigns. It was a development viewed as ironic by critics who've pressured others to

return DeLay cash for months.

Mr. Abramoff was in Miami on Wednesday, pleading guilty to federal fraud charges related to the purchase of floating casinos. He threw a shadow of fear over the Capitol on Tuesday by appearing

in a Washington courtroom promising to tell the Justice Department everything he knows about corruption in exchange for leniency on three felony counts.

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INVINCIBLE: UT, Young claim title

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It is Texas' fourth national championship, along with those earned in 1963, 1969 and 1970 (a split title with Nebraska), but this one was a long time in coming.

"To win two Rose Bowl championships and a national championship in two years is tremendous," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "Not only for our state, but the University of Texas and the people of Texas."

Texas' rally from a 38-26 deficit in the final 6:42 culminated a memorable week for Longhorns

fans, many of whom paid four-figure sums per ticket. Judging by the amount of burnt orange, UT fans roughly filled up half of the fabled stadium.

"It was really surreal when you're sitting there in the fourth quarter and you're down by two scores, and you still think you're going to win," Brown said.

Earlier this week, Brown talked about how much he had enjoyed watching Texas fans bask in the Longhorns' return to national prominence.

"It's been really fun to watch," he said. "They want to be here every year. That's OK. We want to be here every year, too."

And Longhorns junior running back Selvin Young talked about the need to win the game for the sake of state pride, saying the team planned "to bring this thing back to Texas where it belongs. Growing up, I've always been a big believer that real football is played in Texas, starting in little league."

With the victory, the state will no doubt regain some of its football swagger, and Wednesday's result will take much of the sting out of Longhorns heartbreakers in 1977 and 1983. In both of those seasons, they entered the Cotton Bowl unbeaten, only to lose to Notre Dame and Georgia, respectively.

And if Vince Young returns for his senior season, the Longhorns could bid for a second consecutive national title – and perhaps challenge the school-record 30 straight victories earned from 1968 to 1970.

Young rushed for 200 yards and passed for 267 yards Wednesday night in earning his second straight Rose Bowl MVP award. His final 8-yard scramble around right end will go down in Texas lore.

USC was bidding for its unprecedented third straight Associated Press national title and second straight BCS championship.

"They are a worthy team," Trojans coach Pete Carroll said. "It makes me feel a little bit different than if we'd have lost to someone we should have beaten."

Perhaps the most remarkable part of the night is that the teams managed to live up to the pregame billing.

This was perhaps the most anticipated, and certainly the most hyped, game in college football history. It was billed as a matchup for the ages, a clash of 12-0 titans, marking the first time the top-two ranked teams entered the BCS title game unbeaten.

STEPPING UP

Vince Young's statistics against Associated Press Top 25 opponents during Texas' 20-game win streak:

2004 season

Opponent	C-A-I	Pass yds	Rush att.-yds	Total TDs
Oklahoma State	18-21-2	278	12-123	2
Texas A&M	12-18-0	131	19-93	1
Michigan	16-28-1	180	21-192	5

2005 season

Opponent	C-A-I	Pass yds	Rush att.-yds	Total TDs
Ohio State	18-29-2	270	20-76	2
Colorado	25-29-0	336	10-58	5
Texas Tech	12-22-2	239	7-45	3
USC	30-40-0	267	19-200	3
Averages	19-27-1	243	15-112	3