

# Football wins spark riots at Ohio, WSU

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MADISON, Wis. — Bundled in an orange snowmobiling suit, the bearded sidewalk flutist played a lively rendition of "On the Sunny Side of the Street," the notes echoing up and down State Street as if to declare that life on this eclectic, student-oriented strip has returned to normal.

Thank the carpenters and plate-glass workers who were called into

action after the city's annual Halloween celebration just off the University of Wisconsin campus turned into a bottle-throwing, glass-breaking, tear gas-wafting riot.

Campus disturbances are hardly new — Wisconsin has a rich history of protest — but college administrators, city officials and police across the nation are grappling with the complex problem of anticipating and controlling street celebrations that of-

ten draw tens of thousands of people.

The past two springs, police have had to quell riots near the Ohio State University campus in Columbus, and at least a dozen small fires were reported Saturday after the school's football team clinched a spot in the national title game. Celebrations also got out of hand after several other college games, including one on the campus of Washington State, where players on the visiting Univer-

sity of Washington team were pelted with debris thrown on the field.

A handful of injuries resulted from the rowdy behavior Saturday. Most of the mayhem — though not all — surrounded goal-post-dismantling parties that often follow big victories.

"I don't think they have gotten more out of hand, but the number of events has increased, and the potential (for trouble) is greater," said Sheldon Steinbach, vice president

and general counsel for the American Council on Education.

The challenge for universities and law enforcement also is jurisdictional, complicated by the blurring boundaries separating campuses from the communities that surround them.

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# Tentative agreement would end port dispute

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LOS ANGELES — Averting a strike that would have been a major blow to the nation's already weak economy, the West Coast longshore union and representatives of shipping companies reached an agreement for a six-year labor agreement, both sides said early Sunday.

The new contract, which needs final approval by rank and file members of the International Longshore and

Warehouse Union, was completed late Saturday night. It contains most of the pension and health benefits and job security the union sought and the modernization demanded by the Pacific Maritime Association, the shipping companies' representative.

At the core of the dispute was a demand by the shippers that modern technology — including computers, scanning devices and closed circuit television cameras — be introduced to West Coast ports as a means of increasing the speed and

efficiency of handling cargo.

Under the rules of the old contract, all data on incoming containers was first recorded manually by union clerks.

Both sides declined to comment on specific aspects of the new contract during a news conference Sunday, but Peter Hurtgen, the chief federal mediator, hailed the new agreement as historic and indicated that the modernization demanded by the Pacific Maritime Association would be implemented.

In an earlier statement, Hurtgen said that in addition to better wages and benefits for the union's 10,500 members, the agreement also provided for "necessary technology and dispute resolution improvements to ensure that America's West Coast ports continue to modernize and increase both efficiency and productivity."

Longshore union members are among the highest paid blue-collar workers in the nation. According to the Maritime Association, annual wages range between \$80,000 and

\$150,000 depending on the skill required for the job.

"It is now time again for this industry to retool," said James Spinosa, the international president of the Longshore and Warehouse Union on Sunday. "And I think the membership will be pleased with the results."

A 100-member union caucus will meet on Dec. 9 for a vote on ratification.

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# Saudi princess denies charges of funding terrorists

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WASHINGTON — The wife of Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States on Sunday vehemently denied suggestions that she helped fund terrorists involved in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, but confirmed that she gave money to a needy woman whose husband may have had ties to the hijackers.

"I find that accusations that I contributed funds to terrorists outrag-

eous and completely irresponsible," said Princess Haifa al-Faisal, wife of Ambassador Prince Bandar bin Sultan, in a statement issued late Sunday to Knight Ridder Newspapers.

"This is the time for people to come together to combat the scourge of terrorism so that others will not suffer the loss of loved ones," the princess said.

It is extremely rare for Saudi women to be involved in public controversy or to issue press state-

ments. A spokesman for the Saudi embassy in Washington said he believed Sunday's statement issued to Knight Ridder was the first ever issued by Princess Haifa.

The angry denial came in the wake of reports that the FBI was investigating a possible money trail from the Saudi Arabian government to two of the hijackers, Khalid al Midhar and Nawaf al Hazmi. The reports said that money from the princess went to the family of Osama

Bassnan, a Saudi citizen, when they were living in the United States. A friend of Bassnan, Omar al Bayoumi, had apparently helped al Midhar and al Hazmi when they arrived in San Diego's Muslim community.

Nail al Jubeir, the Saudi Embassy spokesman, said Sunday that Princess Haifa had given money to a woman named Majida Ibrahim Ahmad, a Jordanian national, who had gone to her for help in paying for medical expenses.

The princess gave her monthly checks of \$2,000 for several years, but she was not aware that Ahmad was the wife of Bassnan, who had indirect connections to the hijackers.

"She has been very generous in her support of Saudis living here," al Jubeir said. "We're tracing the whole thing," he said.

Both Ahmad and her Saudi husband were deported this month.

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