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Protesters clashed with the military in and near Cairo's Tahrir Square on Sunday. Demonstrators want an accelerated end to the military government. More photos at nytimes.com/world.

THE FALL CLASSIC

As the baseball season enters its final month and anticipation for the World Series — the Fall Classic — builds inexorably towards fever pitch, the influence of America's traditional pastime permeates off the sports page onto the front page and to streets around the world. It goes without saying how baseball's idioms have crossed over into the popular lexicon (*touch base*, *throw me a curve ball*, *out of left field*) but its formal conventions (the pitcher's wind-up, the batter's swing) are evident everywhere as well.

What happens when we take the ballgame out of the stadium and locate it within everyday life? On this page, the hurling motion of the pitcher reminds us of Edward Said's "gesture of joy," hucking rocks at hated borders, on the opposite page, the bat's shocking violence resembles Kubrick more than Ruth. If the newspaper is a first draft of history, perhaps subsequent readings suggest there are alternative histories to be imagined, however bizarre or sympathetic or even brutal they may be.

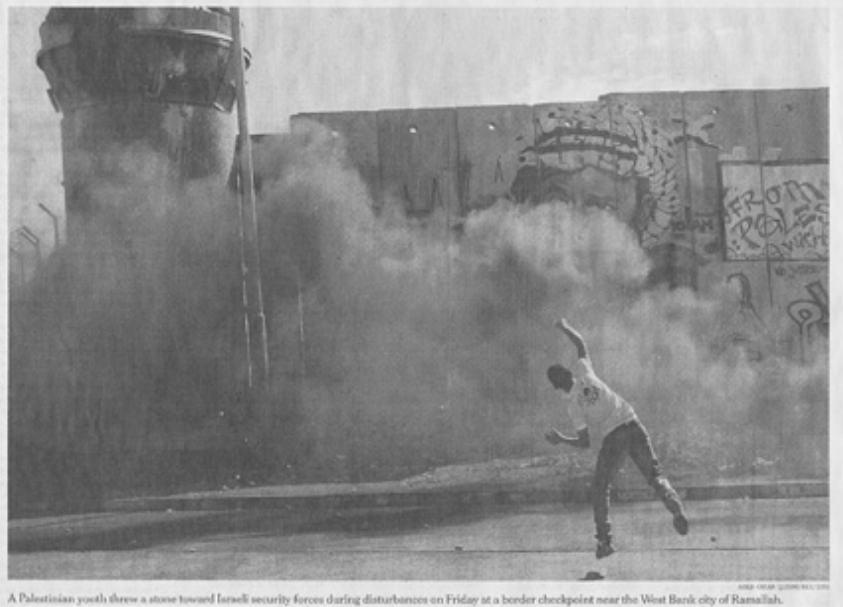
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A protester shields himself from tear gas during a protest in Cairo Thursday.



A Palestinian youth throws a stone toward Israeli security forces during disturbances on Friday at a border checkpoint near the West Bank city of Ramallah.



Protesters throw stones during clashes in Cairo Thursday.



Protesters throw rocks at security forces during a second day of demonstrations near the former Ministry building in downtown Cairo.



Protesters in Tahrir were met Thursday with tear gas. "The Arabian Spring will begin here in Spring!" one said.



VIOLENCE IN ATHENS Protesters and police officers clashed Wednesday. Talks on a unity government in Greece foundered. Page B3.



Police officers in Algiers crack down Tuesday on students who demanded more spending on universities and the



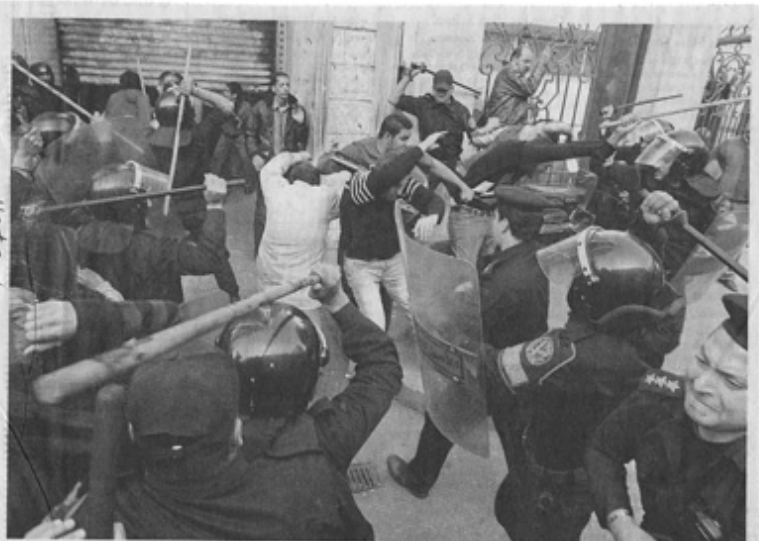
Protesters gathered in Tbilisi to call for the ouster of Georgia's president, Mikheil Saakashvili. The demonstration was largely peaceful, but there were some clashes among people with sticks.



Protesters clash with riot police in Athens on Tuesday as lawmakers debated spending cuts and tax increases promised to international creditors.



A protest in Shenzhen, China, shows an overfused Japanese-born police officer with a metal rod during an anti-Japan demonstration Sunday.



DEFYING ORDERS Protesters in Cairo on Wednesday defied a ban on public gatherings, risking clashes with the police. Page A10.

ABOUT THE SERIES

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Police officers clash with a child during a face-off with garment workers Wednesday in Dhaka, Bangladesh.



Protesters beat a policeman Monday in Srinagar, Kashmir's largest city.



Greasy workers in Athens clashed with police during a demonstration at the Bank of Greece on Sunday.