

Marching In: Tearing Down the Terrordome The final section of Zirin's book is an outline of all the ideas and principles that are discussed throughout the book. I didn't think this section was necessary.

I continued a then-months-long war with my foot; I started my 2nd semester at WKU, but it was not a good start; Donald Trump was inaugurated as the President of the United States. I finally got to attend the Carl Casper Auto Show in town unfortunately, it was the last ever show; I got my first inner ear infection since childhood not exactly the highlight of February; Donald Trump began his crusade to tear down the U. Other than that, not much else happened over the summer, other than Public Enemy releasing a free, digital album, and Louisville Councilman Dan Johnson began his downward spiral August: This was an indescribably cool afternoon, seeing how dark Nashville where we went to see it got, at 2: I wish I had taken a video of the moment when the Sun got covered! Other items in August: Nationals, plus a couple of Reds games both are rare occasions; Houston hammered by a Hurricane October: The Cliff Notes version of the story: Pitino was accused by the FBI of paying a player to come to Louisville illegal, Jurich was accused of bullying other coaches and schools on campus, plus insubordination. The Foot War ended, after nearly 1 year!! Thanksgiving was very enjoyable! Fall Finals 2. I would love to achieve the following in Get down to pounds, by April 1st; get to pounds, by Halloween. Both of these facts should go a long way towards the weight loss goals. I worked a bunch and saved enough money to get an apartment by the end of Game Design would be awesome but an Internship in any of those 3 fields would work. I probably need to complete 2 before 3 can happen, though. I have 12 hours with harder classes than the Fall. Take much more time for myself. I realized that, while a pretty good year overall, was very exhausting with little done to decompress, so to speak.

2: Watch-Caravan Migrant Says March to U.S. Border is for Jobs, Not Asylum

Welcome To The TerrorDome Wednesday, November 28, Marching in- Tearing down the Terrordome. New Orleans is still suffering a great deal from hurricane Katrina.

Different views and expression is what keeps our freedom of speech rights. One political view point of power, will lead us into a nation of one sided thinkers and we will destroy our own creative thinking process. So, when I read this book I did not always agree with his views but I respected them and took them into consideration and did changes my views on some of his points. The city fought through it and survived, that is until a renegade barge destroyed a levy that was holding the flood waters back. The levy breaking and the storms torment of the city below sea level structure spelled disaster for the city of New Orleans. The mayor of New Orleans asked people to vacate the city before the storm hit; however the people of New Orleans have been through many mighty storms and this one they felt would be no different. Many 25, residents who did not get out of the city on time turned to the Superdome for a safe heaven to escape the category five hurricane and in Superdome there were rumors of murder, rape and riots but that was all propaganda. There were some people who died during the storm of health complications, and many died after the storm was over, waiting outside for the FEMA buses that never came, but that is a whole other story. I guess Jesse Jackson has never seen Roots or the Amistad because that is a ridiculous comment to make. These people were in no way surviving in a penthouse hotel or even a motel for that matter, but I would bet they would have given certain body parts to stay in the Superdome, compared to the people having to live on the their roof for days. Many of the New Orleans residents and surrounding suburbs had to retreat to their roofs and bake in the degree heat, for days before rescue came. Not, only did they have to sit on their roofs and bake with little to no water but they had to watch water rush through filled with sewage and in some cases bodies. So, the people staying in the Superdome may not have had the greatest of experiences and it maybe a little ironic they paid for the stadium and can not afforded to attend a game, now that the Saints are actually winning games. The government did give millions to fix the stadium and nothing to fix these people homes and help repair their lives, but through out all problems that these people faced in the Superdome they came out alive and survived the storm, the events that happened after the storm are major faults of our government. However, Americans came to the rescue, through donations, volunteers and monetary support. It may not have been enough to put everyone back in their home but it was enough to get some action and put pressure our government to change the way we look and think about a national crisis. I agree with some of the things that Dave Zirin and the people he quoted through out the March of Domes chapter. There were many injustices by their local, state and national governments. Whether it be athletes, actors, businessmen or the average Joe they all gave and supported the people of New Orleans. Chapter 1 "Relearning Roberto Clemente- Roberto Clemente was one of the greatest ball players ever to play the game and he did a lot for the game of baseball and the Latin American ball players of today. He helped Baseball and America see that racism was still very prevalent in the south and how bad the "Jim Crowe" laws were apart of minorities lives in the South. Roberto worked hard to bridge the gap of equality in baseball and the gap the players that had to endure when they had to travel in the Deep South. Roberto had to deal with eating and sleeping on the team bus, while his white teammates got to dine in restaurants and sleep in nice hotels. Roberto was around to see racism at its height in the fifties to the equality movement in the seventies. He grew up poor but lived, life to its fullest. He pushed for equal rights in baseball, he would stand up against the press when they mocked his accent, was instrumental helping to implement a players union, he stood up against the Vietnam War and poverty side by side with Martin Luther King. He flew in people from Puerto Rico to help spread cultural awareness. He then led his team against impossible odds to beat the heavily favored Baltimore Orioles, almost single handedly. Clemente was a man of a generation; he did what was right and did it without shame. Clemente did not complain about little things, he used his fame to bring broad problems out. He cared about people half a world away, his island of Puerto Rico, the United States and everything that it was supposed to stand for. I do not think Roberto Clemente should have his number retired for being a player, human rights activist, or a disaster relief volunteer; no I

think that he should have his number retired because he is a true American, helping minorities live the American way in America. The author points out hardships of Latinos in baseball and their struggle with the English language during interviews. Or how the World Baseball Classic was baseballs way of extending its roots into other countries and be a globalized sport and show the strength of our baseball superiority. These baseball camps are very competitive but these poor children have the opportunity of a lifetime and get more out of these camps than American children do, going up through the little leagues. Then the author tells how these children grow up and get paid in the minors but then do not make the cut and get discarded and have to go home and live a poor life. They get a chance to learn English, eat a quality meal, sleep in an actual bed, get professional coaching by the teams and have a chance to make something of themselves. They have an opportunity and they should make the best of the situation. Yes, their countries are poor and yes these children have to work hard and maybe neglecting school. So, yes they may not have much when they are done playing baseball on a professional level, but at least they got to play baseball for a living; something that many Americans and people all around the world would do for free. If these countries want the Major League Baseball to monetarily compensate them for producing ball players, then would it technically be paying people to reproduce and make the economic problem worse? The author also criticized Carlos Delgado for getting a big pay check and then stopping himself from speaking out against things. Maybe he wanted a big pay check so he can help out his home country. If there is so much talent in these countries why are these players not giving back like Roberto Clemente did? It is the most boring sport one could watch, but it is the side events that make soccer such an astonishing spectacle. For some countries soccer represents the country itself and the soccer stars are bigger than most political leaders. So, when a soccer star or a player does something great and then makes a political statement it uses the heat of the moment and fans undying love for their team as a stepping stone for change. Soccer is one thing that makes people come out of their homes in war torn countries, this maybe why there are so many riots in so many countries. The people are able to show emotion and it then runs wild. I think that it is funny how Dave Zirin talks about how a drug addicted who constantly was getting caught on drug tests and made lots of money being a soccer star, protesting our president when he was meeting about North American Free Trade agreement. It is interesting that Dave Zirin really spot lights the Socialist people through out this entire book and makes them look like they are doing no wrong. Chapter 4- The World Cup: The Politics of Play Personified- Soccer is a globalized sport and some countries just do not like each other and they will do anything to embarrass and degrade them. Racism is a global issue; it has been since the dawn of time. Whether we like it or not, as long as there is hate there will be racism. This is the sad truth we must all face, we really cannot stop but we can control it and these issues and solutions that are brought up through out this chapter can help. Soccer has long been a way for certain nations, countries, states, cities, towns and people to decide who is better. In American sports such as football, I see a less radical way of trying to humiliate the other team, so that their team has an advantage, or an edge. I think that this is the same but soccer fans are so engrained into their sport culture that they act this way towards people, not always as hate but as dominance. In my opinion, racism lies in the heart of the individual and just because someone may act a certain way at certain times, does not mean he is a hateful person. For the NBA this was the Hip-Hop culture it saved the NBA in the s and has been a factor ever since and will somewhat always be a factor as long as Americas listen and enjoy the rhythmic music and beats. Now, the NBA is not necessarily moving away from Hip-hop, it is try to transform its self and its players into a more business type atmosphere. While players can have their own style on the court the sidelines should be clean and well kept. Many businesses have dress codes and the NBA is trying to be no different. At a game a player not playing should act and be professional, off the court however a player should be themselves and do what they want. If they want to be a gangster rapper then fine, if they want to join a polka band great, as long as the players are not involved in crimes. I do not think the dress code or the early entry from high school has anything to do with race or culture, a positive image is important. If I was getting paid millions of dollars and I was hurt and could not play I would gladly wear nice clothes and be respectful on the sidelines. As, far as skipping college and going straight to the NBA, I think it is a bad idea. Some people are not meant for college yes. However, you do not know until you try and for them it is a free education something I am paying thousands of dollars for a year.

Education is something they can fall back on if their career does not work out or they get hurt. Eighteen year olds maybe adults and may be able to fight for our country and vote, but most have a very small view of the world and have no clue about how to manage themselves and their money, especially millions of dollars. I think the rule is fair and just and is in place to protect young people and their talents. Chapter 6- The Olympics: Gold, Guns and Graft- I really like what the Olympics represent, however I am against the politics behind them. Heroes are made in the Olympics and so is greed and power. Also, if the littlest, tiniest, rumor comes out that one took a performance enhance drug or one makes a political stance that is to great or even does not take a political stance they can be stripped of their medals. Why do people really care so much about performance enhancing drugs, they are no the greatest thing for you, but you try and perform everyday at their level and then lift and train and see how you feel. The cities must be in top order and they must build stadiums and other places to hold events. I understand that the cities want the streets to be clean, no beggars, and drunks present. The sad killings of people such as in Mexico must be given more thought when choosing a city or country and not to the highest bidder. The games do proved construction jobs and increase the economy for those few months during the games. The debt the cities have been going into is a tough sell, but the increase and games sharing revenue does help compensate. At the time our economy was about to fail, a hedge fund manager swindled billions of dollars from people and we are chasing steroids in baseball and using all of congress to do it. This is exactly what I want my tax dollars going towards. Then we make Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens the bad guys after all they have done for baseball. We have turned on them, even though all of the other players were doing steroids and many of the players of the past have as well. I am sick of the whole thing and wish our government would stop this silliness and focus on bringing jobs back here. Chapter 8- The Use of Sports: How People in Power Exploit the Games- Pat Tillman was a hero and so was his troop and anyone else who serves our country and allows us the opportunity to live as free as we do. They did not want his ranger group to be blame and received backlash for the friendly fire. It was a bad situation and it was not right how these events happened. I also think that it is unfair to blame Armstrong for not saying anything to the president. Maybe he did say something, maybe he did not. He himself was involved in witch hunt at the time for illegal racing substances and was thrown into a situation he probably had no idea about and it is not all that uncommon for people to protest outside the White House and other places where the president is staying. Chapter 9- The Way it Was, the Way It Is- I really think that some of the stories that Edwards and Bouton told were interesting and informative especially the part about some of the Yankee players kissing on the team bus. I also agreed with Jim Brown and many other people about putting Tookie Williams to death. I f you start a problem and then try and rectify it why you are serving your time and do great things then why kill the person who is doing great things to fix the problem?

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I beg you that when I come I may not have to be as bold as I expect to be toward some people who think that we live by the standards of this world. For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. This morning, I choose to read this passage about spiritual strongholds from Paul, because the themes that we discover from the conquest of Jericho will be the outline for a series in which we are going to look at on dealing with spiritual battle. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies? Now Jericho was tightly shut up because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in. March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go up, every man straight in. March around the city, with the armed guard going ahead of the ark of the LORD. The armed guard marched ahead of the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard followed the ark. All this time the trumpets were sounding. But Joshua had commanded the people, "Do not give a war cry, do not raise your voices, do not say a word until the day I tell you to shout. Then the people returned to camp and spent the night there. Joshua got up early the next morning and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets went forward, marching before the ark of the LORD and blowing the trumpets. The armed men went ahead of them and the rear guard followed the ark of the LORD, while the trumpets kept sounding. So on the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. They did this for six days. On the seventh day, they got up at daybreak and marched around the city seven times in the same manner, except that on that day they circled the city seven times. The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the people, "Shout! For the LORD has given you the city! The city and all that is in it are to be devoted to the LORD. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall be spared, because she hid the spies we sent. But keep away from the devoted things, so that you will not bring about your own destruction by taking any of them. Otherwise you will make the camp of Israel liable to destruction and bring trouble on it. All the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron are sacred to the LORD and must go into his treasury. They devoted the city to the LORD and destroyed with the sword every living thing in it--men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep and donkeys. They brought out her entire family and put them in a place outside the camp of Israel. But Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, because she hid the men Joshua had sent as spies to Jericho--and she lives among the Israelites to this day. At that time Joshua pronounced this solemn oath: Joshua is the book the pictures for us the victory of the kingdom of God. The manna was about to quit, they would now eat the fruit of the land. All the blessings of being the covenant people of God were about to be poured out to them. Except for one dynamic, the land was occupied with enemies! We have come to the place in our study of the book of Joshua that for many Christians starts becoming a little uncomfortable. Let me first deal with the issue of bloodshed. Yes these stories sound severe! No one in the city of Jericho was spared except Rahab and her family, but the severity is justice, the justice of God. Now, as Israel marched into the land, they were executing the fair judgement of God on its inhabitants for centuries of idolatry and rampant sin. After all, why totally destroy cities? Why turn them to piles of rubble? Why not enslave the inhabitants and make the city their own? When we think like that, we have not realized some fundamental truths. First, each one of these cities was regarded as a demonstration of the power of idols. When the nation of Israel came into this land, it was the one true God reclaiming the land that was rightfully his. It was the one true God cleaning all the offensive false gods off of his territory. What we want to do this morning is look very simply at the battle strategy for taking the city of

Jericho. There are four themes that I would like to address this morning: First - notice that Israel was battling from a position of victory. God had delivered them from the nation of Egypt effectively wiping out the military of the most powerful nation at that time. And we have to remember that the conquest of Egypt was a spiritual battle. It was a battle between the magicians and gods of Egypt and the God of Israel. It was a battle between the demons behind pagan worship and the Almighty. The most powerful enemy had been defeated. Israel was marching with this in their memory. Entire cities, like the city of Jericho as we heard through Rahab, Joshua 2: They built up double walled fortifications for protection. By this passage we discover that the whole city was shut up, no one allowed in, no one allowed out. Their walls of stone keeping them safe as they trusted in their idols for hope, salvation, security from the God of Israel. Notice that this story of the defeat of Jericho starts with this strange meeting near the city. Joshua meets a man with a drawn sword and not knowing his identity, asks whose side he is on. And we might expect him to say "The side of Israel" but the response is that he is on "neither" side. Such a strange response when Joshua meets the Commander of the Army of the Lord. And this commander has come to establish the kingdom of God. God is not there to serve Israel in battle, Israel is there to serve God in battle. And so, before this battle, Joshua had to take off his sandals and meet with God, receive instructions that were to be followed to the detail. So to, we will find that battling spiritual strongholds in the power of God requires that we start by meeting with God. Most of us know this story from hearing the scriptures when we were young. Joshua by the instruction of the Lord directed the people of Israel to march around the city: They were to encircle the city 5 days, and then on the 7th day, they would circle it 7 times followed by a shout, and the walls would fall down. That is the strangest attack plan in the history of warfare. But then again, Israel is not fighting with human weapons, they are fighting with spiritual weapons to pull down a stronghold. The battle was between God and the idols, the moon gods of Jericho. That is why the ark, which signified the presence of the Lord was to go around the city with them. There is one key that I would like to highlight in this perfect march. That is the trumpets. If you were to survey a concordance on the word trumpet in the scriptures, you would find that trumpets proclaim the presence of God and his kingdom. Trumpets proclaim the presence of the King and his kingdom. As Israel march around Jericho, the trumpets proclaimed to the idols of the city that one far more powerful had come to take over the promised land. We too will find, as we study the battle of spiritual strongholds, that our proclamation, our trumpeting of the kingdom of God is a very significant weapon in our battle. We are to take the sword of the spirit which is the word of God They were acting in a contrary Spirit. Now that may sound abstract. Let me give it some flesh. Jericho was shut up. Certainly on the top of its walls, it had all the protections that their army could muster: And they were prepared for Israel to fight their strategy with a similar strategy: Notice what Israel does. Rather than getting their adrenaline pumping, putting up their weapons, planning their defensive strategies in battle, this nation of Israel shuffles around the city in their sandals! How do you fight a nation when all they are doing is shuffling around? The spirit in which the Israelites acted was contrary to the spirit of defense and warfare that the people of Jericho had. Where Jericho was depending on its moon gods and its walls, Israel was depending on the Lord Almighty to do the battle. When we look at this last theme, we will find that a major weapon in our spiritual arsenal is to act in a contrary spirit. Paul tells us "For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.

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The Corps of Cadets sit together in the lower level of the South end zone stands during every home game. Freshman cadets do push-ups on the shoulders of their classmates equal to the point total after each score. The cannon was named "Skipper" to honor John F. Kennedy, who was assassinated at the same time the cannon was built. It is composed completely of members of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets. Cadets would regularly feed "Growley" with portions of their breakfast since food was scarce. When it first began, cadets would thread rolls of toilet paper soaked in kerosene onto a metal VT shaped frame and run the flaming VT through campus, urging students to join the crowd. Pre-Game[edit] "Hokie Walk": A tradition where the team arrives in buses and walks to the locker room among the fans, and led by the Highty-Tighties and the Hokie Bird. A game-day celebration near Lane Stadium that started in 1956. At every home game, the Highty-Tighties perform the pre-game field show. Fireworks are set-off during and after the singing of the National anthem at night games. As the music begins, The Marching Virginians lead the stadium in jumping in place, which has become known as the "Blacksburg Bounce". As the team runs out of the tunnel during Sandman, each player reaches up and touches a slab of Hokie Stone , then runs between two phalanxes, consisting of the Highty-Tighties , Marching Virginians , and freshman cadets. In-Game[edit] Orange Effect: Since 1997, the students have designated one game where all fans are asked to wear orange. Boston College or Florida State. The very first unofficial Maroon Effect game was in 1997 against the University of Virginia. The White Out game is typically done for an early season game, usually against an FCS opponent, where all fans wear white. The Marching Virginians occupy the field level bleachers, in front of the student section behind the North end zone during the game, and play songs throughout. The turkey gobble is in memory of Floyd H. Floyd later brought live trained turkeys to games to walk the sidelines during games and gobble on command. A tradition started in the late 1950s: The Marching Virginians perform the half-time field show at every game. At every field show, the band usually performs up to three songs followed by " Tech Triumph " as they march off the field. The Highty-Tighties perform the halftime show at least once a year. The tuba section of The Marching Virginians lines up on the goal line of the north end zone to play and dance the Hokie Pokie "Hokey Pokey". This is performed during halftime at select games during the season. Prior to 1997, the "Hokie Pokie" was performed between the 3rd and 4th quarters of every home game. Scoring Plays[edit] Student Toss: Groups of students, most of whom are seated in the student section in the north end zone, lift up a student usually female to toss in the air for every point scored. The school mascot, the Hokie Bird does one bench press for every point the Hokies score on a weight bench in the end zone. Freshman cadets complete push-ups on the shoulders of their cadets seated in front of them, completing one push-up for every point scored by the Hokies. Following every touchdown, members of the cheer squad run onto the field carrying six large flags, each with a single letter, spelling: During the game, Skipper, the cannon is fired behind the north end zone stands of Lane Stadium after every score by Virginia Tech. Fireworks are set-off on scoring plays at night games.

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While I missed that date by about weeks, the search is definitely on. I will make a few appointments for apartment tours on Tuesday or Wednesday, plus tour the Old Louisville neighborhood to find vacancies within the next week. My goal is to have a place by the end of the month, and a move-in date in place by August 15th. Start My Online Portfolio and b. Create Content for the Portfolio. I have not done nearly as much with this, during Summer Break, as I had planned. I learned quite a bit, including: This was a Swing And A Miss. Of course you realise, this means Fall Semester War. This is still a work in progress but there have been some positive results. The Plantar Plate tear under my right 2nd and 3rd toes is pretty much healed. The Plantar Fasciitis has been calm for a few weeks, for which I am very grateful. I thank the Tri-Lok Brace for relaxing and supporting the Plantar ligament enough to go without the brace for a few days. The bone spurs pain in my heel has most certainty not calmed down. Neither has the Achilles Tendonitis in both feet. The rest of the pain is just a long, LONG lesson of pain management. Some days are better than others. Keep the Upward Momentum with Money Going. I did not want to leave Kinetic but the money issues have turned around since I quit. This is also a work in progress. The former has happened a few times during Summer Break; the latter has maybe happened twice? Get Back Down to lbs. The former did not happen; the latter is still very possible. There will probably be more on Drum Corps in a separate, upcoming blog post. I had my lowest INR reading in probably 2 years, about 2 weeks ago, at 2. The higher the number, the slower my blood is clotting. Doctors want my INR between 3. The cause of the low reading was a probable missed dosage. If my reading stays below 2. I am waiting to see if I can sign up for 2 more classes On Demand 6 credit hours , bringing the Fall total up to 15 hours.

6: Tearing Down the Walls Quiz | 10 Questions

Policy-makers or policy-takers?: a comparison of Canadian and Swiss sport for development non-governmental organizations / by Lyndsay Meredith Catherine Hayhurst.

Edit In , Stuart K. Cassell, namesake of Cassell Coliseum and a former school administrator, proposed building a larger stadium to replace Miles Stadium , a 17,seat stadium. Construction of Lane Stadium began in April It took a total of four years to complete construction. At the game, only the west stands and center section of the east bleachers were completed. This brand new stadium seated 35, which featured a press box for guests, writers, stats crew-members, scouts, and coaches. Lane founded the Lane Company Inc. Expansion Lane Stadium during a game Lane Stadium Lane Stadium remained mainly unchanged for 20 years, but in the s the stadium started to expand and update technology. The year saw the expansion of the east stands to increase the capacity to 52, Two years later, the Stadium installed a brand-new lighting system that would help the team get its first nationally broadcast game on WTBS, a win over state rival University of Virginia. Before the season began, the stadium added 16 flags and got a new paint job, which included the maroon and orange stripes inside the stadium. In the spring of , renovations were completed on seven lower sections of the east stands. Renovations also included replacing concrete risers and the addition of wheelchair seating decreasing capacity to 50, Also, before the season, plaques bearing retired numbers of Tech heroes Bruce Smith , Carroll Dale , Jim Pyne , and Frank Loria were added to the wall in the north end zone. However, with the later addition of the north end zone seats, the four retired numbers now fly on flag poles above those stands. Before the start of the season, the oldest bleachers were replaced with new locust wood and the stands were waterproofed. Before the season, the university started work on the north end zone. The summer of saw the addition of roughly 2, seats to the north end zone increasing capacity to 53, In the summer of , 3, more permanent bleacher seats were added to the north end zone increasing capacity to 56, That summer also saw the addition of a new scoreboard, known as Hokievision, installed behind the north end zone. The summer of saw the latest round of additions to north end zone bleachers â€” seats for The Marching Virginians. This move brought the capacity down to 53, Lane Stadium during the Spring Game Prior to the season, the stadium saw 11, seats added in the south end zone to effectively enclose that end of the stadium increasing capacity to 65, It has bleacher, bench-back, and club seats. The structure is enclosed, but has gaps between the older structures and itself. This is the result of building codes and a desire to get fans even closer to the field. Perhaps the biggest addition to Lane Stadium was completed prior to the season. After the season, the old press box was removed and construction began on this west-side expansion, filling in to match what was built up during the season. The new boxes include a new press area, on the side toward the south end zone, with a dining area and improved facilities. Also, the fencing that surrounds the stadium was removed, and the area on the west side exterior of the stadium landscaped with walkways and a weekday parking lot for ticket patrons and Hall of Fame and Hokie Club visitors. The season also saw a new addition to the playing field. Hokie Stone now adorns the walls of each end zone. New kicking nets have also been installed in both end zones. New lights that will double the amount of light and reduce shadows on the field were added as part of the renovation as well. The traditional "Home of the Fighting Gobblers" sign was also removed from the West Stands during this renovation the sign is currently located above the HokieShop in the West Stands concourse. Panorama of Lane Stadium during the "white out" Virginia Tech vs. Austin Peay football game, September 8,

7: Escaping Astrodoom? Why the derelict Astrodome sits in limbo

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Welcome To The Terrordome: The category five hurricane devastated the people of New Orleans and left them in rigid conditions barely holding onto their lives. When they thought they had made it through the worst that hit them, the levees broke and released flood waters that added to the unimaginable damage. In this tragedy, as in many other tragedies, the people of New Orleans prevailed and to this day continue to fight through and rebuild the lives they once had. The New Orleans Saints superdome during this tragedy turned into a homeless shelter for about 25, of New Orleans poorest residents. Obviously, these conditions are not great, but it was better than being left outside. The people were doing what they could to be as comfortable as possible. The bigger issue is not the people staying in the Superdome but where was the government? Dave Zirin takes an obviously stand against how Hurricane Katrina was handled in New Orleans by the Bush administration. Frankly, I agree with his stand and think it is laughable how out of touch and insensitive the administration seemed to be to the people of New Orleans. There were many sports figures and popular people that spoke out against the way the Republican ran government approached this tragedy. Our government is willing to spend millions of dollars with no hesitation on rebuilding Iraq, bailing out major corporations, and giving tax cuts to the rich during the Bush administration but when it came to the poor minorities in the city of New Orleans the government took its time sending the materials needed for basic survival and comfort of those who faced terror. I am not going to say racism played a role, but can anyone tell me with a straight face if this was a suburban white community it would not have been handled with more urgency? Relearning Roberto Clemente Roberto Clemente was arguably one of the best baseball players of all time. He is an iconic figure, especially to Latin Americans. He did a lot for the game of baseball and Latin baseball players. He helped fight racism and inequalities by the life he led and the experiences he went through. Roberto Clemente did contribute not only to moving the game forward from racism and inequality, but also America. Does this mean Roberto Clemente should be in an equal place on the pedestal of Jackie Robinson? The problem though is Jackie Robinson was the first to break barriers in baseball which was the first major step in all that Clemente and many others helped continue on in the movement for equality. So, to say that Clemente is equal to what Jackie Robinson did in that sense would be inappropriate. I do think Clemente did great things for humanity and deserves to be put on his own pedestal, but not the same as Robinson. Clemente was mocked, shunned, and treated poorly by many people. With all of this negativity surrounding his race he never stopped being who he was, which no matter what you believe this is something that all people can respect. All of this maltreatment makes all of his accomplishments more amazing. Imagine trying to perform at your best and having nearly everyone against you. I think most people would fold, but Clemente did not. Roberto Clemente is a player that can be discussed for hours on end. He is a player that overcame obstacles and achieved greatness without shame. Roberto Clemente went through Jim Crow law in the segregated south, mocking of media, and racism. I think Clemente represents an ideal of how to handle defiance and discrimination. He let his actions speak for themselves. A baseball, and politics involvement. The author made some really interesting points that I was tending to agree with for the most part. Dave Zirin made the point that the World Baseball Classic was basically a failure on the mission of extending the message that our baseball is superior and not dependent on international players. One issue in this chapter was how the Major Leagues set up baseball camps for young Latino baseball players to develop. I am split on this topic because on one end of the spectrum these kids get a great opportunity. They get to learn baseball, eat three meals a day, a chance to learn English, and professional coaching. This is all great and dandy, but when the kid grows up and is not good enough, where do they go from there. So, basically it is like you either let the kid stay in a poor environment with limited opportunity, or sends the kids to these camps and allows them to live in great conditions and ultimately probably return to poor conditions if they do not make it. If it were my kid and I was in that situation I would probably have the kid go to the camp because it is more of an opportunity than not doing so.

They have a greater chance to make it to the professionals if not and while doing so they are living in promising environment. Frankly, he convinced me to seeing how much of failure it was for America. I mean we have Bud Selig promoting this thing to basically show the world America still has the best homegrown players and we end up finishing in 8th place. My belief is if you work hard enough you can be better than anyone, the United States took advantage of its opportunities to play sports and now that the rest of the world is getting the same opportunity to play and showcase its talent we are being exposed as not being that great. Also, during the World Baseball Classic politics were kind of brought up in this chapter. I am not sure what to make of this because I am not too deeply into politics, but I do find it interesting that China was in this World Baseball Classic and none of their leaders or the way they treat their people was commenting on so that leads me to believe that there is some propoganda in this. Soccer outside the United States is extremely intense and the underlying circumstances that surround the game make it even more entertaining. As Dave Zirin pointed out you will never see Tom Brady ripping off his jersey with some political saying on his chest after throwing a touchdown. In soccer this is considered the norm and provides for a very different type of story line for the game. Soccer to me in some countries is almost like an escape to leave what is going on around them in their country and express their deep emotions at a soccer game, which could explain the violence and riots that typically happen. I look at this in a more critical way. Either way the accomplishment would have never happened if it was not for title IX. Soccer in general is definitely one of the most politically involved sports I have even witnessed. It is a platform for showcasing arguments hopefully in a nonviolent way but as we know that is not always the case. The World Cup: The author said you cannot divide politics and the World Cup and provides could examples why. First off I do not think any team should be banned just because the country is doing something that another country disagrees with. Why should it affect the athletes when all they want to do is play the game and compete. I was glad to have read on that FIFA rejected all the demands of banning certain teams, but obviously this was all political. I think this statement is right on because honestly politics and sports have no reason to be connected. A negative to the world cup is the racism in the world that is at times reflected. Racism is very relevant in the world and it is unfortunate that the players of different countries sometimes have to put up with the dumbfounded remarks. I will never understand racism and people who are racist is just plain stupid. If you are a racist it demonstrates your lack of deciphering you own confused views and seeing the bigger picture that color is determined by geography. The whitest person and the blackest person are not different in anyway biological way. Now that I have gotten that out I will continue on a little bit more about the world cup. I think the world cup is a very positive event that is bombarded by those who agendas and want to influence their beliefs and ideas on other. They have many routes to the Black community and Urban America. The author claimed that people believe the struggle for basketball to cross-over was people believe it was too thuggish, too black, and etc. The only reason the game had trouble crossing over was the same reason hip hop took time crossing over as well; white suburban people typically did not understand the culture. David Stern made a very smart and probably a hard decision to make, but instead of trying to dissociate the league from hip hop and urban communities he welcomed it and marketed there to improve the NBA and its ratings. With all of the basic things I just listed my belief is this. A person is a person. And as long people continue to vary from other people there will be resistance of the majority when there is something that is not understood. I believe a person can be who they want to be. Dress how they want to dress and whatever. As for NBA basketball players specifically they need to act professional while on the job and while off it just stay out of trouble. I do agree with the dress code in general for the league. Whatever the motivations were for it no one will know sure whether it had to hip hop or not. I agree with it because these NBA players need to set an example for young kids and be leaders. Also, the NBA is a job so it is not much to ask players to dress nicely. I am all for any kid who is 18 or older or under 18 with parental approval going straight to the professional and skipping college. That is all I am going to say on this topic! Gold, Guns, and Graft The Olympics represent the best of the best competing for the country they love and showing the cultures and pride of their homelands. I think the Olympics are a great opportunity and event for all involved and its ideal is great. On the other hand a lot of politics go into the Olympics which is unfortunate and tends to taint the games. The problem is the greed and power struggle that takes place with the games. Everyone is

looking to reap a profit. Another issue I tend to get annoyed with is the big deal that is made with performance enhancing drugs. It is so easy to accuse one of these athletes and then their name whether innocent or guilty is tainted forever. My honest opinion is who cares if they are taking performance enhancing drugs people act like they are not still the best at what they do. That provides us viewers with even more of a show to watch. Another big part of the Olympics is the host city. For example, this year Obama lobbied to get Chicago to be the host of the Olympics. But, I think it is important for people to want to host the Olympics. I do think the cities should be safe, clean, and ready to host an event so large. The games provide jobs which is a great thing as well. This whole Barry Bonds steroid thing is being blown out of proportion and is being taken way too high up the food chain as priority.

8: Protesters in Atlanta Tear Down "Peace Monument" After Mistaking It for Confederate Symbol

In Welcome to the Terrordome, Zirin, who writes for the International Socialist Review, Nation, and SLAM magazine, exposes the hypocrisy of contemporary sport as well as the possibility for athletes and fans to embrace a more progressive sporting culture.

Destroying Fortresses; Victory at Jericho Joshua 6: He comes to their aid with His own divinely-provided plan. Indeed, we are repeatedly warned in Scripture against leaning on our own understanding or plans Prov. Undoubtedly, the strategy for invading the land was based on the geographical lay of the land. The pattern of divine strategy for the conquest of Canaan was based on geographic factors. From their camp at Gilgal near the Jordan River the Israelites could see steep hills to the west. Jericho controlled the way of ascent into these mountains, and Ai, another fortress, stood at the head of the ascent. If the Israelites were to capture the hill country they must certainly take Jericho and Ai. This would put them on top of the hill country and in control of the central ridge, having driven a wedge between the northern and southern sections of Canaan. Israel could then engage the armies of the south in battle followed by the more remote enemy in the north. Palestine is a hilly country, and the major passage through it is a connecting road that runs from south to north through the highest portions of the land. Then, when the enemy forces were divided, they would first destroy the opposition to the south and then the opposition to the north. This is the outline of the campaign described in Joshua Before the country could be divided, a wedge had to be driven from the Jordan River valley to the mountains. The first obstacle was at this point: Jericho was a military fortress built to defend the eastern approach to the high country. They thus attacked the central portion first, which prepared the way for operations to the south and then to the north. The Plan or Strategy for Victory 6: The Path or Sequence to Victory 6: The Promise Fulfilled, the Sequel to Victory 6: You shall do so for six days. The plan set forth by the Lord in chapter 6 certainly illustrates the principle of a number of passages from the Bible like Proverbs So today, men are prone to believe in a plan of salvation and sanctification that in some way or another introduces works into the equation rather than faith alone in Christ alone. Joshua 6, therefore, illustrates several vital concepts for walking by faith and dealing with the spiritual enemies we face in this life. The Preparations of Jericho vs. They knew about the Red Sea and they had surely heard about the miracle at Jordan. The Promise From the Lord vs. Likewise over and over again in the New Testament, we are assured of our triumph over sin and Satan. See also Romans 6: Victory was assured by the promise of an omnipotent, faithful, and immutable God. The Principles to Note vss. The ordinary methods and weapons of warfare like battering rams or scaling ladders or towers were not to be used at all. The city covered only about 8. On the seventh day they were to march seven times around the city and the priests were to blow their trumpets. The number seven figures prominently in this chapter. In fact it is used eleven times. Seven priests, with seven trumpets were to march around the city seven days with seven trips around the city on the seventh day. Seven is a significant number in Scripture: We have in this a reminder of 2 Corinthians We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. As the walls of Jericho were brought down apart from human ability, so the spiritual weapons of our warfare are appropriated through prayer, faith, and various truths of the Word of God. Our weapons are designed to tear down strongholds. Strongholds are those things human reasoning or ideas, values, and designs, etc. These trumpets could produce only a few notes. They were used mainly as an instrument of signal. They were used at the time of jubilee in connection with the religious feasts to proclaim the worship and presence of God and they were used in military contexts. Both concepts are applicable here. This was not just a military undertaking, the trumpets declared that the Lord of heaven and earth was present to tear down the walls of Jericho. We each have our Jericho or Ai that stands in the way of our ability to possess our possessions in Christ; virtual strongholds that impede our spiritual progress. It may be a weakness in our character, a physical infirmity, it may be indifference to spiritual things in general or to a specific area we are neglecting. It could be materialism or some life-dominating pattern. For the LORD has given you the city. There were not just one or two breaches in the wall where soldiers were able to pour into the city. Some

interpreters claim that an earthquake caused the destruction. Israel had been prepared to trust the Lord by the events of the first chapters and their consecration to the Lord, especially in chapter 5. I am reminded of Luke The Priority of Silence Can you imagine the difficulty of this? Several hundred thousand people marching around the city without a word, not even a whisper! There were the priests with their trumpets, those with the ark, the armed men and then the rest of the people. This may have included the women and children as well. If this was the case, the silence may be even a bigger miracle than the walls falling down! The passage does not tell us why they were to be silent, but perhaps it illustrates and teaches the principle of being silent before God and just resting in Him. Does any passage come to mind? What about Exodus Our tendency is to gripe and complain to others or seek our comfort from people more than we talk to God and seek our comfort from Him. The Principle of Obedience Through Faith Regardless how unusual the plan was or how hard it was to carry out, there was explicit obedience. We read in Hebrews He was their source of strength. For we through the Spirit, by faith, are waiting for the hope of righteousness Gal. Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord. Yet, a careful reading of the text also suggest Joshua did not unfold the entire plan at the first, but day by day gave them instructions. Each day they would go out and march silently around the city and then return with nothing happening. The walls were still standing and Jericho had not surrendered. They simply obeyed day after day until the seventh day when they marched around the city seven times. At the command of Joshua on the seventh day they gave the great shout and the walls came tumbling down by the mighty hand of God. Is it not significant that Hebrews This remind us that the Lord often works slowly. We want immediate deliverance, but the Lord often tests our faith and in the process builds our character and our relationship with Him so we find the Lord to be what we really need. Too often we want immediate solutions and all our needs and wants met so we do not have to wait on the Lord and trust Him. We want to trust in our health, our bank accounts, our position in the community, our reputation, in our talent, education, and abilities. Cleansing only came to Naaman when he humbled himself and washed seven times, not four or five or even six, but seven. See also Psalm Surely, the Lord was teaching Israel the need to wait patiently to find their rest in Him. Only the silver and gold and articles of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD. In these final verses we see some marvelous facts about God and His dealings with people. The promises to Rahab were keptâ€”she and her family were delivered. Third, in keeping with His faithfulness to keep His promises, the prophecy against any who would seek to rebuild Jericho vs. The prophecy of verse 26 came to be fulfilled in the days of Ahab see 1 Kings Jericho was occupied sporadically after its destruction, but never to the previous degree. Revell, New Jersey, , p.

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March around the city, with the armed guard going ahead of the ark of the LORD." When Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets before the LORD went forward, blowing their trumpets, and the ark of the Lord's covenant followed them.

Projections pointed to a comfortable victory. More than a local landmark, the stadium is a national icon, its immense, column-free interior a marvel of engineering and a testament to the American space-age optimism and boldness for which it is named. Then the returns started coming in. The next day, newspapers across the nation, including this one, posted obituaries. The Astrodome, it was presumed, was a goner, the only serious question being when the implosion would come and its erstwhile footprint hashed over with parking spaces. That was early November. Today, the Astrodome is still with us. And that future is anything but certain. Demolition, contrary to popular belief, does not appear imminent. That specifically applies to the presiding power of that commission, Judge Ed Emmett. How did we get here? When it opened in , the Astrodome was an engineering marvel. Instead, a range of issues including stewardship, economics, land values, material condition, building code compliance and patterns of use generally prove decisive. In the case of the Astrodome, we may look to the very demographics advocates so badly miscalculated. A review of polling results indicates that had the referendum been confined to voters registered within the city of Houston, it would have passed. But the stadium is county property, and opposition in surrounding communities, where a highly motivated conservative base is broadly skeptical of public spending, was too large to overcome. Advocates were hurt in particular by the low stakes of an off-year election. Though Houston Mayor Annise Parker was on the ballot seeking a second term, she was considered a shoo-in and won handily. Turnout was particularly low — just Despite that result, many believe there remains broad support for the preservation of the stadium, and that group includes Emmett. Nostalgia alone was not enough to win the day at the polls. That skepticism might just be personified by Louis Frey, an amiable architect who helped design the dome, for which he still harbors considerable affection. Frey nevertheless voted against the rehabilitation proposal, figuring it would be subject to the same poor management that led to its current status as a shabby orphan. Those commissioners are now all that stand between the dome and the abyss, though there are signs that suggest a positive resolution is possible. That designation carries no guarantee against its eventual demolition, but it opens the door to tax incentives that might stimulate plans for redevelopment. The most realistic option remains the one that was already defeated at the polls: Reframed properly, and with a different financing mechanism, that idea might receive the blessing of Harris County voters. It would also probably require the support of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, the monthlong event that ostensibly would be a prime tenant for the renovated dome. In heartening news, conversations with that organization have already begun. Meanwhile, a date looms on the horizon. Before that kickoff, the dome needs one more home run.

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