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We're looking for reports on today's Raw show in Melbourne, Australia, as well as today's Smackdown show in Des Moines (Sheamus vs. Alberto Del Rio vs. Wade Barrett; Randy Orton vs. Dolph Ziggler), today's TNA show in Bowie, MD at Prince George Stadium as well as last night's TNA show in Richmond, VA at dave@wrestlingobserver.com .

The only major show tomorrow is a WWE Smackdown show in Madison, WI. Raw will be Monday night live from Chicago. Smackdown is being taped on Tuesday night in Moline, IL.

THE LATEST OBSERVER: UFC 151 cancelled, history of SummerSlam

We've got a number of major features in this week's Observer, with two lead stories, the entire Jon Jones/Dana White situation and why UFC 151 was canceled, and the History of SummerSlam dating back 25 years. We also look at Masakatsu Funaki's winning the Triple Crown, including a look back at the Triple Crown history and the belts that form the crown.
We look at the arguments for and against what Jon Jones did, why the show was canceled, the various different things that nobody talks about that led to cancellation, the actions of Dana White, the problems with Jon Jones, the role of Chael Sonnen, what really went down, who knew what based on what people are saying and the time line, comments from Jones and why he's lost so much popularity, the business effect on Toronto, the deception, Lyoto Machida, the realities of promoting this style of fighting, why Sonnen isn't getting the shot in Toronto, why certain things have been blamed that have nothing to do with the show being canceled and more and a look at short and long-term effect on both Jones and the UFC business and where this could have been even more disastrous. We look at the fallacy of Jones and White defenders as well as those who blame Henderson.

The other lead story looks at the history of SummerSlam, looking at the shows, the memories, the business, the greatest matches, the most enduring stars, a look at every main event and business behind the scenes at the time. We look at Ultimate Warrior being fired at SummerSlam, why SummerSlam never returned to Wembley Stadium, the Hulk Hogan era vs. the Steve Austin era, the best and worst shows and how looking at matches changes with hindsight. We also look at what went wrong with Lex Luger, the move that nearly killed the boom period before it started, the biggest match business wise in history, special guests and the background of the Hogan vs. Michaels match.

The issue is currently on the site if you are a web site member. We also have a new back issue on the site from 1995 just put up going back in time and talking about one of the worst WWF PPV shows, the 1995 King of the Ring and all the news from that time period.

The Wrestling Observer ranges weekly from 35,000 to 50,000 words covering pro wrestling and MMA internationally. Each issue has coverage and analysis of all the major news, plus

every issue breaks major news stories before the Internet sties and has the most complete look at the pro wrestling and MMA business anywhere, plus history pieces available nowhere else.

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We also look at the sale of WWE's Canadian broadcast outlet and what it means, secret blading, celebrities saying they are doing WrestleMania, Mysterio concussion note, more on Tyler Reks quitting and why, as well as what he's doing and his background. We also have updates on injuries to both The Rock and Steve Austin, as well as what both are up to. We have more on Austin at Mania this year, the arrest of Cameron, another WWE injury that has changed a lot of main events, WWE touring this week, TV skits, video game releases, and notes on the new TV show. We also look at the latest WWE camp for prospective wrestlers and the latest on a number of new WWE signees and their background. We also have all the business notes from the past week and highlights from all the weekend shows.

We also look back at the origins of modern MMA and how it came from pro wrestling, and how the man who was part of its beginnings in 1993 is now a pro wrestling world champion with Masakatsu Funaki's Triple Crown win. We look at how Japanese MMA got started, his role, and why he's back in wrestling and won the title. We also look at the business of this year's Money in the Bank compared with the previous two years, as well as a rundown of WWE's July business in a number of categories.

We also have an update on the Linda McMahon campaign for senate and a major turn over the past week.

We also have a look at the ratings of all the major shows and complete details on how every segment of Raw and Impact this past week did. We look at what segments gained and

lost viewers

We also have results from all the major league arena events over the past week as well as a look at all the major television shows. Also in this week's issue:

--More on a feud between members of one of the most famous wrestling families that wound up in court and story behind it --Two world champions from different international groups have a singles match this week as a big show main event --Major nostalgia show as 70s star continues retirement tour

--Notes on more All Japan and New Japan joint shows

--Tournament for newly created title

--For Japan MVP returns to the ring

--One of the best in-ring performers is injured and out the rest of the year

--Why the wrestling mentality may have made things worse in his instant

--New Japan stars come to the U.S.

--Alex Shelley returns to wrestling

--Ken Shamrock gets publicity he'd probably rather not get

--Why 80s star is in jail

--Update on TNA contracts

--Update on the Bound for Glory series

--Update on next TNA PPV

--Update on TNA's next U.K. tour

--Eric Bischoff has a new TV show

--TNA star opens restaurant

--More on Rousey vs. Kaufman and business

--Update on UFC advance ticket sales

--UFC star charged with battery

--George St. Pierre update

--Notes on U.K. vs. Australia Ultimate Fighter season

--What show UFC expects to draw well

--Lots of new UFC fights

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*April 21, 2003 (history of WWF continues with the expansion nationally, the death of the regional territories and the rise of Hulk Hogan)

*May 12, 2003 (The life and death of Elizabeth and the rise of fall of Lex Luger)

*June 9, 2003 (Part 1 of history of WWF vs. WCW wars and what many say was the greatest year in U.S. wrestling; plus a look at Fred Blassie)

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*August 25, 2003 (2003 Hall of Fame issue with huge profiles on the controversial career of Shawn Michaels, Chris Benoit as well as historical features on Earl Caddock and Francisco Flores)

*September 22, 2003 (Part 3 of the history of the WWF vs WCW war with the seeds that caused the collapse of the industry in the 90s, Zahorian trial, Gulf War controversy, Flair leaves WCW while holding world title and much more)

*October 27, 2003 (The fascinating life of Stu Hart plus the story of Road Warrior Hawk)

*January 19, 2004 (2003 Awards issue)

*February 2, 2004 (History of Toronto wrestling, Jack Tunney life story, Royal Rumble and Battle Royal history)

*February 23, 2004 (History of Guerrero family with Eddy's win over Brock Lesnar)

*March 1, 2004 (History of WWF continues with the period that brought the company down in early 1992, the mistakes, the real stories and how the business changed)

*March 8, 2004 (History of Wrestlemania, its greatest matches and best and worst shows as voted both by wrestlers and non-wrestlers and Wrestlemania history books)

*July 5, 2004 (A look behind the scenes and Ric Flair's book and his background with Eric Bischoff and Hulk Hogan)

*July 12, 2004 (A look at more on Ric Flair's book and his comments on Bruno Sammartino, Bret Hart and Mick Foley)

*August 16, 2004 (History of the Olympians in pro wrestling)

*August 23, 2004 (2004 Hall of Fame issue and biggest issue of the year with huge profiles on Kazushi Sakuraba, Undertaker, Bob Backlund, Masahiro Chono, Ultimo Dragon, Kurt Angle and Tarzan Lopez--this counts as one issue if you are asking for a free issue, but ordered separately, due to size, is $6 in North America and $7 overseas)

*October 4, 2004 (the life and times of Big Bossman; as well as details of the life and times of one of the most influential men world wide in pro wrestling history, Jim Barnett)

*November 15, 2004 (the full story of what happened between Kurt Angle and Daniel Puder, plus coverage of the most important week in the history of TNA)

*January 24, 2005 (2004 Awards issue, Rock and WWE part company)

*March 14, 2005 (the 50 biggest money players in the history of WWF and a look at their Hall of Fame)

*May 9, 2005 (the life and times of Chris Candido)

*June 20, 2005 (The full story behind Paul Heyman and the death of ECW, as well as coverage of One Night Stand, Hardcore Homecoming and behind the scenes of both shows)

*July 18, 2005 (death of Shinya Hashimoto and his records with a look at the fall of New Japan, the Matt Hardy angle, tons of WWE firings, Cornette firing in detail as well as problems of a WWE developmental territory in our biggest news issue of the year which is a double-sized issue and would be $6 on its own and $7 overseas)

*August 24, 2005 (2005 Hall of Fame issue with career profiles of Paul Heyman, HHH and Freebirds plus debut of MMA Hall of Fame)

*September 12, 2005 (History of Mid South Wrestling)

*October 10, 2005 (Life and Times of the Ultimate Warrior)

*November 21, 2005 (Life and Times of Eddy Guerrero and Crusher, double issue $6 on its own and $7 overseas)

*December 5, 2005 (The Eddy Guerrero special issue, double issue $6 on its own, $7 overseas)

*January 9, 2006 (The life and times of Superstar Billy Graham, plus New Year's Eve 2005 coverage)

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*April 3, 2006 (Story of Ann Calvello and the history of Roller Derby--many called this the best issue of the Observer ever)

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*November 15, 2006 (History of WCW part one, Eric Bischoff's book and how the industry was changed forever)

*November 20, 2006 (History of WCW part two, Why Jim Ross left WCW, How Bischoff changed the company, signing of Hulk Hogan, Beginning of Nitro, Jesse Ventura, Brian Pillman, Chris Jericho and signing Wrestlemania planned celebrity away)

*November 27, 2006 (History of WCW part three, When Bischoff challenged McMahon to fight; Truth and fiction around Bret Hart signing with WCW and why it didn't click)

*December 6, 2006 (details behind Pride's offers to sell promotion and Part four of History of WCW part four, Hogan-Goldberg match and why there was no rematch, WCW loses NBC network deal in 1999 and the real reasons the company fell apart)

*January 22, 2007 (2006 Awards issue, double issue $7 on its own, $8 overseas)

*February 14, 2007 (Life and Times of Bam Bam Bigelow)

*March 5, 2007 (WWE begins plans that will change the business)

*March 12, 2007 (Life and Times of Mike Awesome)

*March 19, 2007 (Life and Times of Ernie Ladd)

*April 4, 2007 (Life and Times of Badnews Allen Coage--which many are calling one of the best issues in history)

*July 2, 2007 (Part one of the Benoit double murder-suicide)

*July 5, 2007 (Part two of the Benoit double murder-suicide)

*July 10, 2007 (Part three of the Benoit double murder-suicide)

*July 19, 2007 (Part four of the Benoit double murder-suicide)

*July 23, 2007 (Part five of Benoit double murder-suicide)

*July 25, 2007 (Part six of Benoit double murder-suicide)

*August 15, 2007 (The legend of the God of Japanese wrestling and his influence on MMA, Karl Gotch)

*October 15 (2007 Hall of Fame double issue, $7 on its own, $8 overseas including inductions of The Rock, Tom Packs and the original Strangler Lewis)

*November 12, 2007 (Life and times of Fabulous Moolah and history of U.S. women's wrestling)
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*December 31, 2007 (History of Ric Flair and the heyday of wrestling at the Greensboro Coliseum)

*January 21, 2008 (2007 Awards issue, double issue $7 on its own, $8 overseas)

*March 17, 2008 (Life and times of Johnny Weaver)

*March 24, 2008 (Life and times of Gary Hart)

*April 10, 2008 (Farewell to Ric Flair; My thoughts, Shawn Michaels talks of Flair's meaning to him; Hall of Fame; Wrestlemania double issue, $7 on its own, $8 overseas)

*August 11, 2008 (Ric Flair leaves WWE; Updated history of pro wrestlers and MMA fighters who went to the Olympics)

* September 8, 2008 (2008 Hall of Fame double issue, $7 on its own, $8 overseas; part one of Killer Kowalski bio)

* September 15, 2008 (Life and Times of Evan Tanner)

* September 22, 2008 (The amazing career of Killer Kowalski, one of our most in-depth bios)

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To get all of those biographies as back issues of the Observer would be a $60 value today. This is a collection of some of the best Observer articles of the past several years in a hardcover, full-color format that is 239 pages. There is also a foreword by Bret Hart. The book price is $12.95 plus $3.50 for shipping costs in the U.S., $10 for shipping costs to Canada and $12 for shipping costs outside North America. You can order the book the same way you order the newsletter.

Saturday's news update --Somebody please hire Jon Jones a PR agent. So far today, we've had Franklin McNeil at ESPN report that Jones was going to pay the fighters who lost their fights tonight their guarantees as a PR move, but now has decided against it because so many of them were so negative toward him. Then on Twitter, when someone wrote to him, "Thanks to Johnny Bones I have no plans tonight," he wrote back, "Thanks to the old man and his knee, I don't either." --Tom "Tiny" Lister, who was Zeus in WWF and Puerto Rico for a few pro wrestling matches more than 20 years ago (and a brief WCW comeback), has agreed to plead guilty for conspiring to commit mortgage fraud. According to the plea agreement obtained by TMZ.com, Lister admitted to being one of several individuals who obtained mortgages on four different homes in Los Angeles by use of false information and fraudulent bank statements. In doing so, they collected $5.7 million, then defaulted on all four loans, costing the lenders $2.6 million. Lister also admitted to obtaining $1.1 million in additional loans, which he never paid back, using the properties as collateral. He will be sentenced in September and is facing up to five years in federal prison.

--My debut article for MMAFighting.com is on
heels in MMA
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--Bad Left Hook reported Manny Pacquiao is going to fight on 12/8, the same night as UFC's next show on FOX. While not official, there is smoke to that fire. --Birthdays today include Jeff Hardy (35), Mickie James (33) and Tank Toland aka James Dick (32).

--It was 22 years ago today when Bert Assirati, England's biggest star of the 40s and early 50s and allegedly one of the toughest shooters of all-time, passed away at the age of 82. Dale Lewis, a two-time Olympian and NCAA champion who had a strong 17 year career as a pro wrestler, passed away 15 years ago today at 64. Karloff Lagarde passed away five years ago today at 79. (thanks to Georgia Wrestling History.com)

--There was a concept show held today in Newcastle, Australia, but we don't have any reports on it. The show, called Combat 8, puts boxers vs. MMA fighters, headlined by Les Piper of Australia's contender vs. Justin Murray, an MMA fighter. The rules are no kicking, elbows or knees. Only one takedown is allowed per round and there is a 30 second clock on the ground to get a finish. Fights are taking place in a squared cage and they have plans for shows in October and November.

--Go out of your way to watch the video of Hiroshi Tanahashi's IWGP title win over Kazuchika Okada. Tanahashi may be the best all-around in-ring performer combined with being among the most charismatic guys in the business today.

--For what it's worth, Pyramid Productions, which put together World of Hurt, said that the show remains exclusively in Canada on The Cave. I guess nobody told them that station no longer exists (thanks to Steven Fernandes)

--Ric Flair returns to pro wrestling with an appearance for Mid Atlantic Championship Wrestling on 10/20 in Kannapolis, NC at the A.L. Brown High School.

--David Bautista arrives in Providence on 9/7 to begin promoting his MMA debut, which takes place on 10/6 at the Dunkin Donuts Center. He will be doing a number of personal appearances in the city.

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R-Truth and Kofi Kingston appeared at the All Hallows Parish School
in Five Dock, Australia on Friday. Unlike most WWE performers who talk about how they were bullied, Kingston said that when he was the age of the students, he was a bully. He also said he hated the name Kofi and wanted to be named Joey. When brought up the irony of wrestlers talking about bullying, R-Truth said that the TV show they are on is fictional.

--Bob Uecker, who is in the WWE Hall of Fame that Lou Thesz and Johnny Valentine aren't

in, was awarded with a statue in Milwaukee. --Here is an interview with David Otunga .
-- The Miz talks about his dog, injuries and Hulk Hogan while doing a promotional tour of the U.K. this past week for the November shows.
--WWE is doing a storyline where Josh Matthews is threatening to sue Booker T and WWE for creating an unsafe working environment. **Who takes this fight?** Jose Aldo Jr. 62.1%

Frankie Edgar 37.9%

Does the switch from Erik Koch to Frankie Edgar as Aldo's next opponent make you?

More interested in watching UFC 153 64.1%

Not interested either way 23.0%

Same level of interest 9.3%

Less interested 3.6%

We are barely a week out from TNA No Surrender with no matches advertised, what do you think?

TNA should give up on PPV if they aren't going to promote them 30.2%

TNA is hurting because even with good PPV shows, there is no week-to-week momentum so shows are less important 21.8%

They need to promote lineups for two weeks of more 19.0%

There are too many PPV options, TNA won't do numbers no matter what they do 11.5%

All the people buying are watching every week, you can announce the show the Thursday before and it's fine 9.8%

Need ten days minimum for the lineup to be out 7.8%

Who wins the Bound for Glory Series?

James Storm 53.6%

Samoa Joe 27.6%

Jeff Hardy 9.7%

Bully Ray 6.9%

RVD 2.2%

Poll on Impact

Excellent 29.0%

Good 48.3%

Average 13.1%

Fair 2.3%

Poor 7.4%
***30.2% of those responding didn't see the show --Edge will appear as Adam Copeland (he can't use the name Edge in marketing since he left WWE) on 10/7 at Dave & Buster's at 325 N. Columbus Blvd. in Philadelphia with Tommy Dreamer from 2-5 p.m. The cost to meet Edge is $100 to get one autograph and one photo.

--Tommy Dreamer vs. Rhino, Brian Kendrick & Paul London & Jay Lethal vs. Young Bucks & Petey Williams, Velvet Sky & Angelina Love vs. Maria Kanellis & Winter, Colt Cabana vs. Mike Bennett plus Big Daddy V, Chris Masters, Sonjay Dutt, Daivari and more appear on a WWNLive.com iPPV on 10/5 from Brooklyn, NY put on by Family Wrestling Entertainment. Michael Schiavello will be the announcer. I've had people tell me that Schiavello is an awesome pro wrestling announcer (he's done some shows of late). I know he was great doing the New Year's Eve pro wrestling matches from Japan.

--Former pro wrestler and bodybuilder Ric Drasin will be receiving the first Joe Gold Lifetime Achievement Award at the World Gym convention on 9/26 and 9/27 at the Mirage in Las Vegas.

--Here's a
Paul Heyman interview
with Inside Gaming.
--CMLL on Monday night in Puebla: Espiritu Maligno & King Jaguar b Black Tiger & Milenium, Aereo & Nino de Acero & Shockercito b Nitrito & Pequeno Black Warrior & Universito 2000-DQ, Estrellita & Goya Kong & Marcela b Amapola & Princesa Sugei & Princesa Blanca, Okumura b Pegasso, Blue Panther & Brazo de Plata & Valiente b Averno & Mephisto & Ephesto, Atlantis & Diamante Azul & Rush b El Terrible & Rey Bucanero & Hiroshi Tanahashi-DQ. Tanahashi gave Rush a low blow and they were teasing Tanahashi vs. Rush this week. (thanks to Steve "Dr. Lucha" Sims and Kris Zellner) DQ --New matches

announced for Glory 2 in Brussels, Belgium on 10/6 in a kickboxing show include Remy Bonjasky (75-14) returning after three years out to face the other Anderson Silva (32-7), plus Gokhan Saki (76-15) vs. Mourad Bouzidi (65-18-2) and Murat Direkci (69-15) vs. Nicky Holzken (77-10).. --For the next Invicta show on 10/6 in Kansas City, Kim Connor-Hamby (4-0) has been added to replace Cat Zingano (who signed with Strikeforce) to face Leslie Smith. Also on that show, Ediane Gomes faces Katalina Malungahu. Malungahu was to face Taylor Stratford, who was injured.

--University of MMA has a show on 10/21 in Los Angeles at Club Nokia at L.A. Live. The show will feature finals of local welterweight and heavyweight tournaments. Andew Detwiler vs. Abraham Yunis face off as welterweights and Renardo Palmer vs. Alexander Arslan are the heavyweight finalists.

--NWA Smoky Mountain Wrestling tonight in Kingsport, TN at the Civic Auditorium headlined by Chase Owens vs. Jimmy Rave.