

THURS.UPDATE: CHARGES DROPPED AGAINST BLAIR; PIPER UPDATE; DANA WHITE; WWE SIGNING; RATINGS; UFC

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Impact tonight on Spike at 9 p.m.:

- *Amazing Red vs. Cody Deaner
- *Rhino vs. Eric Young
- *Angelina Love & Velvet Sky vs. Awesome Kong & Tara
- *Team 3-D vs. Scott Steiner & Booker T - winners get tag title shot at Victory Road
- *Abyss vs. Jethro Holliday
- *Kurt Angle & Samoa Joe vs. Jeff Jarrett & A.J. Styles - Somehow the TNA heavyweight title is at stake in this match

Superstars tonight on 8 p.m. on WGN America:

- *Santino Marella vs. The Brian Kendrick
- *Tyler Reks vs. Zach Ryder
- *John Morrison vs. Charlie Haas
- *C.M. Punk vs. Edge non-title

Our lead story in Monday's issue of the Observer looks at the WWE mid-card shakeup, plans for the next WWE PPV, next week's Raw TV show, a look at the newcomers to WWE and how they are being viewed right now, as well as coverage of The Bash, with poll results, match-by-match coverage and star ratings.

We also have a look at changes in UFC policy that has made a lot of people unhappy and looks to cut into the income of fighters as well as the latest shot fired in the video game wars.

We've got a ton of stuff from the Raw tapings, including how the crowd was different, the reactions to different wrestlers, and where the angles are going.

We also have an updated look at Bobby Lashley, his fight with Bob Sapp, as well as the Ultimate Chaos PPV show.

The issue is available today for subscribers to the web site.

The Wrestling Observer ranges from 25,000 to 40,000 words covering pro wrestling and MMA all over the world.

Each issue has coverage and analysis of all the major news, plus every issue breaks major news stories before the Internet sites and has the most complete look at the business as a whole anywhere.

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We look at the match Lashley had to turn down scheduled for this summer with another former major pro wrestling star, Lashley's promo ability, Lashley's goals for the next year, as well as Tom Atencio's fighting and talking.

We also have a feature updating Lee Murray, as well as a detailed look at The Ultimate Fighter reality show, who watches the show, and how the audience has changed in every major demo since season one. We look at the TUF season and does that make it easier to sell PPV shows, paradoxes about the rating and who watches, as well as how rival coaches fighting on PPV after the season is helped by the show.

We've got an update on the condition of Gerald Brisco, more on Lilian Garcia leaving WWE and possible replacements,

first word on Wrestlemania tickets and scalping, PPVs being dropped, TV show changes

We've also got a detailed look at the ratings, including segment-by-segment on Impact and Raw and lots more on the biggest Raw number in years. We also look at how USA's quarter was affected by the big Raw number, as well as an updated look at DVR's and their effect on ratings. We also look at how each segment on the commercial-free Raw did, including a few surprises as far as what was the highest rated segment, and what key segment actually lost viewership.

We also have our regular weekly features including results of the major league arena shows held around the world, as well as the major TV show reviews.

Also in this week's issue:

- What WWE wrestler named his son after what MMA champion
- Edge on ladder matches
- Discussion of drug testing, Jeff Hardy and Umaga
- Who HHH pushed as the company's best new stars
- Why Smackdown is so much better than Raw
- WWE vs. UFC on the web, where each one has the advantage over the other
- Several new WWE signings
- New WWE international tours
- New PPV names being discussed
- Best selling MMA and wrestling DVDs
- Developmental notes
- WWE house show note
- Wrestlers brought back to arena they headlined 50 years ago this week
- Former WWE developmental wrestlers heading to Mexico
- AAA video game news
- Update on a major show with both current WWE and TNA stars on the same show, as well as two recently fired WWE stars on the show
- Update on debut of Dragon Gate in Philadelphia
- Hall of Famer says he will retire in a few weeks
- NOAH business post-Misawa
- Hall of Famer with 25th anniversary show coming soon
- TNA stars headline next New Japan show
- Affliction star doing major pro wrestling show a week after the next card
- How networks carrying MMA and pro wrestling are doing
- Famous wrestling arena about to be torn down
- Former Stampede wrestlers pass away
- Former wrestler and MMA fighter sentenced to life in prison

- Update on Brian Lawler
- Former wrestling headliner going on tour with the circus
- Wrestlers invited to the White House
- ECW nostalgia show notes
- 24 man tournament coming
- Father of pop star fights pro wrestler turned gimmick celebrity
- Indie wrestler on VH-1 reality show
- ROH weekend notes
- TNA Victory "Road lineup
- Update on TNA video game license
- Update on Raven and Shane Douglas
- 80s star now on TNA TV
- New TNA signing this past week
- Notes on upcoming TNA TV shows
- UFC 99 early buy rate trending patterns
- Live business for the last UFC show
- UFC stars nominated for major sports awards
- Lineup for next WEC show as well as 8/29 UFC show
- Notes on first issue of UFC magazine
- Update on business of WWE magazine
- Magazine listing of best UFC matches in history
- How UFC's magazine list differs from the list UFC gave Spike and who is obviously excluded
- Top UFC star sued over auto accident
- Update on Indiana regulating MMA
- Guida vs. Sanchez thoughts
- What happened with Limp Bizkit and UFC 100
- New title match signed
- More on rating for Joe Rogan special
- A few UFC cuts including a popular fighter
- Update on Jens Pulver
- Bas Rutten rips on Kimbo
- Lots of new UFC fights signed
- Update on CBS and MMA

- Strikeforce schedule for the rest of the year
- Boxing vs. MMA head-to-head on PPV
- ESPN looking at giving MMA more visibility
- Japanese MMA star sentenced to prison time
- Tito Ortiz talks his future
- College wrestling legend gets outwrestled and loses in UFC fight

New subscribers ordering 24 or 40 issues have to let us know what major story (ies) of the past 11 years you are most interested in and we'll send the issue with the best coverage of that story. We've got coverage of every major PPV event and world wide spectacular, every major star switching promotions, histories of companies like FMW, Rings and New Japan, retirement and obit issues of every major star who fits into those descriptions over the past 11 years, as well as our biggest issue every year, the annual awards issue, and our most controversial issue of every year, the Hall of Fame issue. Our most requested issues in our history are:

- *November 17, 1997 (full details of everything leading to the most famous wrestling match finish of modern times at the Survivor Series plus a history of in-ring double-crosses)
- *December 21, 1998 (the complete Vince McMahon-Bret Hart conversation right before the Survivor Series match so you'll know exactly what was said--the conversation played in edited form both on the inaugural broadcast of Confidential as well as in Wrestling with Shadows, but everything that was said between the two about the match that was going to take place that same night)
- *August 1, 1994 (the most detailed coverage anywhere of the Vince McMahon steroid trial, an issue praised in numerous newspaper article and Sex, Lies and Headlocks)
- *March 26, 2001 (death of WCW and history of pro wrestling on the Turner networks)
- *October 22, 2001 (why the adult audience has left pro wrestling in such great numbers and what needed to have been done to save them)
- *July 8, 1991 (Ric Flair leaves WCW as world champion/Zahorian steroid trial)
- *February 8, 1993 (the life and times of Andre the Giant)
- *May 13, 2002 (the life story of the most incredible pro wrestling career ever, a look at Lou Thesz, in one of the largest issues of our history)
- *January 27, 2003 (part one of the two-part series covering the career and life of The Sheik)*February 3, 2003 (Part two on The Sheik including thoughts from people who worked with him and where he stands historically)
- *March 24, 2003 (history of the WWWF title, inside behind the Sammartino, Backlund and Backlund era)
- *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)
- *June 16, 2003 (Freddie Blassie through the eyes of his biggest rivals and friends)
- *July 28, 2003 (Part 2 of the history of the WWF vs. WCW war and the plans to make new superstars in the early 90s,

what happened, and the night where the three biggest wrestling companies in the world combined for a joint show and what happened)

*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)
- *January 16, 2006 (2005 Awards double issue, \$6 or \$7 overseas)
- *April 3, 2006 (Story of Ann Calvello and the history of Roller Derby--many called this the best issue of the Observer ever)
- *April 10, 2006 (Behind the scenes at the 2006 Wrestlemania/Hall of Fame week)
- *July 24, 2006 (The History of the Von Erichs and World Class Championship Wrestling--the most unreal story ever in wrestling)
- *September 4, 2006 (The Rise and Fall of Kurt Angle; 2006 Hall of Fame inductions of Eddie Guerrero, Paul Bowser, Masakatsu Funaki, Aja Kong and Hiroshi Hase including tons of wrestling history around the world from the 20s through the 60s, the evolution of working to not working in Japan, and a look at Guerrero in hindsight, double issue \$6 or \$7 overseas)
- *October 9, 2006 (A look back nine years later at the life and legacy of Brian Pillman with tons of inside information about what made him tick as his real objectives)
- *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) .
- *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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--All charges were dropped against Brian Blair because after an investigation, State Attorney Pam Dondi said that Blair was acting in self defense. They noted when Bradley Blair called 911, he was saying that his brother, not his father, was going crazy. Toni Blair, Brian's wife, said that her sons both hit their father and Bradley said his brother Brett, was hitting his father multiple times. Brian's mother, who lives at the house but didn't see the fight, said things were going badly between Brian and his oldest son and she feared there would be a fight. More is at <http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/crime/article1015206.ece> (thanks to Mark Schreiner)

--Roddy Piper was released on \$5,000 bond this morning after his DUI arrest from 1 a.m. last night.

--UFC has announced grappling matches for 7/10 at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center, the day before UFC 100, with Rumina Sato vs. Ulysses Gomez, Vinny Magalhaes vs. TBA, as well as Saturday afternoon with Fredson Paixao vs. Jeff Glover and Joe Stevenson vs. Bill Cooper.

--Dan Wentzel has a story on Dana White at <http://sports.yahoo.com/mma/news?slug=dw-white070209&prov=yhoo&type=lgns>

--Georges St. Pierre has an on-line auction going on ending tomorrow at 5 p.m. Eastern time at GSPFightClub.com St. Pierre also has a private after party after UFC 100 to benefit Georges' Foundation.

--If you are a member of the site and you haven't checked out the Bruno Sammartino interview, make time for it today. Skip Impact, Superstars or whatever because it'll be far more entertaining. This was one of the best interviews we've ever had on the site.

--WWE hired Jim Connelly of head of the licensing department. He at one point had the same position with the NFL.

--Serena Deeb has officially put pen to paper on the WWE contract she was offered.

--ECW on Tuesday did a 1.2 rating

--Some notes from last night in Bakersfield. Creative team was relieved it's all over and they've got some time off. The production crew was thrilled to have 11 days off.

--After Smackdown ended, they did another 1:00 cage match with Mysterio & Jeff Hardy beating Jericho & Edge with a double pin.

--Guests on Inside MMA tomorrow night are trainers Shawn Tompkins, Ricardo Liborio and Greg Nelson. On 7/10, they have a pro wrestling theme on the show with Ken Shamrock, Josh Barnett and myself.

--The chapters in the Rise & Fall of WCW DVD will be Jim Crockett Promotions, Georgia Championship Wrestling, Mid Atlantic Championship Wrestling, Black Saturday, The Expansion, Crockett sells to Turner, Greatest Talent in the World, New Management, Bill Watts Era, Eric Bischoff hired, Hulk Hogan Arrives, Nitro debuts, NWO, Cruiserweights, Bill Goldberg, Rating streak, Celebrities, Goldberg vs. Hogan, Mistakes Begin (Mistakes began in the mid-80s), Vince Russo, Corporate Merger, Vince buys WCW, Legacy of WCW. That sounds like fun. Matches include Ric Flair vs. Magnum T.A., Sting & Lex Luger & Barry Windham vs. Flair & Arn Anderson & Tully Blanchard, Dusty Rhodes vs. Windham, Flair vs. Ricky Steamboat in Chicago (that's me with former Bears star Brad Muster in the front row and Steve Sims right behind me), Rock & Roll Express vs. Midnight Express, Midnight Express vs. Southern Boys (an awesome match), Steiners vs. Sting & Lex Luger, Sting vs. Vader, Rick Rude vs. Sting, Flair vs. Hulk Hogan from Orlando, Flair vs. The Giant (Big Show), Rey Mysterio Jr. vs. Dean Malenko, Syxx vs. Eddie Guerrero, Guerrero vs. Malenko, Chris Jericho vs. Juventud Guerrera, Steiners vs. Kevin Nash & Scott Hall, DDP & Karl Malone vs. Hogan & Dennis Rodman, Goldberg vs. DDP and Booker T vs. Lance Storm.

--A story at <http://www.examiner.com/> is headlined "12 Rounds is quite possibly the worst action movie ever made." Seriously, it's not that bad.

--Tommy Dreamer interview with the Philippine Star at <http://www.philstar.com/Article.aspx?articleId=483239&publicationSubCategoryID=70> He talked about the 7/10 show in Manila is the first time ECW has ever been to the Philippines. Dear God. He noted he's working on a broken finger.

--Gabe Sapolsky talks about ROH's first trip to the U.K., working for FWA and the Benoit tragedy at www.Myspace.com/rohgabe

--Greatest match in UFC history

1. Forrest Griffin vs. Stephan Bonnar 44.6%
2. Frank Shamrock vs. Tito Ortiz 11.4%
2. Randy Couture vs. Tim Sylvia 11.4%
4. Roger Huerta vs. Clay Guida 10.7%
5. Chuck Liddell vs Wanderlei Silva 5.5%
5. Randy Couture vs. Tito Ortiz 5.5%
7. Diego Sanchez vs. Clay Guida 4.8%
8. Forrest Griffin vs. Quinton Jackson 3.8%
9. Diego Sanchez vs. Karo Parisyan 2.1%

--Greatest knockout in UFC history

1. Gabriel Gonzaga on Mirko Cro Cop 43.0%
2. Rashad Evans on Chuck Liddell 18.7%
3. Scott Smith on Pete Sell 13.1%
4. Quinton Jackson on Chuck Liddell 9.3%
5. Wanderlei Silva on Keith Jardine 4.7%
6. Petey Williams on Mark Coleman 3.7%
7. Rashad Evans on Sean Salmon 3.3%
8. Rich Franklin on Nate Quarry 2.3%
9. Josh Koscheck on Yoshiyuki Yoshida 1.9%

--Davey Richards & Chris Hero vs. Kevin Steen & Lance Storm takes place on the 7/24 ROH show in Toronto. Announced for 7/25 in Toronto is the Super Smash Brothers vs. Steen & El Generico

--Pro Wrestling Alliance on 7/9 in Parkin, AR

--Patrick Smith (UFC 1 star) vs. Kevin Jordan headlines 7/31 in Salem, NH at the ICenter for American Steel Cage Fighting

--The second hour of the commercial free Raw was the 18th most-watched cable show of the quarter. No other hour of Raw made the top 25, which included 13 NBA playoff games, three episodes of Jon & Kate Plus 8, two episodes of Burn Notice and two episodes of Royal Pains.

--Broadcasting Cable magazine on Tuesday ran a story about FX thinking it needs a sports franchise to challenge the top networks, noting how much it helps TNT to have the NBA. They talked about needing wrestling, baseball playoffs, NFL, NASCAR or something, saying they have looked at the BCS in football.

--ESPN's web site put up an old story on Lee Murray at <http://sports.espn.go.com/extra/mma/news/story?id=4289234>

--There is a story on Cody Rhodes growing up a fan of Marvel comics and promoting the WWE's Summer Reading program at <http://marvel.com/>

--Florida Championship Wrestling on 7/15 in Punta Gorda, FL at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center will include a Battle Royal, an autograph session with C.M. Punk, Maria and Layla, as well as Rosa Mendes, Alicia Fox, Ricky Ortiz, Tyson Kidd, Natalya, D.J. Gabriel, Sheamus and Yoshi Tatsu.

--Sgt. Slaughter's agent, Paul Incerto of Norwalk, was arrested and being charged with operating an illegal gambling casino in Bridgeport, in the offices where he runs his True North Tickets.com agency. Story is at http://www.connpost.com/ci_12733120?source=most_viewed

--Trailer for wrestler Matt Riviera for the show Megan Wants a Millionaire is at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_0yDQlba4u4

--Tuesday night in Guadalajara: Milenio b Meteoro, Thunder Boy b Skaxy Evola b Nube Roja, Drago b Saturno, Leon Blanco b Infierno, Gallo & Metro & Stuka Jr. b Dr. X & Mascara Magica & Vangelis, Felino & Mr. Niebla b Sagado & Toscano

--Sunday in Monterrey: Lover Boy b Aguila Azteca, Epidemius b Sicario, Ejecutor & Mr. Secuestro d Relampago & TDN, Psycho Circus b Aero Star & Super Fly & Polvo de Estrellas, Charly Manson & Mesias b Chessman & Silver King

--Monday night in Nuevo Laredo: Angel Dorado & Angeluz & Golden Boy b Black Mamba & Rey Demonio & Simbolo 2000, Jaque Mate & May Flowers & Polvo de Estrellas b Babe Rap & Estrella Universal & Hombre sin Miedo, Psycho Circus b Aero Star & Gronda & Super Fly, Chessman & Teddy Hart & Silver King b La Parka & Jack Evans & Charly Manson

--Saturday night in Torreon for Wagnermania: Oso Negro & Psycho b Dorado Jr. & Maquina 27, Arana del Futuro & Gran Jefe I & Sexy Francis b Dorado & Emperador Azteca & Sexy Pisces, Chamaco Trevino & Conflicus DCOR Stuka Jr. & Espanto V, May Flowers & Polvo de Estrellas b Aero Star & Super Fly, Psycho Circus b Charly Manson & Alex Koslov & Elegido, Dr. Wagner Jr. & Konnan b Mesias & Silver King-DQ

--Juventud Guerrera puts up his hair tonight in Naucalpan against the hair of Dr. Cerebro

--Tonight in Tijuana has Cibernetico & Intocable & Olimpico vs. Perro Aguayo Jr. & Damian 666 & Halloween (thanks to Kris Zellner)

--If you have a subscription to Netflix, there is a movie called "Luchamania: La Batalla Pro Mexico" with old Tijuana matches with Psicosis and Rey Misterio Sr. (thanks to Kurt Nicolai)

--3XW on 7/17 presents its 50th event at the Des Moines Social Club

--Showtime All-Star Wrestling starts Saturday night on KDCG in Lafayette, LA in an 11 a.m. time slot

--If you saw the headline, you'd think this is a Ric Flair story, but it isn't at <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,529781,00.html>

--Christy Hemme's band "Hemme" plays Friday night in Orlando

--Devastation University's Loco Wrestling on 8/1 in Pennsauken, NJ

--Steve Boz and Austin Roberts on "America's Got Talent" is at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PF6dLkluBqk>

--Some funny lines in this piece at <http://swmswm.home.att.net/SummerReading.htm>
