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Bryan and I will be back tonight talking the current news, including TNA, WWE and UFC notes. We should also have a lot of time for questions which you can send to mailbag@wrestlingobserver.com

Fight Factory airs tonight at 10 p.m. on Nuvo TV. Almost nobody sees it, but those who do have good words to say about it.

Last night's *UFC Tonight* with Dana White replays at 7 p.m. tonight on Fuel. *Ultimate Insider* replays at 7:30 p.m., UFC 136 (Jon Jones vs. Rampage Jackson) is at 8 p.m. and there is a new Forrest Griffin career TV special at 11 p.m.

Double Issue Observer Week: 2012 HOF ballot with complete history

We've got a double issue week of the Observer, with two major features. We're looking at the 2012 Hall of Fame ballot, including a history of the voting. We look year-by-year at who has come close, and how trends in the business have changed. We look at the voting, how it's done, who does it, and who appear to be the strongest candidates. We also look at the new candidates on the ballot this year. We also have some research regarding Mexico, looking at who has won the Wrestler of the Year award in Mexico annually since the advent of Lucha Libre. We examine a lot of the close candidacies, the effect of death of voters and who is on the ballot from each region. Our other lead story is a look at New Japan Pro Wrestling, which is probably right now the most successful non-U.S. pro wrestling group in the world, and arguably the No. 2 company overall. We look back at the start of the promotion in 1972 and the politics that were going on at the time. We look at how Japan changed in 1972 with All Japan and New Japan, what New Japan was forced to do to survive and the unique concepts they specialized in. We look at how New Japan got into the NWA, its ties with the 70s WWWF as well as why they were at times, and not at others, able to get the WWWF champion to defend.

We look at the early 80s peak, business problems, the Tokyo Dome sellout era and Antonio Inoki's mentality that built the company, and later nearly killed it. We look at the downfall in the last decade, and the turnaround. We look at how the Japanese industry is so much different than the U.S. based on technology, as well as the company's talent mix and why it leads to entertaining major events.

We also look at where things stand right now, as well as look at the June PPV show, treating it like it's a major show of the past week, the roles everyone played and themes of matches, which include the last chapter in Tanahashi vs. Okada, perhaps their last meeting until the Tokyo Dome.

We also have an update regarding Steve Austin and any short-term plans to wrestle, why Punk going heel was a good idea for him, what other top WWE face wants to go heel, a match

now scheduled for Mania in 2013, notes on the rise in WWE stock price and the funny reason it's going up. We also look at two wrestlers who have good bargaining power because of it. We look at C.M. Punk's cut, what we saw and what may not have happened. We also have more on the arrest and suspension of Cameron. We've got more on the Linda McMahon campaign, notes on Monday's Raw, Chris Jericho talks leaving and different talent and where they stand.

We look at the funny story about how one of the PPV matches at Night of Champions got made. We also look at a wrestler getting more mainstream ink in his home country, more on different wrestlers recently signed by WWE and their backgrounds as well as a top prospect gets a new gimmick and the debut of the Hollywood Express. We've also got more on legends house and a second generation wrestler not getting off to a good start.

We also have notes on the sensational business of the WWE Australia tour, as well as a look at all the house shows of the past week.

The issue will be on the site later today if you are a web site member. We also have a new back issue on the site from 1995 that should be up later today.

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.

We also have a note on the changes in television, most notably the decline in television homes while the population increases in the U.S., why this is happening, and the most important television markets. The Observer is now in its 29th year of being the leading insider pro wrestling publication in the world. The biggest and most influential names in the pro wrestling and MMA industry, from bookers to promoters to Hall of Fame wrestlers and fighters to the biggest names on camera and behind the scenes, along with thousands of readers in all 50 states and more than 30 countries subscribe. Many have subscribed for 20 years or longer consecutively. They get the most detailed and inside coverage of what is going on all over the world. Everywhere from Wall Street to the major offices to television networks in the U.S. and Japan turn to the Observer for what is going on in the business.

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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: --World champion vs. world champion in two of the biggest international promotions, not one but two showdowns this past week --Another legends show in Mexico and notes from the event

--Three different suspensions this past week

--Next AAA big show and an AAA vs. TNA champions program that looks to be put together

--Top ranked boxer's girlfriend is a pro wrestler

--A look at the next major Dragon Gate show

--More on the Funaki Triple Crown title win over Akiyama

--One of oldest titles vacated due to wrestler getting pneumonia

--A look at the third generation Von Erichs, as Kevin's sons start their careers

--Wrestling star out of action for almost a year and a half sets a target return date

--Kenny Omega on match with Kota Ibushi

--The first Olympic wrestler being talked about to go into pro wrestling instead of MMA, and a big show debut talked about

--Billy Robinson and Japanese pro wrestling stars looking at creating a new sport with details

- Zero-One jr. tournament featuring wrestlers from a number of different groups
- Current WWE employee is being allowed to wrestle in Japan
- This year's World masked man tournament
- Notes on the first father-son tag team match among Japanese ever
- More on Zeus being indicted and his brief pro wrestling career
- Reorganization of the NWA
- One of the best tournaments each year, annual Battle of Los Angeles report
- A number of health updates and obituaries of wrestlers
- Two former WWE wrestlers in different major brand TV commercials
- Wrestler apologizes for a bad idea photo
- More on Shelton Benjamin's heat with The Barbarian
- New pro wrestling comedy planned
- Former WWE wrestler and tag champ enrolls in college and will be playing football this fall
- ROH star out with knee surgery
- Story behind Devon leaving TNA

--What happened to the Dudleys name

--Update on Bully Ray

--More on the wrestlers who have recently left TNA

--Update on the Bound for Glory series

--Notes on TNA's new television show

--What Hall of Fame candidate will be featured on TNA's new show

--A look at the TNA weekend house shows

--A look at how much the cancellation of UFC 151 cost

--Dana White blames both Dan Henderson and Jon Jones

--White talks about making Jones vs. Sonnen

--What's next for Chris Weidman

--More thoughts on GSP vs. Anderson Silva

--Thoughts on Frankie Edgar vs. Jose Aldo

--Why Edgar vs. Aldo is so important

--More UFC business figures

--A look at the new season of Ultimate Fighter

--Pacquiao going head-to-head with UFC

--Notes on the November Strikeforce show

--More on the arrest of Ian McCall

--UFC fighter talks about the pay scale and why it's so tough

--A look at just how frequently fighters are being injured

--Lots of UFC injury notes and returns

--Lots of new UFC fights

--Bellator updates including 2013 plans

--A look at a number of new MMA groups that will feature name fighters and Las Vegas planned events

--One of the best heavyweight wrestlers of the last decade makes MMA debut later this year

--Top kickboxer also set to make MMA debut

--Two Olympians in talks regarding MMA

--A look at the One Fighting Championship show, one of the most successful live crowds of the year

--A look at the "Here comes the Boom" movie starring Kevin James and its UFC theme

--Former UFC fighter a hero

--Canadian MMA pioneer stabbed

New subscribers ordering 24 or 40 issues have to let us know what major stories 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:

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*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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*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)

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*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)

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*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)

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*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)

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*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)

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*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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the newsletter.

WEDNESDAY NEWS, NOTES AND LINKS

--HHH cut his hair and now he looks like Bobby Roode after his haircut, except with lighter hair. As of now, the photo is featured on our home page and can be [found at TMZ](#).

--The pro wrestling play "The Elaborate Entrance of Chad Deity" is playing now in Berkeley, CA, at the Aurora Theater as the kickoff to the theater's 21st season. As people who have followed the play around the country know, this is a strong show if you are or aren't a wrestling fan, a Pulitzer Prize-nominated comedy, recommended for mature audiences. --It was announced at Tuesday's Smackdown tapings that Monday's RAW will feature Bret Hart's first appearance in a WWE ring in Montreal since probably one of the five most famous matches in the history of North America, the infamous 1997 Survivor Series match with Shawn Michaels. Also advertised is Christian, who hasn't been on TV much of late. The dark match advertised is Punk vs. Cena for the title and it's Pat Patterson Appreciation Night. They are advertising "some tickets still available." Montreal hasn't hosted Raw since 2006, so I've got to think it'll be a large hot crowd.

--For TNA

tomorrow night, besides Samoa Joe vs. Jeff Hardy and Rob Van Dam vs. Bully Ray, they are doing Championship Thursday. This is what they were doing on Fight Night but didn't the last time and are expected to do this monthly. Christopher Daniels & Kazarian will defend against a team of Hulk Hogan's choosing. Teams under consideration are Robbie E & Robbie T, Chavo Guerrero Jr. & Hernandez, A.J. Styles and a mystery partner and Gunner & Kid Kash. Well, we know which two it won't be.

--Yesterday was the 101st anniversary of the second Frank Gotch vs. George Hackenschmidt match in 1911. That was one of the biggest sporting events in the country at the time with almost 29,000 people. In those days, only a few college football games, no pro games and many horse races had ever done sports crowds that big. Gotch retained his world title.

--When Eve Torres was doing
Stars Earn Stripes

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[she met Sarah Palin](#)

, whose husband was on the cast. "She was a really lovely woman. We didn't talk politics, but she was excited for me when I won. she was proud that I did it for the girls out there. She was really sweet." Torres even had dinner with Sarah and husband, Todd. When noted that people were criticizing the show saying it glorified war and violence, she said, "I say that's kind of the exact opposite of what it was meant to do. It was really about glorying our service men and women and what they do. I think there's nothing wrong with the show. I'm very proud I did it." Torres was also interviewed by

[Hispanic Business](#)

after winning, nothing her father was Latino, hence the last name Torres.

--TNT has given the green light to "The Hero," (planned title), a reality competition show to find the next great hero, which will star Dwayne Johnson as host. They've ordered eight

episodes for airing in the summer of 2013. Johnson will also be executive producer of the show along with Dany Garcia, his ex-wife. We've written about the show in the past. The idea is ten ordinary people will be put together in a house and assigned missions, testing brains, brawn and morality. Johnson will be host, as well as personal mentor of the people in the house and motivator to inspire them to reach beyond their personal limits. They will use social media to vote each week on who is the most heroic. -- [Adam "Edge" Copeland did an interview on the Jesse Modz radio show](#), saying he cut his hair because he didn't want to be a 40-year-old with a ponytail, and noted over the rest of his life there are no more tables, ladders and chairs. (thanks to Terri Bey)

-- [Chris Rose, Kevin Millar and Sean Casey talk Daniel Bryan's theme](#) being used by Josh Reddick of the Oakland A's this season and "Yes" chants. Ric Flair also gets brought up.

Do you think not announcing PPV lineups until the last minute hurts interest? Yes, I want to know the card plus you want matches that haven't been thrown together with no build 67.5% In the case of TNA, not even announcing main events, yes. With WWE, at least the main events are announced ahead of time and that's all people are buying for in the first place 23.5%

No, the same people that buy PPVs are watching TV as long as it's announced on the final TV, it's good enough 9.0%

What are your thoughts of the Night of Champions main events?

The two top matches have been done to death 44.0%

Nothing wrong with the top two matches, but not worth \$44.95 40.2%

Like them, should be good 11.1%

WWE usually delivers on PPV, don't mind frequent rematches 4.7%

What did you think of Raw?

Excellent 8.2%

Good 35.9%

Average 25.9%

Fair 11.5%

Poor 18.5%

***14.6% of those responding didn't see the show

--Bruce Hart got national pub on the 5 PM CBC Television News last night talking about wanting to revive Stampede Wrestling and train wrestlers, including his kids. His goal is to promote weekly shows with cheap ticket prices by November, and said he was training a dozen wrestlers and his sons at his Calgary home. He said what inspired him was the sellout crowd and huge gate for UFC 149 at the Saddledome. He said it showed there was a thirst in the city for combat sports, but people can't afford UFC ticket prices all the time. He said it was still in the exploratory stages.

--As noted before, if you live in Canada, The Fight Network will have a free monthly preview on every major cable outlet.

--Alex Shane, host of

Wrestle Talk

on Challenge TV in the U.K. said the debut show drew only 35,000 fewer viewers than Raw did a few days earlier. The first episode, with Chris Jericho as a guest and a taped interview with Hulk Hogan reportedly had 170,000 worldwide Youtube viewers. The show will air every other week, right after Impact.

--Randy Orton worked Smackdown last night. On the show, they teased him facing Dolph Ziggler at Night of Champions. At least as of last week, he was pulled from all house shows from this point until finishing 12 Rounds. But since it's a WWE movie, they can work production days around him if they need him. Orton is being advertised for Raw on Monday night.

--The Miz was hosting

First and Awesome

today at 6 p.m. on Sirius XM Fantasy Sports Radio Ch. 87 and Sirius 210. (thanks to Matt Burrows)

--AIWF on Saturday night in Covington, VA had a familiar name from another era in the main event: Doink b Frank Parker, Star City Rollers b Yo Boyz, Kacee Carlisle b Jenny Jannetty, J.D. Anderson b Joseph Schwartz, Phil Stamper b Kyle Styles, Drake Tungsten b Scotty Blaze, Jimmy Valiant b George South (thanks to Nate Stein)

--Announcer Chris Cruise told us the

[TCW Kahagas vs. Greg King match](#)

he was there for was one of the stiffest matches he's ever seen.

--A correction from Monday regarding Antonio Thomas teaching in Italy at the Rome Wrestling Academy, we incorrectly stated it was being run by the NWE promotion, which was drawing big crowds in Italy a few years back. The NWE is no longer running, but the school is organized by people who used to work for the NWE.

--James Laurinaitis of the St. Louis Rams, son of Road Warrior Animal and nephew of John, was interviewed on Tuesday while at the St. Louis Cardinals/New York Mets game on Fox Sports Midwest. Animal was there and interviewer Jim Hayes asked him to join them. He asked about C.M. Punk and James talked about Punk's recent heel turn. James said that his father accomplished a lot in wrestling, was a WWE Hall of Famer and an even better father. The interviewer asked Animal to say, "What a rush," which he did. (thanks to Matt Burrows)

--Tito Ortiz is getting into promoting working with Roy Englebrecht for shows in Huntington Beach at The Hangar at the Orange County Fair and Event Center. The two will have their first shows on 10/6 and 12/7. The idea is to work as a developmental show for younger fighters. The first show has ten bouts with tickets at \$40 and \$50.

--The legendary Jackie Fargo returns to Memphis at the Cook Convention Center for TCW Wrestling on 9/15 at 6:30 p.m.

--Spike TV announced a Roy Nelson marathon from 8 p.m. to midnight to go head-to-head with the first night of
Ultimate Fighter
on FX which airs 9-11 p.m.

--Regarding talk of Brock Lesnar vs. Fedor Emelianenko, from the sounds of things, Dana White didn't think it was viable when discussing it on Tuesday's
UFC Tonight
. He noted that he did everything he could and couldn't sign Fedor when he was still active, so how is he going to sign him when he's retired.

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[WWE has posted a job search looking for an Associate Producer.](#)

They have to be able to keep current with all the TV shows, characters, storylines and product, have experience in directing commercials and shooting video/film. The show will include producing and directing the crew and talent. You also have to have knowledge of computer animation and graphics, excellent editing skills, good writing skills and some film knowledge, plus 3-5 years of experience in producing and a B.S. degree in communications or any related field.

--EWF on Saturday night in Converse, IN at the Borderman Gym. --Insanity Pro Wrestling on 9/30 in Indianapolis at the Irving Theater at 4 p.m. headlined by Jake Crist vs. Davey Richards. Kyle O'Reilly and AR Fox are also on the show.

--NWA Dynamo Pro Wrestling on 9/7 in Glen Carbon, IL at the Sports Academy.

Mexico Results

--CMLL on Sunday in Guadalajara: Demonio Rojo & Relampago Azul b Azteca de Oro & Indigo, Black Metal & Halcon de Plata b Acertijo & Infierno, Esfinge & Metatron b In Memoriam & Mr. Trueno, Gallo & Smaker b Artillero & Super Comando, Mephisto & Rey Bucanero b El Hijo del Fantasma & Rush --Friday night in Cuernavaca: Furia Negra & Leopardo & Rostro Infernal b Alas de Plata & Platita & Scanner, Euforico & Nahual b Voltaje & Zokar, Circulo Negro & Dinamic Black & Eddy Vega b Dragon Celestial & Drako & Tartu Jr., Super Brazo & Super Muneco b Coco Rojo & Sangre Chicana Jr., Mil Mascaras & Pulpo & Super Parka b El Hijo del Diablo & Pirata Morgan & Sangre Chicana.

--Sunday was the 56th anniversary show of wrestling at Arena Coliseo in San Luis Potosi: Magica & Simon Blanco b Bogar Jr. & Dragon Fury, Los Gemelos del Averno I & II b Astral & Shockercito, Dalis la Caribena & Marcela b Amapola & Princesa Blanca, Black Xtreme & El Hijo del Signo b Oro Azul & Sagrado, Mascara Dorada & Mistico & Valiente b Dragon Rojo & Misterioso Jr. & Rey Escorpion

--Konnan worked on Sunday in Monterrey doing a run-in and attacking Simbolo 2000.