

Lonely boss asks an employee to stay late; put down the signs

Dear Dr. Brothers: For everyone else at my office, the workday ends at five. Not for me. It started last month when my boss asked me to work overtime. I agreed but soon found out that there really wasn't enough work for him to ask me to stay late — and that he just wanted to talk. Now, at least three times a week he asks me to stay late to hear him rattle on about everything from the color of his lawn to his new kitchen cabinets. I know he's lonely, but it's driving me nuts. — D.R.

Dear D.R.: My first question would be whether either of you has anyone at home waiting for you. If he does, you might begin to wonder about what is going on in his relationship. Is he trying to make someone jealous? Or trying to get dumped? And if you have someone as well, surely he or she won't be happy eating dinner alone much longer. Even a dog or cat needs attention if you live alone; that could be a handy excuse to move this situation back to square one. If you don't have a pet, maybe you should get one.

You may find, though, that you don't want to just offer him an excuse. You really have no business being kept at the office for his entertainment, and it could lead to office gossip, misunderstandings or a general abuse of power on his part. Even if he seems a bit lonely or even pathetic, you shouldn't let your sympathies be used much longer like this. So if



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you can, make a dinner date or meet someone for drinks, or just go home and watch TV, without offering him any explanation. His reaction will tell you if you are going to have a continuing problem. But don't feel too guilty — your overtime rate is probably cheaper than a psychologist!

Dear Dr. Brothers: Last summer, I recently turned the big six-zero. My husband of 38 years broke the 60-year-old mark two years ago, and we're very happily married. But there is one problem.

While I am content with our retired lifestyle, my husband still seems to be living in the past. At any hint of something he finds wrong in our town, he breaks out the tie-dyed T-shirts and rallies people to protest. We used to be very active demonstrators back in the day, but today I really want to concentrate on living a peaceful, noncontroversial life. What should I do? — A.V.

Dear A.V.: It's not easy to be with someone who lives in the past. Besides hearing the same stories about the "good ol' days" over and over, you may have to be

seen in public with a person who refuses to toss out his mood rings and bell-bottoms!

But it's important to distinguish if your husband is hopelessly stuck in a "glory day" moment or is simply holding on to his core beliefs. There are certain qualities that define our personalities and that are virtually unchangeable. A person who always has been deeply passionate about social injustice is unlikely to change. Throughout the years, we may act according to our basic beliefs, but hopefully we also are accumulating knowledge and experience in order to grow. There's a world of difference between not letting go of the past and applying all the lessons you learned throughout the years to your present life. Examine how you feel about the issues your husband chooses to protest. Do you feel his protests are more of a show than a desire to actually effect change? Demonstrations come in all forms — and you don't necessarily need to dust off the VW bus to show your protest.

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Stocks retreating at Wall Street

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks retreated sharply and Treasury bond prices jumped Monday as investors reacted to a stunning reshaping of the landscape of Wall Street that took out two storied names: Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and Merrill Lynch & Co.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell more than 180 points, well off the drop of nearly 350 points seen in the early going.

Stocks posted big losses in markets across much of the globe as investors absorbed bankruptcy plans at Lehman and Merrill Lynch's forced sale to Bank of America for \$50 billion in stock. And perhaps most ominously, American International Group Inc. is asking the Federal Reserve for emergency funding. The world's largest insurance company plans to announce a major restructuring Monday.

The swift developments are the biggest yet in the 14-month-old credit crises that stems from now toxic subprime mortgage debt.

Investors are worried that trou-

ble at AIG and the bankruptcy filing by Lehman, felled by \$60 billion in bad debt and a dearth of investor confidence, will touch off another series of troubles for banks and financial institutions that may be forced to further write down the value of their own debt assets. Wall Street had been hopeful six months ago that the collapse of Bear Stearns would mark the darkest day of the credit crisis.

But AIG's troubles a week after its stock dropped 45 percent are worrisome for some investors because of the company's enormous balance sheet and the risks that troubles with that companies finances could spill over to the companies with which it does business. AIG, one of the 30 stocks that make up the Dow industrials, fell \$5.37, or 44 percent, to \$6.76 Monday as investors worried that it would be the subject of downgrades from credit ratings agencies.


Jeffrey Mortimer, chief investment officer at Charles Schwab

Investment Management in San Francisco, said stocks' losses aren't steeper because the market expected Lehman would find a buyer or declare bankruptcy.

"This is showing that this was not completely unexpected," he said, of Lehman. He added that the Merrill deal removes one possible source of concern for investors. In late morning trading, the Dow fell 184.99, or 1.62 percent, to 11,237.00.

Broader stock indicators also fell. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 31.54, or 2.52 percent, to 1,220.77, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 40.50, or 1.79 percent, to 2,220.77.

A sharp drop in oil below \$100 also weighed on energy names, including several Dow components. Exxon Mobil Corp. fell \$1.36, or 1.8 percent, to \$76.14, while Chevron Corp. fell \$2.30, or 2.7 percent, to \$81.94. But consumer names like Procter & Gamble Co. rose 22 cents to \$73.37 and McDonald's Corp. added 50 cents, or 0.78 percent, to \$64.56.





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| KLBV/ABC 4 6 | Good Morning Kansas | | | Good Morning America | | | | | | The Martha Stewart Show | | | | The View | | | | Millionaire | | News | | | | | | | |
| KSNK/NBC 3 8 | News Cont'd | | | Today | | | | | | | | Live With Regis and Kelly | | | | Today | | | | | | | | | | | |
| KBSL/CBS 12 11 | News Cont'd | | | The Early Show | | | | | | The 700 Club | | | | The Price Is Right | | | | The Young and the Restless | | | | | | | | | |
| K15CG 2 | Lions | | Maya & Miguel | Curious George | | Sid the Science | | Super Why! | Clifford-Red | | Dragon Tales | | Caillou | | Sesame Street | | | | Martha Speaks | | Word-World | | | | | | |
| ESPN 28 | Sports-Center | | Varied | SportsCenter | | | SportsCenter | | | SportsCenter | | | | SportsCenter | | | | SportsCenter | | | | | | | | | |
| USA 37 | JAG | | | Monk | | | Walker, Texas Ranger | | | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TBS 38 | Saved by Bell | | Saved by Bell | Saved by Bell | | Saved by Bell | | Fresh Prince | | Fresh Prince | | Movie | | | | Home Improve. | | Home Improve. | | | | | | | | | |
| WGN 39 | Changing | | Believer Voice | Hillbilities | | Hillbilities | | Be-witched | | Dream-Jeannie | | Matlock | | In the Heat of the Night | | | | Nash Bridges | | | | | | | | | |
| TNT 40 | Angel | | | Charmed | | | Charmed | | | ER | | ER | | | | Las Vegas | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DSC 42 | Paid Program | | Life Today | Joyce Meyer | | Paid Program | | How It's Made | | How It's Made | | Cash Cab | | Cash Cab | | Deadliest Catch | | | | Mostly True: Urban Legends | | | | | | | |
| A&E 47 | Third Watch | | | Crossing Jordan | | | | | | The Sopranos | | American Justice | | | | Cold Case Files | | | | Cold Case Files | | | | | | | |
| HIST 48 | Liberty's Kids | | Hands-Hist | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NICK 55 | OddPar-ents | | OddPar-ents | Spon-geBob | | Dora the Explorer | | Backyardigans | | Go Diego | | Wonder Pets | | Dora the Explorer | | Ni Hao, Kai-lan | | Yo Gabba | | Dora the Explorer | | Go Diego | | | | | |
| DISN 56 | The Wiggles | | Higgly-town | Ein-steins | | Mickey Mouse | | Handy Manny | | Tigger & Pooh | | Imag. Movers | | Charlie & Lola | | Doodle-bops | | Higgly-town | | Movie | | | | | | | |
| FAM 58 | Sister, Sister | | Sister, Sister | Sabrina-Witch | | Sabrina-Witch | | Step by Step | | Living the Life | | The 700 Club | | | | Gilmore Girls | | | | Full House | | Full House | | | | | |
| HALL 60 | Paid Program | | Paid Program | The Waltons | | | | The Waltons | | | | Little House on the Prairie | | | | Little House on the Prairie | | | | Touched by an Angel | | | | | | | |

| WEEKDAYS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | SEPTEMBER 16 - SEPTEMBER 22 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| KLBV/ABC (4) (6) | All My Children | | | | One Life to Live | | | | General Hospital | | | | Rachael Ray | | | | News | | | | Access H'wood | | | | News | | | | ABC Wld News | | | |
| KSNK/NBC (8) (8) | News | | | | Days of our Lives | | | | The Ellen DeGeneres Show | | | | The Doctors | | | | Jeopardy! | | | | Deal or No Deal | | | | News | | | | NBC News | | | |
| KBSL/CBS (12) (11) | News | | Bold, Beautiful | | As the World Turns | | | | Guiding Light | | | | Dr. Phil | | | | Oprah Winfrey | | | | News | | | | Evening News | | | | | | | |
| K15CG (2) | Reading Rainbow | | Barney-Friends | | Varied Programs | | | | | | Lions | | Arthur | | WordGirl | | Fetch! With | | Cyber-chase | | Maya & Miguel | | Busi-ness | | | | | | | | | |
| ESPN (28) | SportsCenter | | | | Varied Programs | | | | Outside-Lines | | Football Live | | NFL Live | | Rome-Burning | | Around the Horn | | Interrup-tion | | SportsCenter | | | | | | | | | | | |
| USA (37) | Movie Cont'd | | | | Monk | | | | Law & Order: Criminal Intent | | | | Law & Order: Criminal Intent | | | | NCIS | | | | NCIS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TBS (38) | Home Improve. | | Home Improve. | | Just Shoot | | Just Shoot | | Yes, Dear | | Yes, Dear | | King of Queens | | King of Queens | | Seinfeld | | Seinfeld | | Friends | | Raymond | | | | | | | | | |
| WGN (39) | WGN Midday News | | | | Homicide: Life on the Street | | | | Cosby Show | | Cosby Show | | Becker | | Funniet Pets | | America's Funniest Home Videos | | | | 7th Heaven | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TNT (40) | Without a Trace | | | | Law & Order | | | | Law & Order | | | | Charmed | | | | Charmed | | | | Law & Order | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DSC (42) | A Haunting | | | | A Haunting | | | | The FBI Files | | | | Deadliest Catch | | | | It Takes a Thief | | | | Cash Cab | | Cash Cab | | | | | | | | | |
| A&E (47) | CSI: Miami | | | | Crossing Jordan | | | | The Sopranos | | | | American Justice | | | | Cold Case Files | | | | Cold Case Files | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HIST (48) | Modern Marvels | | | | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NICK (55) | Backyardigans | | Varied | | SpongeBob | | OddParents | | U-Pick | | U-Pick | | U-Pick | | U-Pick | | SpongeBob | | SpongeBob | | Drake & Josh | | Drake & Josh | | | | | | | | | |
| DISN (56) | Movie Cont'd | | Zack & Cody | | Zack & Cody | | Zack & Cody | | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FAM (58) | Sister, Sister | | Sister, Sister | | Sabrina-Witch | | Sabrina-Witch | | 8 Simple Rules | | 8 Simple Rules | | What I Like | | What I Like | | Gilmore Girls | | | | My Wife and Kids | | My Wife and Kids | | | | | | | | | |
| HALL (60) | 7th Heaven | | | | 7th Heaven | | | | Little House on the Prairie | | | | Little House on the Prairie | | | | M*A*S*H | | | | M*A*S*H | | | | M*A*S*H | | | | | | | |

| TUESDAY | | | | SEPTEMBER 16 | | | | | | | | | |
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| KLBY/ABC (4) (6) | News (N) (CC) | Entertainment | Wipeout A countdown of the season's best moments. (CC) | | Primetime: UFOs... Seeing Is Believing (N) (CC) | | | News (N) (CC) | Nightline (N) (CC) | Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC) | | | |
| KSNK/NBC (8) (8) | News (N) (CC) | Wheel of Fortune | The Biggest Loser: Families (Season Premiere) (N) (CC) | | Law & Order: SVU | | | News (N) (CC) | The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC) | | Late Night | | |
| KBSL/CBS (12) (11) | News (N) (CC) | Inside Edition | NCIS Judgment Day (Part 2 of 2) (CC) | | Big Brother 10 Winner revealed. | | Without a Trace Satellites (CC) | | News (N) (CC) | Late Show With David Letterman | | Late Late | |
| K15CG (2) | The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) | | Doctors on Call | Second-Health | Nova Einstein's Big Idea Conflicts lead to Albert Einstein's mathematical discovery. | | | BBC World | | Ro-romance | Charlie Rose (N) (CC) | | |
| ESPN (28) | E:60 (N) | | 2008 World Series of Poker Las Vegas. | | 2008 World Series of Poker Las Vegas. | | Baseball Tonight (Live) (CC) | | SportsCenter (Live) (CC) | | Baseball Tonight | NFL Live (N) (CC) | |
| USA (37) | Law & Order: SVU | | Law & Order: SVU | | House Mob Rules (CC) | | House Heavy (CC) | | Law & Order: Criminal Intent | | Law & Order: SVU | | |
| TBS (38) | Raymond | Raymond | Family Guy (CC) | Family Guy (CC) | Family Guy (CC) | Family Guy (CC) | The Office | The Office | Frank TV | Frank TV | Sex and the City | Sex and the City | |
| WGN (39) | 7th Heaven Happy's Valentine (CC) | | Funnyest Pets | Funnyest Pets | Funnyest Pets | Funnyest Pets | WGN News at Nine (N) (CC) | | Scrubs (CC) | Scrubs (CC) | Corner Gas | Becker (CC) | |
| TNT (40) | Law & Order High & Low (CC) (DVS) | | Law & Order Access Nation | | Law & Order C.O.D. (CC) (DVS) | | | Law & Order Birthright | | Raising the Bar I Will, I'm Will (CC) | | Without a Trace Trials (CC) | |
| DSC (42) | How It's Made | How It's Made | Dirty Jobs Parade Float Dismantler | | Dirty Jobs Buoy Cleaner (CC) | | Dirty Jobs Wine Maker Wine making. | | How It's Made | How It's Made | Dirty Jobs Parade Float Dismantler | | |
| A&E (47) | CSI: Miami Whacked (CC) | | The First 48 Frenzy/ Hard Truth (CC) | | The First 48 (CC) | | | The Cleaner The Eleventh Hour (CC) | | The Cleaner The Eleventh Hour (CC) | | The First 48 Frenzy/ Hard Truth (CC) | |
| HIST (48) | Modern Marvels Extreme Gadgets | | Modern Marvels Wheat (CC) | | Ancient Discoveries (CC) | | | Sandhogs Punching Through (CC) | | Ancient Discoveries | | Modern Marvels Wheat (CC) | |
| NICK (55) | Zoey 101 (CC) | Drake & Josh | My Family's | SpongeBob | Home Improve. | Home Improve. | George Lopez | George Lopez | Family Matters | Family Matters | Home Improve. | Home Improve. | |
| DISN (56) | Zack & Cody | Hannah Montana | Movie: The Cheetah Girls: One World (2008) (CC) | | Wizards-Place | | Life With Derek | | Zack & Cody | Hannah Montana | That's-Raven | Cory in House | |
| FAM (58) | Lincoln Heights The Vision (CC) | | Lincoln Heights Glass House (CC) | | Greek Gays, Ghosts and Gamma Rays | | | Lincoln Heights Glass House (CC) | | The 700 Club (CC) | | Lincoln Heights Glass House (CC) | |
| HALL (60) | Walker, Texas Ranger (CC) | | Walker, Texas Ranger (CC) | | Movie: The Valley of Light (2007, Drama) Chris Klein, Gretchen Mol. (CC) | | | Murder, She Wrote (CC) | | Murder, She Wrote Dead Letter (CC) | | | |

| WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| KLBV/ABC 4 (6) | News (N) (CC) | Entertainment | Wife Swap Tassie/ Tyson (CC) | | 20/20: The Royal Family (CC) | | Primetime (CC) | | News (N) (CC) | Nightline (N) (CC) | Jimmy Kimmel Live Alyssa Milano. (CC) | | |
| KSNK/NBC 3 (8) | News (N) (CC) | Wheel of Fortune | America's Got Talent contestants. (Live) (CC) | | | Law & Order: Criminal Intent | | News (N) (CC) | | The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC) | | Late Night | |
| KBSL/CBS 12 (11) | News (N) (CC) | Inside Edition | Old Christine | Old Christine | Criminal Minds Lo-Fi (CC) | | CSI: NY A bank heist goes awry. | | News (N) (CC) | Late Show With David Letterman | | Late Late | |