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# The Best of the Saturday Night Live 40th Anniversary Special Robin A. Rothman | February 16, 2015 10:00 am



After a bumper that built up the suspense about who would deliver the news to us, the reveal couldn't have been more perfect: Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, and Jane Curtin. The ladies delivered everything a successful Weekend Update should: balance between professionalism and silliness, spot-on punch line delivery, co-anchor rapport, and plenty of room for others to shine. You'll get it

### all in this one clip, including Emma Stone's damn good Roseann Rosannadanna impression to honor Gilda Radnor, Ed Norton pulling off an impressive Stefon, and Melissa McCarthy proving she

The Ladies Man the Desk

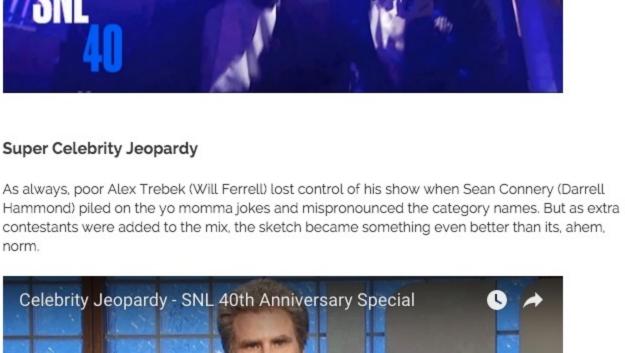
clips that represent perhaps the best half-hour of the night.

knows a lot more than squat about Chris' Farley's Matt Foley.



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and fantastic. Eddie Murphy Tribute - SNL 40th Anniversary Special

introduce him, then trot him out just to humbly say thank you, Rock's tribute was heartfelt, funny,

Chris Rock: Though it's hard to understand why they chose to hype Murphy's attendance,



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"Don't Look Back in Anger" film. Murray may have won the night in a couple of much more subtle, but poignant moments here. First, amidst the laughter at Jon Lovitz being declared dead for the second time that night, Murray almost imperceptibly apologized to Lovitz out in the audience. Then he brought the comedy completely back home with what might be the longest-ranging callback in comedy history.

Murray also introduced the evening's full history In Memoriam, which began with John Belushi's



the True Story Behind

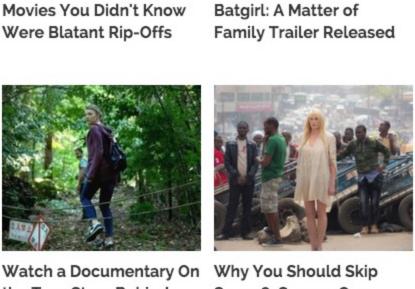
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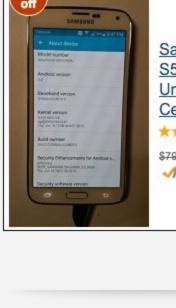


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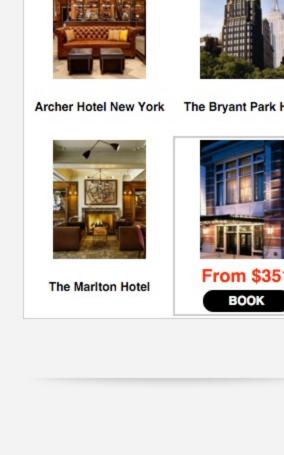


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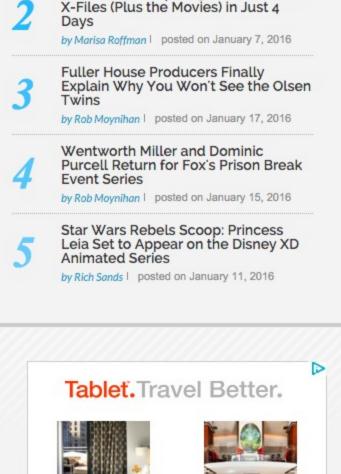
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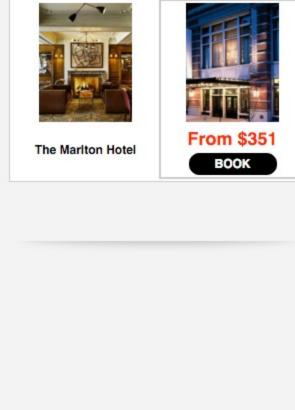












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