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The Closer

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year,

I tell ya. I think it's been an amazing season. We gained like a million viewers, which is really unheard of in your third season. The whole thing is a phenomenon. [Creator James Duff] keeps saying, 'We have to make it better. We have to make it better.' And that's what I love about him.

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BIG WATERCOOLER MOMENTS

From *The Sopranos*' polarizing series ender (has a black screen ever been more dramatic?) to Rosie and Elisabeth's smack down, here are the moments that had us buzzing.



The Sopranos' Swan Song The seminal series' last episode left us searching for meaning—and humming “Don't Stop Believin'”—for weeks.



Ellen Goes to the Dogs DeGeneres' public breakdown over Iggy the pooch led to death threats and some disgusted fans. Ruff stuff.



Rosie vs. Elisabeth The cohosts' heated exchange caused O'Donnell to take an early exit from *The View*. Bet we haven't heard the last of her.



Lost Cliff-hanger They get rescued? We have answers—and lots more questions—thanks to the third-season finale's daring flash-forwards.