

Saturday Night

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A close-up look at what Americans do on Saturday nights draws on travels through-out the country to describe classic weekend situations, types of people, places and communities, entertainment patterns, and other topics

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