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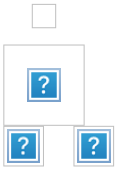



LET'S DISH, KANSAS CITY NEWSLETTER

Is Joe's still worth the wait? + Weinermobile rolls in

Welcome back to Let's Dish — your one-stop shop for all things eats in Kansas City. I'm Rachel Schlueter, an audience intern at The Star.

This week, I tried the Z-Man at Joe's Kansas City Bar-B-Que, which has drawn a cult following — even amongst big names like Patrick Mahomes and Barack Obama. But is it still worth the hype?

Plus, The Star's Joseph Hernandez took a spin on the iconic Wienermobile, and a new coffee shop is bringing a taste of Europe to Olathe.

And, we want to hear from you — which KC-area spot has the best pad thai?

Let's dig in.

This week's taste test

Last winter when I told my friends and family I'd be spending the summer in Kansas City, they all told me the same thing: "You have to try the barbecue."

Even during my first week in the city, my dad would message me nearly every day: "What barbecue have you eaten yet?"

And while I've eaten at various barbecue joints around KC during my internship, I hadn't yet tried what is possibly the city's most famous barbecue dish: the Z-Man brisket sandwich at Joe's Kansas City Bar-B-Que.

Named after a local radio host, the Z-Man has become a KC celebrity in its own right, garnering gushing reviews from the likes of Patrick Mahomes, Barack Obama and Paul Rudd.

Getting my hands on this sandwich came at a price: an hour-long line.

But, even if it wasn't part of my job to wait in line for the sandwich, I'd gladly do it for the chance to taste the 17-hour-long smoked brisket.

Check out my TikTok to see the legendary sandwich yourself, and learn the secret to why it's a KC standout.

Opening soon in KC

✴️ Do you wish you were an Oscar Mayer wiener? Probably not — but it's this KC-area native's full-time job. She drives the aptly named

Weinermobile across the U.S., recently stopping in KC.



✴️ Live out your European summer at this new Olathe coffee shop, which serves macchiatos, lattes and cappuccinos — plus traditional desserts like burek, croissants and macarons.

✴️ This new West Bottoms nightclub aims to bring global flair to KC with vibrant performances, chic cocktails and velvety pink booths. “We are bringing East meeting West,” one owner said.



Local spotlight

As Lee’s Summit faces expansive development in its downtown district, this small Italian bistro reminds locals to slow down, savor and stay awhile.

The restaurant, which can only seat 25 people, offers a rotating seasonal

menu with fresh ingredients, like summer tomatoes for the scallop amogio dinner or lemons for the limoncello torte cake.

The bistro's chef, who learned to cook through watching her grandmothers, incorporates a bit of that trademark nonna love in each dish.

See why people are flocking for a seat at this 600-square-foot restaurant.

Give us your take

We're on the pursuit for the city's best pad thai — the quintessential "I don't feel like cooking tonight" meal, complete with a sweet-sour sauce and crushed peanuts.

Tell us in this (no paywall) survey where you find the best pad thai in the Kansas City area, or email us at kcq@kcstar.com.



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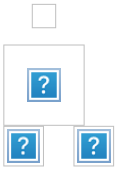

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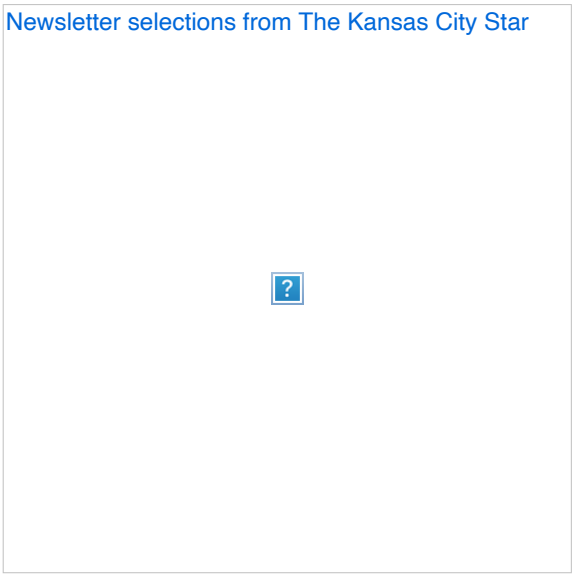

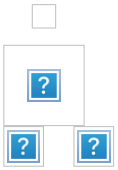

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