



STAY IN STYLE

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LAVISH HOTELS**

“Luxury travel” suggests exotic distance from the ordinary, but travelers — and residents — can find breathtaking respites in hotels right here in Pennsylvania.

And even in those thoroughly upscale establishments are certain accommodations that stand out. Here is a selection of some of the most lavish hotel suites from the capital region, the Poconos, the Laurel Highlands, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

Hilton Harrisburg

Harrisburg’s iteration of the Hilton hotel empire dominates the square where Market and Second streets meet in the heart of downtown, a few blocks from the Capitol Complex.

At Hilton Harrisburg, guests can stay in one of four Executives Suites, each of which includes a living area, dining area, shown at top, wet bar and bath. Two of Hilton Harrisburg’s Executive Suites are on the 15th — the top — floor of the hotel. Not to be outdone, the two on the 14th floor have outdoor balconies. Guests of Hilton Harrisburg’s Executive Suites have access to the Executive Lounge, shown above, where breakfast and hors d’oeuvres are served daily.



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AVERAGE COST: \$550 a night

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DANIEL ZAMOGNA, PennLive, 2013

“Dr.” Wilson and Cindy Foreman of Chili RX ready their chili at the 35th anniversary Keystone Regional Chili Cook-off at Kipona in Harrisburg.

Annual chili cook-off parts ways with Kipona

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An annual chili cook-off that has heated up the Kipona Festival in Harrisburg for more than three decades is moving to the suburbs.

For 36 years, the Keystone Regional Chili Cook-off has been part of the Labor Day weekend celebration in the city. In its heyday, the cook-off was the largest event, aside from the fireworks, at Kipona.

But organizer Dawson Flinchbaugh, aka Chief Chili, said that because of a lack of volunteer participation, this year’s cook-off is moving to Flinchy’s restaurant in Lower Allen Twp. It will be Sept. 5.

The Flinchbaugh family operates the restaurant off Hummel Avenue. They plan to combine the cook-off with the restaurant’s annual Flinchypalooza, a

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Writer takes talent from TV to comics

Sitcoms, each issue set around the midstate, puts superheroes and familiar comic book concepts with storylines that relate to sitcoms.

BY JULIA HATMAKER
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Darin Henry was enveloped in hugs and handshakes in the packed room at Comix Connection in Hampden Twp.

On one end of the hugging was Christina Valentine, who grew up with Henry in Silver Spring Twp. It had been more than 20 years since they had seen each other face to face.

During that time, Henry moved out to Santa Monica, Calif., and his career writing for television took off with “Seinfeld,” “Futurama” and “The Ellen Show.”

Now he builds off his work in TV to create sitcom-like stories in comic form for his company, Sitcomics.

Each comic published has been set around the midstate area, and he was back in town to promote the books.

Despite his time away from the area, he recognized Valentine right away.

“He looked through the crowd and knew exactly who I was,” she said. “He even called me by



JULIA HATMAKER, PennLive

Darin Henry, a Silver Spring Twp. native who has written for “Seinfeld,” “Futurama” and “K.C. Undercover” kicked off his latest project, Sitcomics, in the midstate.

my nickname, ‘Titi.’”

How it got started

Growing up, Henry didn’t imagine he’d be a writer. But he was interested in British comedies such as “Black Adder” and “Red Dwarf.” That drove him

to volunteer with WITF and eventually work in the station’s programming department.

During college at Temple University, he spent a semester abroad and met some of the writers of “Red Dwarf.”

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