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TOP BABY/ KIDS BOUTIQUE

Wild West Baby Co.

When Britni Jensen was pregnant with her third child, she realized that walking through Target's baby section was, well, uninspiring. The clothes were made of flimsy fabrics, the brands were too corporate, and construction trucks seemed to dot every onesie. Jensen, who owns Denver's Inspire and April & West boutiques, decided to solve the problem herself, opening Wild West Baby Co. in Berkeley last year. Jensen selects brands that fit her high standards for quality and aesthetics. More important, Jensen makes it a priority to stock mom-owned brands, like Oopsie Daisy, which produces colorful, '70s-inspired swimsuits. Her support for mothers doesn't stop at the items she carries: Wild West hosts free events every month, like baby-and-mom bodywork sessions to help new parents soothe anxiety. "Babyhood is such a short period of life," Jensen says. "It seems long, but it's really so fleeting and magical. I want to embody that magic when you walk in the store." —BO

TOP PET STORE/SERVICES

HomeDog

Alex Novick is reimagining the modern workday to one that includes your laptop, your latte, and your labradoodle. After years of dreaming up a place where pups and productivity could coexist, he opened HomeDog this summer: a 5,500-square-foot canine-friendly co-working space and cafe on South Broadway, in the former Grandma's House brewery. Rooted in Denver's dog-loving culture, the membership-based concept offers a dog-friendly workspace with reservable booths, a doggy daycare in back, and a separate beer-and-coffee bar up front that's ideal for breaks from barking and back-to-back meetings. Outside, pup-themed murals—including a Scrappy-Doo tribute—brighten HomeDog's private, members-only patio, which provides a low-key zone for both hounds and their humans. Inside, there's high-speed fiber Wi-Fi, and plans are in the works for a mobile grooming partnership—for the times when weekday dog-washing takes a backseat to career-climbing. —RS

TOP PLACE TO WATCH THE GAME Joe Willy's

It might be named for a former New York signal caller, but Joe Willy's on Broadway is all Denver. The new sports bar, which opened last summer, boasts a "Colorado-first" TV schedule, meaning the Mile High City's big four franchises and local universities take precedence among its 12 flat-screens and main audio (which also plays in the restrooms, so you'll never miss a down). Yes, there are framed Joe Namath jerseys, but one of them hangs beside the threads of a more locally esteemed icon: Peyton Manning. The latest venture by Ryan Fleming and his cousin Matt Fleming—the latter has been associated with a Hall of Fame-caliber roster of Colorado sports bars, including Spanky's Roadhouse (University), Reivers Bar & Grill (Wash Park), Wazoo's (LoDo), and Giggling Grizzly (LoDo)—Joe Willy's feels just divey enough, with an unassuming black awning along bustling South Broadway. But dip inside and the neighborhood sports bar swallows you whole. Flat-screens wallpaper the dark walls, and pennants, jerseys, magazine covers, and other sports memorabilia decorate the mahogany boards in between (see if you can spot a framed black-and-white photo of Matt's mom receiving a private lesson from golf legend Jack Nicklaus). An L-shaped bartop and a handful of high-tops, low-tops, and booths provide enough seating for about 100 in the cozy confines, and new this summer, look out for a covered patio with more TVs (and, yes, audio too). —MH

Courtesy of HomeDog