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Best Bites: Moe's Original Barb-B-Que

We first discovered Moe's delicious, smoky eats in a tucked away corner in Vail a couple years back. And so, a few months ago, we were thrilled to hear that the joint was opening a Denver outpost. At the new Moe's, expect to find the same fresh-from-the-pit eats--our favorites are the smoked chicken with tangy white sauce, marinated slaw, and griddled corn bread, and the savory pulled-pork sandwich with sides of JoJos (fried sweet-potato wedges) and creamy banana pudding. **Bonus:** Come for the barbecue and stay for the bowling, or at least knock down some pins while waiting for your order. 3295 S. Broadway, Englewood, 303-781-0414 --Amanda M. Faison

New: Organixx

These days, it's not only responsible to be green, it's a smart business move--especially for restaurants. Diners inherently assume that eco-friendly restaurants are healthier given the attention paid to local and organic ingredients. Case in point is Organixx, a week-old eatery downtown that's focused on creating fresh cuisine and a polished enterprise that's sustainable, reusable, recyclable, fair trade, natural, energy efficient, organic, local, and low-impact. The eats are pretty good too, especially the clean-tasting quinoa salad niçoise and the hearty Peruvian roast beef sandwich. 1520 Blake St., 303-825-1550 --AMF

Playing with Food: Adagio's Bacon and Eggs

Last week I spotted a new addition--sugar cookies, cut and iced to look like fried eggs and strips of bacon--to Adagio Baking Company's usual line-up of fresh-baked scones, cookies, and muffins. The playful goodies give new meaning to the breakfast-for-dessert trend that's shaping the nation's sweet menus. The Adagio treats are only available occasionally, so pick one up (\$1.75 each) when you can. 4628 E. 23rd Ave., 303-388-0904 --AMF

Trend: Noodle Houses

Two weeks ago, restaurateur Dave Query (of Jax Fish House, Lola, Centro, and Zolo Grill) opened the doors to Happy Noodle House, an Asian noodle bowl restaurant in Boulder. Query's new spot follows Frank Bonanno's eatery Bones in bringing the noodle house trend to the Denver area. But whereas Bonanno offers a sleek, city version of the Asian comfort food, Query's restaurant is a community-oriented experience. When I dropped in last week for an

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early dinner, the restaurant was busy with families and groups of friends gathered around long communal tables, slurping up bowls of rice noodles and sipping loose-leaf jasmine teas. The curry udon, served with a whole roasted duck leg, is the house favorite, but I enjoyed steamed Chinese buns and roasted Japanese eggplant drizzled with sesame oil. While I prefer Bones' steamed buns, Happy Noodle House's simple flavors and the happening vibe are further reminders of why global street food is in. *835 Walnut St., Boulder, 303-442-3050 --Kazia Jankowski*

Good Stuff: Denver Cupcake Week

If combating crowds during **Denver Restaurant Week** doesn't sound like your thing, perhaps **Lovely Confections'** more low-key take on the dining deal will hit the spot. Through Saturday, the Colfax Avenue bakery is selling its chocolate, vanilla, and red velvet cupcakes at \$5.280 for two or \$2.640 for one in honor of the shop's self-proclaimed **Denver Cupcake Week**. The discounted prices (about \$0.40 per cake) also celebrate Lovely's first anniversary. *1489 Steele St., 720-524-7770 --KJ*

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