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■ While Boulder did away with its Halloween mall crawl on Pearl Street several years ago, **Mateo Restaurant Provencal** (1837 Pearl St., Boulder) is hosting a Halloween harvest dinner at 8 tonight with Little Nell Master Sommelier **Richard Betts** — one of only 56 Master Sommeliers in the United States. Executive chef-owner **Matthew Jansen** is turning out a ghoulish five-course dinner that includes frog legs, tagliolini with white Alba truffles, braised Colorado goat, warm endive salad and a Colorado apple tart tartin with caramel ice cream. Cost is \$100 per person and reservations are necessary. Information: 303-443-7766.

■ In an effort to reward



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Chef/owner Mary Nguyen of Parallel Seventeen.

eco-conscious diners, **Parallel Seventeen** (1600 E. 17th Ave.) has unleashed a "Ride Green" offer to those who either take public transportation, ride their bike or car pool to the restaurant. The 10 percent discount, which is applied to the entire meal (including alcohol), is wholly based on the honor system, so don't go telling any fibs.

■ Project Angel Heart is planning a culinary feast on Thursday when the 17-year-old nonprofit that delivers fresh meals to people living with

life-threatening illnesses, celebrates "A Taste for Life," a roving dinner prepared by several Denver restaurants, including **The Avenue Grill, Elway's Cherry Creek, Jax Fish House, Wynkoop Brewing Company, Rosa Linda's Mexican Café, Deluxe** and **Fisher Clark Urban Delicatessen**. The event gets under way at 6 p.m. at the Exdo Event Center (1399 35th St.) and tickets are \$95 per person. Information: 303-830-0202 or projectangel-heart.org.

■ While we've witnessed the closings of several restaurants this past month (Ocean, Mel's Bistro, French 250 and Barron's Bar & Bistro — and that's the short list), it's not all doom and gloom on the culinary climate. **Tavern Wash Park** (1066 S. Gaylord St.) opened Sunday in the former Chi Bistro space; the second outpost of **La Sandia** (8419 Park Meadows Center Drive), star chef Richard Sandoval's modern Mexican cantina, unveiled its new dining room, lounge and rooftop bar Thursday night in the Vistas at Park Meadows; **Heaven Star Chinese Dim Sum** (7600 W. 120th Ave.), the second dim sum joint from the owners of Super Star Asian (2200 W. Alameda Ave.), is gearing up to open in Broomfield in the former Armadillo Border Grill and Cantina come November.

Broomfield, which has become a melting pot of ethnic food, especially Asian (there are three pho dens within slurping distance of Heaven Star), also recently welcomed **India's Grill** (2420 E. Midland Blvd.) to the 'hood. On the other side of town, in Highlands Ranch, **Indulge Wine Bar** (1601 Mayberry Drive) is serving cheese and charcuterie boards, tapas and food and wine flights to suburban crowds in a behemoth space bolstered by a patio boasting fire pits and Front Range views.