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AS THE FOOD WORLD TURNS

BY BRUCE COLE

☒ IN THE REDD. Chef **Richard Reddington** (below), late of **Jardinière, Auberge du Soleil** and, briefly, **Masa's**, intends to open **Redd** (6480 Washington St.) in Yountville next month. He hopes to infuse the town's very French (Bistro Jeanty, Bouchon, French Laundry) and very precious restaurant row with a little urban-inspired flair. In SF, **Mamacita** (2317

disaster. This month, CFH is auctioning off 23 signed chef's jackets on **eBay** to aid **Unicef**.

☒ SWEET SALE. Berkeley's **Scharffen Berger Chocolate** has been *the* name to drop on menus since it launched. Now, it's thrown in the cacao nibs and sold out to Hershey's. There are, however, no plans to close the popular East Bay factory.

☒ TUNE IN. Finally, a webcast worth listening to. **Beyond Organic** (www.beyondorganic.com) features topics such as biodynamic grape growing (you know, burying a cow's horn full of manure in a vineyard) and a lively debate on that ever-popular question: Is organic food elitist?

☒ HAPPY B-DAY! On October 1, **Hawthorne Lane** celebrates its 10th anniversary with an entire day devoted to cooking, eating and drinking. In classes led by the restaurant's staff, you'll learn everything from how to make brown-butter ice cream to how to shake up a top-notch cocktail. 7x7's own **Jordan Mackay** and former Gary Danko sommelier **Christie Dufalt** will lead a tasting of California Cult Cabs. Don't miss it. Call 415-931-5726 or go to www.hawthorne.lane.com. x



Chestnut St.) moves into Marimba's former digs this month with chef Sam Josi's Mexi-Cali menu. **Philippe Chevalier** (Chez Papa) is now manning the very small stoves at **Café Claude** (7 Claude Ln., 415-392-3505). Just in time for Indian summer, the Castro's new **Gelateria Naia** (451 Castro St., 415-864-6670) is serving a heavenly pistachio. It's the third location for the East Bay-based gelato maker.

☒ CAT'S MEOW. Local Food Network star **Cat Cora** founded **Chefs For Humanity** (www.chefsforhumanity.org), a coalition of culinary professionals who wanted to help victims of the tsunami

