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UNDER THE RADAR: After a nearly two-year absence from the restaurant scene, **Peter Smith** expects to be cooking again later this summer, in a place of his own called **PS7's** (900 Seventh St. NW). The unusual name has nothing to do with public schools and everything to do with the chef's initials and the restaurant's street address, the 36-year-old Smith told us last week. But that's about all the tight-lipped veteran of **Vidalia** cared to share. Asked about the interior, the chef said only that his 120-seat dining room would be "different to D.C." As for the food, "I'm still playing with it," he said, hinting that small plates and tasting menus might be part of the project. Smith will be borrowing a kitchen above the glamorous **2941** restaurant in Falls Church to rehearse his ideas as construction is completed on PS7's. The chef became downright chatty when we asked about his time off. "I had the rare opportunity to spend the first year" with a new addition to the family. One-year-old Lucy Catharine "loves to watch me cook," he said. Another bonus: "I got to go out for dinner with my friends."