



### NOT JUST PASTA ▲

The long-awaited substantial revision of the menu at “Parusa” has finally taken place. For the spring-summer season the restaurant’s head chef Igor Korneyev has prepared, for example, carpaccio of beetroot with cheese, spinach leaves with strawberries and figs, pear slices with salmon in black sesame seeds, foie gras with pears in cherry sauce, black pasta with seafood in marinara sauce, pasta with tiger prawns in bisque sauce, baked fillet of freshwater perch with wild mushrooms, cod in peanuts with vegetable julienne... The special offer is homemade pasta with morel mushrooms. 9 Petrovskaya Kosa. T: 929 9283.

### QUIET CLASSICS ►

The “Piano Piano” Italian restaurant opened very quietly, fully in accordance with its name, without any special effects. However, the restaurant merits very close attention — suffice it to say that the wine is in the charge of Igor Ivanyugin (ex-Taleon), one of the Northern Capital’s most authoritative sommeliers. The menu is as authentic as it can possibly be: even residents of the Apennine peninsula who drop in nod their heads in affirmation: “Just like home!” WHERE especially recommends the warm squid salad and the lasagne Bolognese. Other dishes worthy of attention are risotto with saffron and calves’ cheeks, aubergines Neapolitan-style, the house speciality selection of antipasti and lamb with demiglace



sauce. In short, classics as they should be... 5 Smolny Pr. T: 646 7044.

### COME ON, FISH, BITE! ►

The “Russian Fishing” restaurant is staging a very entertaining event. On 17 May a competition for the 8th Russian Fishing Trout Trophy will take place on the shores of the Southern Pond on Krestovskiy Island — a hundred leading fishermen against a thousand fish. The tournament, which starts at noon sharp, is sponsored by the Fishing Federation. According to agency information, Gennady Orlov will be the commentator... and after the awards ceremony at 7pm spectators will be permitted to catch the remaining fish. 11 Yuzhnaya Doroga. T: 323 9813.