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## St. Charles in Charge

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Via Italy, Scotland, London, Northern Ireland, a cruise ship, and the line at **Charlie Trotter's**, the peripatetic **Isacco Vitali** arrives in the western suburbs at **Isacco Kitchen (210 Cedar St., St. Charles; 630-444-0202)**, which opened at the end of January. Vitali describes his cooking as “more of a fusion cuisine than a real Italian.” For example: “Last weekend, I had frog legs with polenta. I had venison stew, Bolognese style. I had snails that were spicy, made with a little habanero and jalapeño peppers. I have homemade ravioli stuffed with veal stew and Parmesan and wild boar bacon, sage, and vodka sauce.” Vitali seems to be settled now in St. Charles, where his wife has a business. He met her when she was a passenger on the ship he was cooking on, bringing new meaning to the word “cruising.”