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## 5 Things We're Buzzing About This Week

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Every Monday we bring you the *SL Hot List*, a round up the five latest and greatest things to hit the South. Consider it your weekly update on our region's most buzz-worthy food, culture, and style news.

**1. New Must-See Beach Spot.** Opening tomorrow in Orange Beach, Alabama, [The Gulf](#) (yes, that's the name) is a restaurant/bar made from repurposed shipping containers. Designed by the youngest licensed architect in America (Courtney Brett, a graduate of Auburn's Rural Studios), the outdoor venue overlooking Perdido Pass will feature dishes prepared by Chef Ira Gallon. The menu will change daily based on what local fisherman are catching—the restaurant will be equipped with a marine radio so captains can tell Chef Ira what they've caught.

**2. A New Storytelling Event in Nashville.** Indie bookstore [East Side Story](#) partners with [Rumours East](#) bar for [East Side Storytelling](#), a free event that will showcase book readings, live music, and author interviews the first and third Tuesday of every month. The sessions will be recorded by WAMB radio (1200AM/ 99.3 FM), and will be available on [eastsidestorytn.com](#) and aired on the station. The series kicks off tomorrow with [Bowling Avenue](#) author [Ann Shayne](#), and folk-duo [The Smoking Flowers](#).

**3. Swinging Cocktails at Art & Soul in D.C.** The District will have its party hat on this week as election night rolls around. At chef [Art Smith's Art and Soul](#), you can celebrate on Tuesday with a viewing party that includes buy-one-get-one-free drinks for anyone with an "I Voted" sticker, and half-

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off "Swing State" cocktails during the 15 minutes a swing state's results are being announced.

**4. Billy Reid & Natalie Chanin's Cotton-Picking Party.** Alabama designers [Billy Reid](#) and [Alabama Chanin](#) host a [picking party](#) for the second harvest of their recently-planted cotton field in Trinity, Alabama on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You'll eat barbecue provided by host [Jim 'N Nick's Bar-B-Q](#), and help harvest Alabama's first organic cotton field, which the designers hope to use for their designs in the future.

**5. The 1871 Scoot Inn Reopens in Austin.** After closing shop in August, the [Scoot Inn & Bier Garten](#), said to be one of the oldest bars in Texas, reopens with a two-day party November 10-11. The Scootenanny opening event will include live music by local bands such as [Wild Child](#), [Whiskey Shivers](#), and [The Derailers](#). Oh, and also skee ball and beer.

**5 1/2.** And a big shout-out to [Soby's](#) in Greenville, South Carolina. The restaurant, which helped launch the city's culinary renaissance, celebrates its 15th anniversary with [special menus and deals](#) running through November 15.

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