

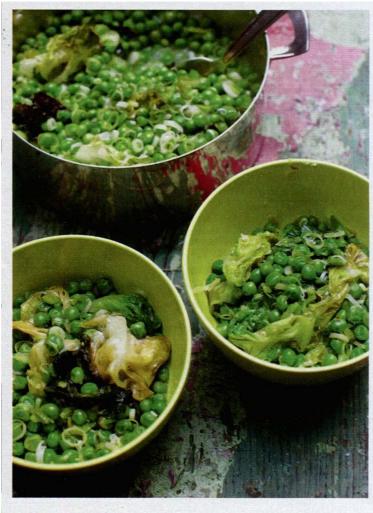
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ON THE VERGE

The New Southern Cuisine

Rising chefs are putting shrimp-and-grits country on the culinary map.



THE DURHAM Durham, N.C. Andrea Reusing, owner of the beloved Lantern in Chapel Hill, is set to open her latest restaurant next month at the new Durham Hotel, a midcentury bank converted by the Los Angeles-based design firm Commune. Inspired by a passage from Mark Twain's "A Tramp Abroad," in which he praises American cooking, Reusing will serve comfort food (braised peas and lettuce, left) alongside fancier fare (blue crab soufflé). thedurham.com - ROCKY CASALE