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Starry Kitchen

Following the close of their successful restaurant in Los Angeles, Nguyen & Thi Tran were prompted by friends to open an “illegal/underground” restaurant in their Van Nuys apartment. Spread by word of mouth and social media, they became LA’s number one Asian restaurant on Yelp within six months. They become so popular that the board of health closed them down. Undeterred, they continued to sneak small parties in until recently when they welcomed the birth of their first child. They are presently looking to open a new restaurant.

Nguyen:

Often seen in his signature banana suit, Nguyen is the self described “Chief Instigating Officer” of Starry Kitchen. He’s a natural born entertainer who, along with recently publishing a book on his exploits, hosts coaching seminars for young entrepreneurs.

Thi:

Running a restaurant, becoming an acclaimed chef and getting top billing at LA’s Food & Wine festival were not her ideas. She was out of work and looking for suggestions when her friends pushed her to try cooking. It was the best advice she ever got. Like her husband, her tireless free spirit is the inspiration for the menu and their constant adventures.

