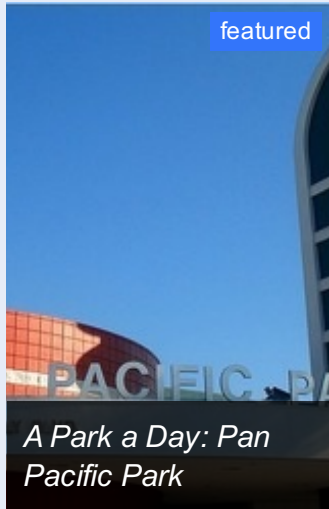


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Vietnamese Taco Truck to Hit The Westside This Summer



In a rapidly growing trend that blends all the best parts about *real* California fast food, three UCLA grads have announced plans for a Vietnamese food truck that will serve favorites like banh mi and twists like lemongrass chicken tacos. Just like its Twittering predecessors [Kogi BBQ](#) and [Don Chow Tacos](#) (Chinese-Mexican fusion), the [Nom Nom Truck](#) (as it's christened) already has a sparkling website with highly integrated social media links: [Twitter](#), [Flickr](#), and [Facebook](#).

Founder David Stankunas, one of the three Bruins responsible for the new concept, tells LAist via email: "It seems everyone is buzzing about banh mi! To be honest, that's just the way I like it! I'm such a huge fan of Vietnamese food, so I'm incredibly happy to see all this interest!" ([LA Weekly's Squid Ink write-up](#) is just the tip of the buzz currently sweeping the Tweetosphere.)

The enterprise will be launching in August and will remain primarily in the West Side -- since poor Santa Monicans





Banh mi and chicken lemongrass taco, photo used by permission of [Nom Nom Truck](#).

somehow currently exist without banh mi. True, West LAers have Pho 99, but it's pretty poor chops compared to the Valley, K-town, San Gabriel, or Long Beach. If recent taco truck successes are any indication, I'm sure we'll be seeing much more of Nom Nom in the near future.

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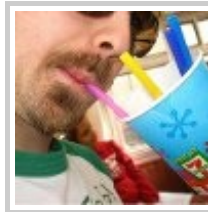
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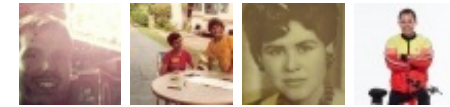
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