

Trucker

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Nom Eats was the perennial winner of the “best food truck” category in the RN&R’s annual Best of Northern Nevada readers’ poll. On June 10, the truck caught fire, causing extensive damage. Within hours, a GoFundMe had been established and community support started pouring in. Ian McIntosh co-owns the business with Carly Gurinkas and Robyn Gurinkas, the truck’s innovative chef. For more information, or to donate, visit www.gofundme.com/nom-eats-a-little-too-hot-in-the-kitchen.



five-gallon jug of vegetable oil, and with how hot it was, and it was sealed up, with the direct light, maybe through the windows, or maybe just based on pure heat alone, they spontaneously combusted. And then the jug of oil went with it. And then everything else went with it.

The community response you’ve gotten has been pretty phenomenal.

Yeah. Tons of people have been donating—businesses, too, not just individuals. Lots of our patrons. Other people have been raising funds. Feed the Camel, they’ve been raising funds. Steve Schroeder at Food Truck Friday has been super helpful. Lots of people have reached out and said, “Hey, we’ve got a spare truck” or “My truck is for sale” or “I’ve got a food trailer I’m not using” or “Use or prep kitchen.” All

that kind of stuff. There are a lot of new options and opportunities that weren’t there before.

What are you thinking? What’s the plan?

I don’t know. I still haven’t got anything from insurance yet. ... It’s just a super slow process. So I don’t want to jump the gun until I know what’s covered. We haven’t really cleaned or anything, because I’m sure they’re gonna send somebody out, and I don’t want it sparking and glistening. ... It’s mainly Robyn [Gurinkas]’s baby, our head chef. Whatever the next step is, whatever the next call is, it’s more in her court, which is pretty overwhelming. None of us is ready to make a decision yet. We need to get the whiteboard out and weigh all of the options—the rewards versus the risks.

Sometimes the next step is to do a brick-and-mortar restaurant. Is that option on the table?

It’s definitely on the table. Especially since this is our fifth year of operations with the truck. And we didn’t have a ton of savings, and now we do, thanks to the GoFundMe and the community, so it definitely gives us more opportunity than we had. So, now we’re looking, what would this restaurant really cost? Because we’re still on a limited budget no matter what. No angel investor popped out of the back and said, “Hey, that sucks, here’s a million dollars.” □

NOTES FROM THE NEON BABYLON

BY BRUCE VAN DYKE



Scary scenarios in a scary era

I was recently informed by an old pal that I have a bad case of TDS—Trump Derangement Syndrome. Well, *ddduuuuhhhhh!!!!* I’ve only been raving about Agent Orange for four friggin’ years now (yes, that escalator ride of Dum Dum Doom took place in June ’15). If you’re reading this column, chances are excellent that you, too, have a pernicious case of this nasty bug.

Here are the symptoms. (1) You believe that this FA is lying literally every time he opens his hideous piehole. (2) You get your information about the world from “fake news,” such as the NYT, WaPo, major daily newspapers, and major TV networks (except, of course, Fox). Is this you? Well, congrats, and welcome to the club! It’s pretty easy to get infected, and indeed, there’s a bleeping pandemic underway.

Scariest thing in the news this past week may well have happened

not in D.C., Tehran or Moscow, but way down south in Argentina and Uruguay. On Sunday morning of the 16th, the power went out. The power to *everybody*, which is about 50 million people. Do they know why? Nope. Not a clue. Sure, there could be a completely natural explanation for this event, which was of an unprecedented size for those two countries. Sure, it could have happened due to a completely innocent freak series of coincidental circumstances. It’s possible, I guess. But it’s also possible this was one malicious bit of hanky panky. A practice run, so to speak, just to see what exactly that new E.N.U. (Evil Nerd Unit) can actually do. The question is—*whose* ENU? Was somebody somewhere was sending a message to somebody? Maybe the Russians sending a howdy-do to us? Us sending a techno shout-out to Vlad? North Korea firing off a

warning shot? China, perhaps? A 400-pound dweeb living in his parents’ basement? Who the hell knows? But at this point, nobody in Argentina knows WTF happened. If they do, they ain’t talkin’. It’s all rather mysterious and not exactly comforting.

So I’m thinkin’ it may well be time to get a decent generator. Just in case. Because here in the Modern Age of Cyber Whack, you and me can suddenly become collateral damage, right here on Elm Street, USA. Who needs to blow big dough on bombs any more? Or bombers? How old, tired and lame. If you can creep on into the computers of your adversary, freeze his grid, freeze his communications, and freeze his money, that’s what you call leverage, baby. Drop a big bomb on me? Oooh, scary! How about I just make it so you’re dark? For, say, a month? Have fun! □

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