{Abraham driving across border}

“We are going from Mission, Texas to Reynosa, where I grew up, then headed to the golf course where I grew up playing golf in so…should be fun

“a little sketchy” “This is a long bridge…really long”

 “I enjoy coming back here, just don’t always have enough time...”

**ELEVEN MILES SEPARATE REYNOSA, MEXICO FROM MCALLEN, TEXAS…**

**MY TWO HOMETOWNS.**

**THE PLACES WHERE I FIRST LEARNED TO PLAY THE GAME AND THEN WHERE I HONED MY SKILLS.**

**BOTH VITAL ON MY ROAD TO THE PGA TOUR.**

**11-MILES, BUT HONESTLY, WORLDS APART.**

‘that’s where I grew up…my grandma’s house it right over here…everything looks so much bigger now, …I played in this little park over here every single day… I broke that thing so many times, and this is where I played every single day, when I wasn’t playing golf, I was riding my bike in this street…I had a great time growing up here, it was a lot of fun, a lot of good memories.”

**YOU HEAR STORIES ON THE NEWS ALL THE TIME ABOUT THE U-S/MEXICO BORDER.**

**MOST OF THEM NEGATIVE**.

**AND I’VE SEEN IT ALL AND LIVED IT FIRSTHAND.**

**BUT I WANT TO TELL YOU A DIFFERENT ONE; A POSTIVE ONE.**

**ABOUT FAMILY, OPPORTUNITY, SACRIFICE AND OF COURSE GOLF.**

**THIS IS MY STORY.**

‘This is the entrance right here…”

“people will come here and pray to the virgin Mary right here, I guess a miracle happened here…

01:20:37:07 00:01:26:05 ABRAHAM ANCER…really incredible for me to really be on the PGA Tour. Definitely not a lot of golfers come out of Reynosa but really proud of that. There's a lot of things that align for me to be able to be where I'm at right now.

“This is where I learned out to drive, at that front entrance, my dad would tell me to hop on his lap and I’ve been driving since I was 4 or 5 …

“… I would always tell my dad to punch it right here, just floor it, cause I remember at the end of the hill is a little drop and I kind of feel kind of funny…

01:20:37:07 00:01:26:05 ABRAHAM ANCER …it's really incredible looking back and seeing like men, where I come from where I started…, it's good to take a step back and look where you come from. You're like, man, this is pretty cool.

**I FEEL SO LUCKY IN A WAY, FOR I WAS A BIT OF A MIRACLE BABY.**

**I ARRIVED 10 YEARS AFTER MY TWO SISTERS, SO I HAD PLENTY OF PEOPLE TO TAKE CARE OF ME.**

{mom and sister sots}

VERONICA: …they always said I was like the stepmom because I was the oldest. I’m 13 years older and Sayra, our sister is 10 years older than him. But we’ve always been very close, we always got along.

SAYRA: …When I was ten, I still played with dolls, and he was like my real-life doll. I would change his diaper, give him his bottle, so we had a great bond. It felt like I was his other mom at that time.

**MY DAD…ABRAHAM SENIOR, HAD ALWAYS WANTED A SON.**

**HE WAS A PRETTY GOOD GOLFER BACK THEN AND IF HE WENT TO THE GOLF COURSE, I HAD TO GO WITH HIM.**

01:00:14:26 00:00:29:03 ABRAHAM ANCER…, I remember picking up a golf club ever since I can walk… my dad took me the golf course since I was in diapers…ever since I have memory, I can just picture myself with a golf club.

01:04:56:19 00:01:25:28 ABRAHAM ANCER…the golf course was maybe 20 minutes away, outside the city… it was really fun. I played soccer there, I went to the pool and practice till I got there until it was dark. So I loved it, man, I couldn't really make it any better.

Ancer on range: “so this is how we pick up the balls here, just grab your good old can of whatever your preference is, put her on a stick and you just go out there and pick the ball up…I’m not very good at it, you can tell but…you got to have that flick of the wrist you know?

{NEW, MUSIC}

**THE FUNNY THING IS THAT I WASN’T THE BEST GOLFER AROUND. I WAS PRETTY GOOD DON’T GET ME WRONG, BUT I NEVER REALLY STOOD OUT.**

**BUT I LOVED THE GAME AND LOVED BEING WITH MY DAD AT THE GOLF COURSE.**

Ancer on the range: “Not very common in Mexico to have a golf course and I am really lucky to be able to grow up here and to be able to have the opportunity and the facilities to play.”

**WHEN I THINK BACK, I ALWAYS DREAMED OF PLAYING ON THE PGA TOUR.**

**JUST LIKE TIGER WOODS.**

**AND YOU WANT TO KNOW THE BEST THING ABOUT MY FAMILY AND MY FRIENDS BACK IN REYNOSA?**

**THEY NEVER SAID THAT I COULDN’T DO IT, NEVER TOLD ME MY DREAMS WERE TOO BIG.**

MOM SOT: It was a sacrifice because golf is expensive. We did everything we could, it didn’t matter to us, as long as he could play. We could see that he loved it, and his will to keep on going

{McAllen, TX graphic) MUSIC

**WHEN I CAME TO THE U-S FOR HIGH SCHOOL. MY ENGLISH WASN’T VERY GOOD, BUT I KNEW IF I WANTED TO PURSUE GOLF, IT HAD TO BE IN THE STATES.**

02:35:54:12 00:00:27:29 Jim Darling, Mayor City Mac Allen….we have almost about 14,000 people a day come back…we have a lot of kids that live in Mexico go to school here public school because they're dual citizen. We're American citizens and Mexican citizens. So we get all that rich culture for everybody.

Reynosa mayor

FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ 02:03:28:29 00:01:02:16…when Abraham first came to our school I had heard about him because of the older kids. They knew him, they told me, Coach, you're gonna have a young man coming up and he is the real deal…And then sure enough Abraham showed up and, man, sweetest kid you would ever want to meet. And he had the game to go along with it…

02:21:44:02 00:01:15:08 CARLOS…obviously, Reynosa doesn't have the programs that we have here in the US. Here in MacAllan we have an amazing program for kids. We have four or five tournaments a year outside of the school tournaments, and we get over 100 kids every time. And so it's almost like a great cradle for Junior Golf and people that wanna get into the competitive golf from Reynosa see that, and this is where they play most of their Golf, in the Rio Grande Valley area.

02:28:42:08 00:01:22:14 CARLOS: …even though the two town are so close to each other, there are still some differences in culture…and when you come over from Mexico, in this case Reynosa to the US, in this case mcallen, you have to adapt… and so I'm sure he had some changes, and he had to adapt to certain things, but he did a pretty good job, I guess.

**BEFORE I GO ANY FURTHER IN MY STORY, I WANT TO TALK ABOUT MY DAD.**

**IT’S HARD TO EVEN THINK ABOUT HIM NOW THAT HE’S GONE…**

**BUT HE WAS MY HERO AND MY BEST FRIEND ALL AT ONCE.**

**HE DIED IN 2014, BEFORE MY CAREER REALLY TOOK OFF, BUT HE’S THE BIGGEST REASON WHY.**

**I WOULD GIVE ANYTHING TO HAVE HIM WITH ME NOW. TO EXPERIENCE EVERYTHING THAT IS HAPPENING TO ME.**

**HE WOULD HAVE LOVED IT.**

VERONICA: … I think that if he were still here today, you wouldn’t be interviewing us, he would have stolen the show and end up talking endlessly about Abraham. He was his dream. I know that he’s watching over him and cheering him on from above.

MOM SOT: …One day we were watching TV and Abraham (Sr) said to me: “Hey ‘chaparrita’.” (that’s how he would call me). “Hey chaparrita, one day I will see Abraham there.” And I said: “It’s very difficult to get there, I don’t know.” He replied: “That’s where he’ll be.” That’s what hurts me the most. That he didn’t get to see him…

VERONICA: We always knew that he was good, from the moment he started playing the junior tour, you could see that he had it in him. We never thought that he would come this far. I think the only person who knew he was going to make it was my Dad….but you know, now from heaven.

**I’M GLAD MY DAD HAD SO MUCH CONFIDENCE IN ME, BUT IT WASN’T EASY.**

**I RECEIVED ONLY ONE COLLEGE OFFER…FROM TINY ODESSA JUNIOR COLLEGE IN ODESSA TEXAS.**

**I WOULD NEVER HAVE IMAGINED IT, BUT THE EXPERIENCE THERE WAS PERFECT FOR ME.**

{here’s so of the stuff here that I won when I was at Odessa, won the Jack Nicklaus award which is something that I am very proud of.”

**MY GAME HAD STARTED TO PROGRESS…FROM THERE IT WAS ONTO THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA WHERE I CONTINUED TO GET ACCLIMATED TO THE U-S.**

Coach Hybl: “it took me about two holes before I was just sitting there thinking I need to get this guy…he didn’t have very many opportunities as a junior golfer people ask me all the time about him starting as a junior college player, and it wasn’t because Abe wasn’t good, it was because nobody really knew who he was.”

**I TURNED PRO IN 2013 AND HAD SOME SUCCESS ON THE KORN FERRY TOUR**.

{nats from 2015 Nova scotia}

**EARNING MY PGA TOUR CARD IN 2016 AND THEN AGAIN IN 2018.**

**WINNING THE AUSTRALIAN OPEN.**

[announce from Aussie}

**I WAS FINALLY DOING WHAT I HAD DREAMT OF BACK AS A BOY IN REYNOSA.**

**EVEN GETTING TO PLAY WITH TIGER…IN MEXICO OF ALL PLACES!!!**

{announce calls for set up}

**IT REALLY CAME FULL CIRCLE FOR ME IN 2019.**

**I WAS ABLE TO QUALIFY FOR THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE FIRST TIME AND THEN BECAME THE FIRST TO REPRESENT MEXICO IN THE PRESIDENTS CUP.**

{more announce from PCUP}

{new music and gfx page with quick shots from his life}

**THE DAYS DRIVING WITH MY DAD TO THE GOLF COURSE IN REYNOSA…**

**ALL THE HOURS SPENT SHAGGING BALLS ON THE RANGE…**

**MOVING TO THE US**

**FINDING MY VOICE AND MY GAME IN COLLEGE…**

**GRINDING MY WAY TO THE PGA TOUR.**

**REPRESENTING MY COUNTRY…**

**SOMETIMES I STILL CAN’T BELIEVE IT HAS ALL HAPPENED TO ME.**

**BUT I FEEL BLESSED…**

**I GET TO PLAY THE GAME I LOVE, FOR AND IN TWO COUNTRIES THAT HAVE GIVEN ME SO MUCH.**

**I GET TO REPRESENT THE BEST OF BOTH PLACES**

**AND LIVE MY LIFE WITH NO BORDERS.**

02:33:35:25 00:01:16:10 CARLOS …what I can't wrap my hands around is, this kid came out of Reynosa…I keep telling myself, this is amazing. And so I think everyone sees it that way, just an amazing story.

02:38:47:07 00:00:32:03 Jim Darling, Mayor City Mac Allen…, . None of the cities are big here. So when we compete with the big boys and when we have a kid that makes it up all the way, that's really something special…it's really a need to see, somebody go get to that level and succeed, a lot of hometown pride.

SAYRA: …My dad always said “I will see him on TV like I’m watching Greg Norman.” He never lost faith, and I trusted him that he would make it. He said he was going to make it and he did

VERONICA: We knew he had the attitude and everything to get there, but you know, it’s very difficult. One day you’re there and then you’re not. We never thought it was going to be so fast, and that he would stay. We are so proud of what he’s done

MOM SOT: … sometimes it’s hard to for me to take in. To me, he’s my son. I can’t see him as anything else. ~~I don’t have ego, not me.~~ When somebody congratulates me, when they tell me he’s Reynosa’s pride. I understand it, because that’s how they see him. But I don’t think about it that way. To me, he’s my son.

01:23:32:19 00:01:01:29 ABRAHAM ANCER…almost 15 years that's it been a lot of just really negative news about border towns and it's unfortunate. I feel like there's a lot of positives that a lot of people just don't get to see… I'm glad I can… ~~I don't know~~ find a way of like seeing how people can grow up in Reynosa or a border town and kind of work in a nice synergy of playing and growing up in Mexico, hunting your game and then kind of proven it on the in the USA… hopefully when we can just kind of show the people a little bit of what it can really be and not just negative stuff.