

RAFA CAMPOS: I was so close to giving up

NAT: *(Baby sound)*

RAFA CAMPOS: I want her to know we're always going to be there for her. To go through life and give her best. Those little messages really mean a lot.

DIARY ENTRY: My precious Paola, mi princessita. If there is one thing I can teach you in this life, it is the power of never giving up.

NATS GROANS

DIARY ENTRY: The power of embracing your journey every step of the way

ANNC: Heading back to the PGA TOUR, Rafa Campos

DIARY ENTRY: Because you never know what Papito Dios has in store for you. I know I didn't, and I wouldn't change a thing.

ANNC: A life changing week for Rafa Campos.

DIARY ENTRY: Our paths are never linear, and God knows they are rarely easy. But no matter what road you choose to follow, know that I will always be by your side.

TITLE CARD – Con Amor

NATS: Hey guys, I'm Rafa Campos.

DIARY ENTRY: Throughout my youth, and into my early days in professional golf, the passion for our Island has beat strongly in my heart...

NATS: Rafa was here!

DIARY ENTRY: It still rings true and always will... but it was met equally by Boricuas everywhere after my proudest professional moment.

NATS CHEERING

RAFA CAMPOS: We have so much pride in being a Puerto Rican. The culture here is very strong.

STEPHANIE CASANOVA: I like that we're recognized as an island that is small for all the talent that comes out of here and that they know our culture, that they know how strong we are, how brave we are, and that we do our best in whatever we set our mind to.

RAFA CAMPOS: This culture is very loving, caring, respectful.

STEPHANIE CASANOVA: Having the support of Puerto Rico is extremely special. It's like having an extended family.

CARLA CAMPOS: In Puerto Rico, there's a culture of celebrating our talent, celebrating our people, and every time there's a big victory in anything Puerto Rico has a big win, the people overflow with love.

RAFA CAMPOS: This culture has made me the way I am. And it truly means the world to me to, to be able to call myself a Puerto Rican.

DIARY ENTRY: The music from the island will always beat in your heart, guiding you as you choose the wonderful person I know you'll be. God knows that's what your tada and tudu did for me... and it changed my life.

RAFAEL CAMPOS: I always thank God for giving us the opportunity to raise these four kids, specifically Rafa. A wonderful son. I'm so proud of him.

CARLOTA CAMPOS: He's always been a cheerful kid who loves sharing with everyone. The rafa that you see is the same Rafa that he's always been since he was a kid

RAFA CAMPOS: I honestly had the best childhood, I could possibly think of. Grew up playing absolutely everything. When I was nine years old we went to Rio Mar.

RAFA NATS: I'm tellin' you, it has not changed at all in 20 years. This was the first place I actually stood with a golf club and hit a ball.

RAFA CAMPOS: My dad and my uncle had never even stepped foot on a golf course, so they figured, it's a sport that's probably going to last an hour or two. We'll take the kids, we'll leave them at the driving range. Little did they know, golf took 5-6 hours and we were still there pounding balls.

RAFA CAMPOS: There's very few people who have been here since I was 9-10 years old and grateful for these guys. Just a couple years.

OSCAR (RIO MAR EMPLOYEE): Just a couple of years. He would sit here and we'd take him to practice everyday with the golf cart. You really get super happy for him, for his family, because here all we know each other.

RAFA NATS: My parents had an apartment here, not far away. We would come here from Friday to Sunday every weekend, I would walk here and literally put my clubs right there and sit on the corner just waiting for whomever to come pick me up.

RAFAEL CAMPOS: Since he was little, it was always early, 6-6:30, and some of my friends played golf really well and would invite him to play.

RAFA NATS: I would finish 18 holes, go have something to eat, and then literally come back and sit down again and just wait.

RAFAEL CAMPOS: And if you let him, he would stay there until the sun went down. You know what I mean? But it was, and it is a beautiful story and a wonderful life

within the Río Mar complex.

DIARY ENTRY: Following your dreams is never easy, but let me tell you, it is worth it.

RAFA CAMPOS: It's been a blessing, but it's been so tough.

Eduardito Figueroa (Director of Puerto Rico National team): Obviously I've followed Rafa at all times since the National Team, where he represented Puerto Rico. I am the Director of Puerto Rico's National team. His ability was innate. The way I'd seen him, win every tournament, compete with everyone. With his talent of course he stood out big time.

RAFA NATS: I would win a lot, and then all of a sudden I get to college and I'm thinking, oh, I'm just going to keep winning, and I remember like the first time, I played pretty good, I realized I was like 62nd. I'm like, I need to really start like practicing.

NAT SWING

RAFA CAMPOS: I've had to go through every stage. Latin America, and up to Korn Ferry Tour.

ANNC: What a performance by Rafael Campos.

SOT: It's the first win I've had, and I'm just really happy.

RAFA CAMPOS: I got my PGA TOUR card 2019. I was able to play 2020, 2021, lost my card and I remember crying like, man, I can't believe it. I lost this.

RAFAEL CAMPOS: There's a lot of stress, a lot of anxiety on Rafa's part, a lot of frustrations at times, and it gives us the opportunity to distill a lot of conversations and always try to provide positivity, peace, tranquility.

RAFA CAMPOS: I had so many bad thoughts in my mind. And I'm so glad I kept trying. I truly believed that I had an ability to hit the ball but it's so easy to doubt yourself in this game.

STEPHANIE CASANOVA: I tried to emphasize that as an athlete, his body was his biggest piece of equipment, his engine, and how could he not take care of that area?

RAFA CAMPOS: I've always wanted a whole team but I wasn't willing to invest in myself.

DIARY ENTRY: As you grow, you'll find the person that sparks your soul, just like your mom does for me.

STEPHANIE CASANOVA: We had a rather heated disagreement that I remember. it was a weekday at 21:00 at night. I went to exercise, I went to take a long bath,

RAFA CAMPOS: Right there, at the dinner table, I remember I called a coach, my trainer, nutritionist, psychologist. I'm like, 'hey, guys, I'm planning to form a team. Are you in or out?'

STEPHANIE CASANOVA: and when I came back to talk more calmly, to apologize, he told me, I have the team, I have everyone."

Eduardito Figueroa: I always had this dream of working with a PGA TOUR player, but him being Puerto Rican, it was spectacular and when I got the call from Rafa. I said "Of course I'll work with you"

RAFA CAMPOS: Everybody was complimenting each other. Like, if my coach wanted me to make a golf swing, he would call the nutritionist. He would call my trainer.

NAT: That will give you more mobility. Yeah, there we go exactly!

Caturo Diaz (TRAINER): We've been at it for three years now. He lost about 40 pounds, and we've been going nonstop. And it now has to be part of his routine. He trains. It doesn't matter if he's playing Thursday at 8, a.m., he's there at 4 or 5 a.m. training, so he's become what we call a training freak.

RAFA NATS: This is what it takes, guys. Unfortunately, but it's actually, you feel good afterwards.

STEPHANIE CASANOVA: It was amazing how he gave it his 200% and it's just part of his lifestyle now.

RAFA CAMPOS: It was the first time I was able to play golf without an injury for the entire year. That really was, like, mentally life-changing.

DIARY ENTRY: Our paths are never linear, are rarely easy, but those who share the tears at your lowest, will celebrate with you the hardest...

NAT: Let's raise a glass, for this year's graduating class for the Korn Ferry Tour.

DIARY ENTRY: Ever since I can remember, winning on the PGA TOUR has been my Everest. And yet, in the week I reached its peak, all I could think about was you.

RAFA CAMPOS: Her actual due date was November 17th; on Sunday. And we try to make sure so I can give myself those two last opportunities to see if I can actually keep any type of job. I missed the cut in Cabo but I was able to get back on time and we go induce on Monday.

STEPHANIE CASANOVA: We give birth at 5:32 that Monday We're on time to go back home with Rafa, our little girl, so he could get on his 8:30 p.m. flight to Bermuda.

RAFA CAMPOS: Wednesday we get back to the house, like, at 3:30, 4 o'clock, and I told my wife I'm like, 'hey, honey, can I have 20 minutes with the baby? And I just kept on looking at her and I'm like, 'what are you doing, man?, why are you going to go play?' I basically told myself you're doing this because you want to try to provide for them.' So, I hopped on a plane, land in Bermuda at 10:30 in the morning.

STEPHANIE CASANOVA: He barely slept. He didn't practice the course.

RAFA CAMPOS: It was such a cool week because ... at no point did I care about golf.

ANNC: 147th in the FedEx standings fighting to try and save his card. He arrived two hours before his Tee Time. He came in, he warmed up, he played.

RAFA CAMPOS: The second day, I shot six under. Saturday was such a tough day wind wise. Bu it was one of those days that things were just going your way.

ANNC: His lowest-ever round on the PGA TOUR, a 62! A win, would be exempt through 2026.

RAFA CAMPOS: I go to church every weekend and I knew it was going to be tough on Sunday. And I'm heading to church on Saturday.' I'm sitting down and all of a sudden I look at the cross, and I'm like, doing this and I'm like, I look at my cross and I'm like, wait a second, this is an exact replica of that cross. I felt so relaxed, you know, who cares what happens.'

ANNC: Vamos, Campos. Red hot right now.

STEPHANIE CASANOVA: I saw him playing extremely relaxed, which was my favorite thing about it. I saw a different Rafa. I saw a Rafa enjoying his round. And that gave me a lot of peace of mind.

RAFA CAMPOS: It's one of those days that, I kind of knew something was happening, but at the same time, you're like, let's just let things happen.

STEPHANIE CASANOVA: I called Carla, his sister, they were all at their parents' house. And I told her, look, come on the 17th hole you come home here on the 17th hole. And we'll see what happens. He still had a two-shot lead. playing, it was very difficult.

ANNC: Campos, for par and the win ...

RAFA CAMPOS: As soon as the ball was starting to go down, I remember my dad, mom, my sister, my brothers, wife, daughter and my best friends. It was a, a, one second ... full emotion of how much I've worked for this my entire life.

ANNC: A life-changing week for Rafa Campos in Bermuda!

RAFA CAMPOS: They know that ... I was so close to giving up. I was just so grateful that I was giving them the moment that they deserved.

NAT: (cheering from home video)

RAFAEL CAMPOS: It was exciting, it was wonderful, to see a person achieve their dreams, one of their dreams. And that we could all enjoy this, as always, as a family. it was very exciting. We all cried.

CARLOTA CAMPOS: The two greatest dreams of his life came together. In fact, the day his daughter was supposed to be born, which was the 17th, he won his first tournament, and it was very meaningful, I mean, to know that his daughter, as they say, brought him that blessing.

CARLA CAMPOS: I look at him and admire him, his ability to be tenacious, to not let the losses take him down and to know that at some point he was gonna make it.

DIARY ENTRY: My biggest wish for you in this life, mi princessa, is for your heart to keep you moving forward. No matter how strong you are, no matter what passion you follow, there is going to be a time when you're going to get hit so hard you are going to fall, but know that we are always going to be there to help you up because giving up on your dreams comes at too high a cost.

INTERVIEWER: What traits would you like Paola to have from her dad?

STEPHANIE CASANOVA: Wow. Many, many traits, especially how good a person he is, how noble he is, his big heart, that warmth and that love. So, I want my little girl to be a great person, too, like her daddy.

RAFA CAMPOS: If there's anything I want her to know it's there's always light at the end of the tunnel. And man, did I think there was absolutely no light. Phew.

DIARY ENTRY: Above all, know that I love you more than I've ever dreamt possible.

Con mucho amor, Papá.