



The Buenaventura Grand Hotel and Spa was totally renovated this year and is located just a five-minute walk from downtown Puerto Vallarta.

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Man, oh, man WHAT A HOLIDAY!

'Mancation' package to Puerto Vallarta could be a week-long holiday for contest winner

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I'VE never been on a holiday without my wife, but that's just what I'm doing in November.

I'm joining my twin brother Mike for a week of golf in the hot sun.

Mike is a self-described "captain of commerce" in Hamilton, and he loves golf, but usually finds it difficult to get away on a holiday. He's too busy getting rich.



We've talked for years about a golf getaway, but yakking doesn't get you to the airport.

So earlier this week I e-mailed Mike the details of my most recent "once-in-a-lifetime" plan, expecting

the usual "I'd love to but..."

Not this time. "Count me in," he replied.

So my brother and I, who generally see each other only when an off-spring is getting married (his three girls are keeping me broke) are off on a "mancation."

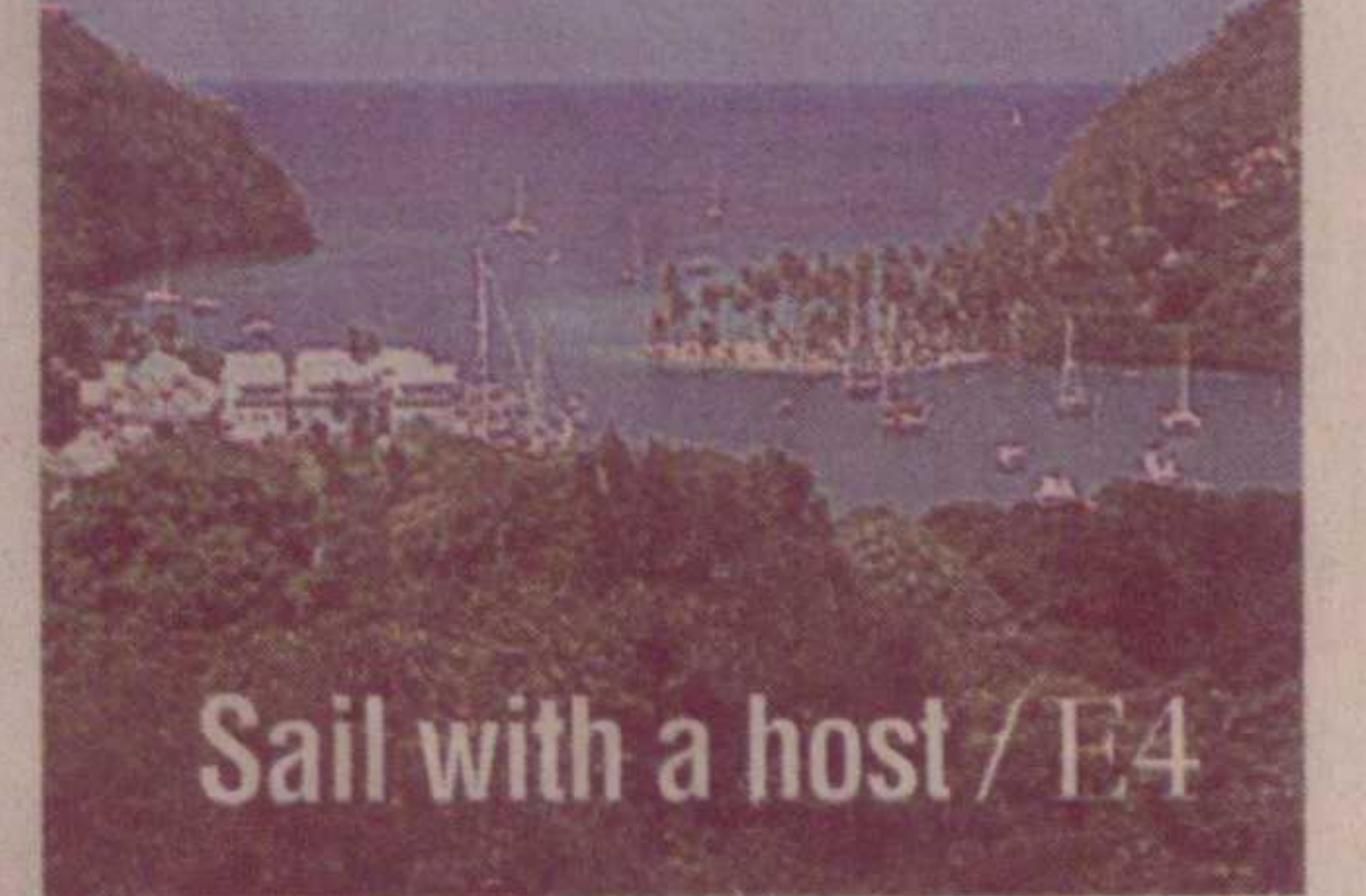
That's a new word and I don't know that I like it, but I guess it covers the territory.

"It's the new buzzword," says Pat Rachev of Signature Vacations. "Guys travelling together."

"My husband recently took one; a bunch of guys in a converted bus going to the States for three days of non-stop golf, playing cards, going to the casino, eating and drinking."

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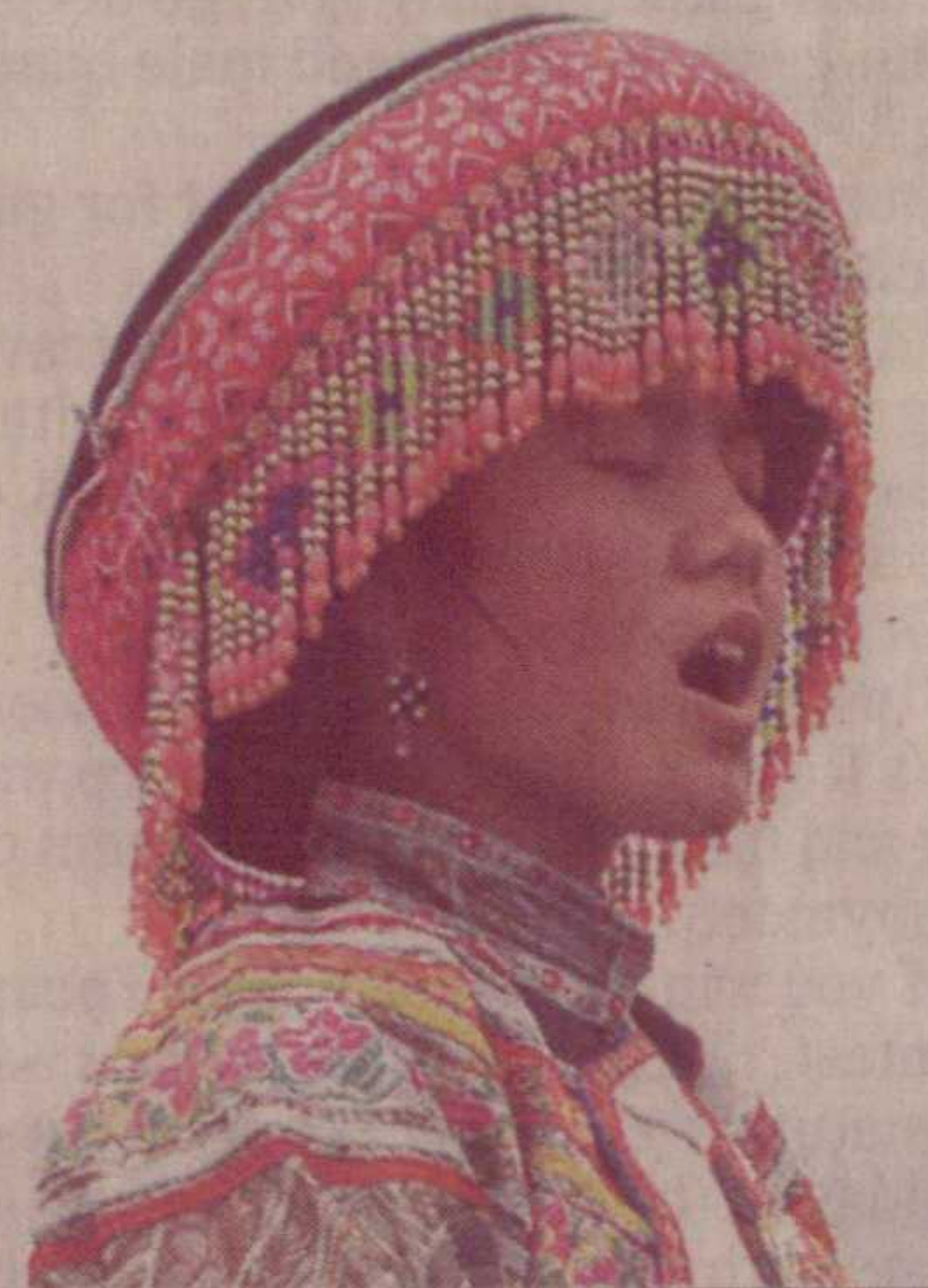
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