

Peace of Mexican/TexMex Cuisine

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Every now and then, our tastebuds crave something a little more “exotic” than what they are accustomed to. Have no fear - we are here to tell you all about different places that will satisfy the flavor explosion that you have been looking for. There are many Mexican restaurants in the Raleigh area, but we found the best so you do not have to spend your hard earned money on mediocre tacos.

Gonza Tacos y Tequila
downtownraleigh.gonzatacosytequila.com

This restaurant has a unique spin on Mexican food. It has become so popular that they have expanded their locations to all over North Carolina. They are known for their award-winning Colombian- Mexican cuisine. The atmosphere in the restaurant can be described as modern with a very laid back yet sophisticated theme.

This is not the best place if you are looking to be a regular because of the price point, but the food is well worth the cost if you are looking to splurge and treat yourself. If you are a fan of tacos, Gonza has to be on the top of your list for places to try in Raleigh.



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Salt & Lime Cabo Grill
www.saltandlimecabo.com

North Raleigh is home to a more modern Mexican-American fusion restaurant that never leaves the customers dissatisfied. Salt & Lime brings together the best of Southwestern favorites and traditional Latin dishes. The owner is the graduate of a Cordon Bleu Chef Academy who also happens to be from South America. Her passion for food comes through very clearly in the unique spin she puts on her menu, setting them apart from other TexMex restaurants in the area. On top of the amazing food, there are many refreshing, hand crafted margaritas that go perfectly with anything that a guest might order. Although it may not be the cheapest option, it is definitely a nice place to make plans for a Saturday night feast.

El Cerro
www.elcerrobarandgrill.com

This Mexican restaurant is a personal favorite of mine. It has been around since 2009 and can be described as a casual place to eat with an upbeat vibe. They have a very wide selection of authentic Mexican food for reasonable prices. The wait staff is very friendly and welcoming. The daily drink specials are affordable to almost all college students, making it the ultimate place for a fiesta. It is located right in Mission Valley close to North Carolina State University's campus. Students who bring their student ID's earn 10% off their check! This food is authentic, affordable, and amazing when it comes to Mexican food in the area!

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Student Perspective: Sexualizing Children and Stranger Things

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Stranger Things' second season hit only a few weeks ago, and the reception is about what was expected. While the new season was terrific, there became a new issue that launched its way into the social spotlight. The issue is that people are really damn creepy.

In the tabloids and from person to person, there seems to be a trend of sexualizing the young cast members. In the light of a slew of Hollywood scandals, it's even harder to ignore the way that some people choose to talk about child stars.

Less than a week after the second season made its debut on Netflix, model Ali Michael made a post on Instagram directed at Finn Wolfhard asking him to “hit me up in 4 years.” Ali explained on Twitter that the post was a joke and she actually meant nothing by it.

This, however, is a part of the problem. Even if the comment was made in jest, our media struggles with the normalization of the sexualization of young actors. One example: an article listing the best and worst dressed at the MTV Movie Awards from Insider listed Stranger Things star

Millie Bobby Brown as worst dressed, claiming that she looked “comfy but lost in a shapeless dress.”

In case you weren't aware, Millie is 13. The fact that a “news” outlet would not only care what a child wears, but would also imply that they should be wearing something that brings out their figure, is twisted. Much of the problem facing young stars today is that our media makes it seem as though it's normal to ascribe a sexual identity to children who are yet to even leave middle school. It's alright to like a child star, just stop being creepy about it,

thanks.



Millie Brown Courtesy of Netflix

