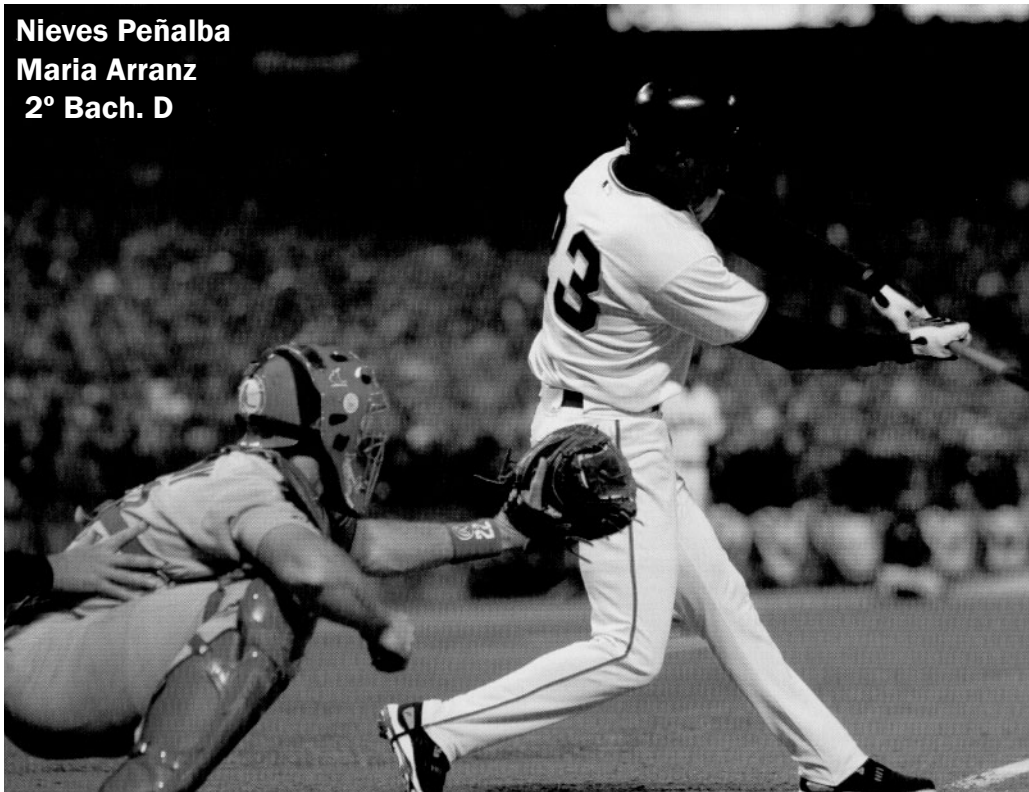


Sports in the U.S.A



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Sport is one of the things that link the Americans, it is followed by millions of people who have as much love to their teams as to their country and American competitions are followed in the rest of the world . As in Spain people can queue for long hours and pay a lot of money to get the tickets for a match. Consequently, sport in the USA moves a lot of money, for instance the salaries of the best players, the publicity of the equipment that they wear or the pricey tickets that are bought by thousands of people. Media also makes profit of the retransmission of the matches, the fame of the players who are worldwide known and of the rivalry of the teams. For

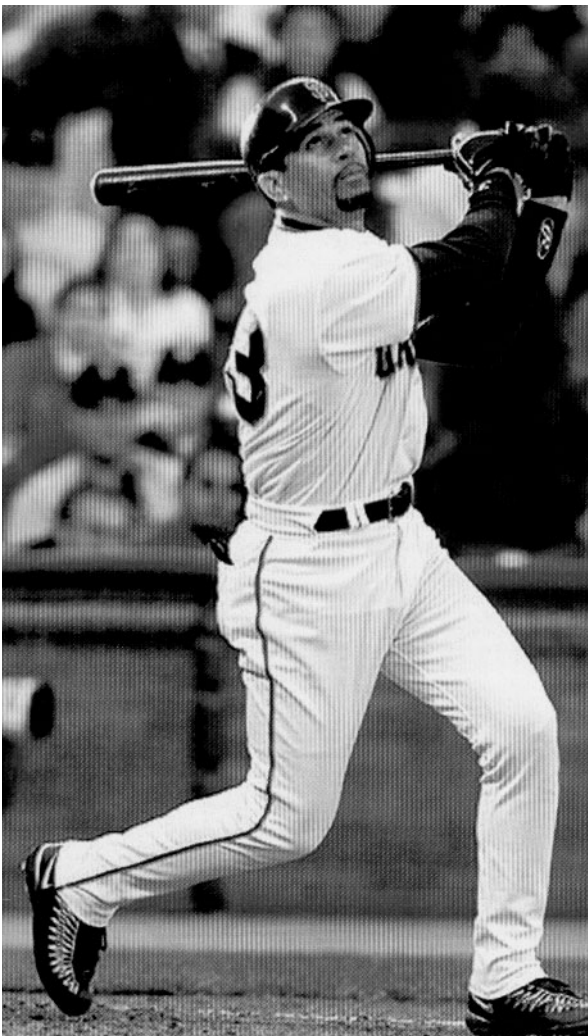
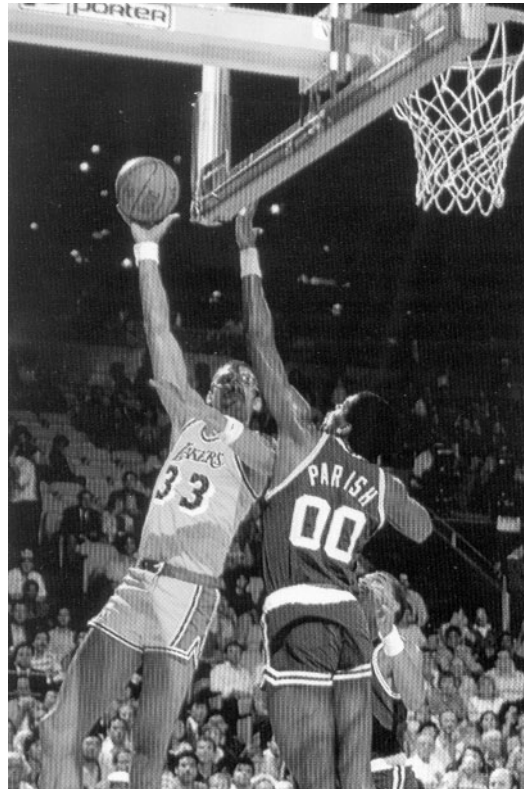
example SuperBowl, which was held in February and was followed by millions of people all over the world, the advertisements that appeared in the breaks were priceless.

There are some differences between American sport and European sport. Football is the most important sport in Europe, nearly everybody is keen on it. However, in America football has not so much importance as other sports like: rugby, hockey, basketball, American football... Some of these sports are hardly followed in Spain. American level at sport is really high, for example in the Olympic Games, they are one of the countries that wins more medals.

The United States

In spite of American interest in sports, Not many people practice them, they prefer being sitting in the sofa, watching TV and eating.

One of the most important sports in the USA is basketball. American league of basketball is the NBA, which is the most important league in the world. In the NBA, the teams are separated in two groups, one with the teams from the east and another one with the teams from the west. Each team plays about eighty matches each season, it is because there are lots of teams. The best eight teams of each group play at



the end of the season the Play-off, where the best team of the league is decided. Last year Detroit Piston and Los Angeles Lakers played the final and Detroit Piston won. The best player of the final was Chauncey Billups. There are few foreign players in this league, nevertheless, in the last few years the number of these players has been increased, for instance Chinese, German or Argentine players. There are only two Spanish players in the NBA: Raúl López who plays in Utah Jazz and Pau Gasol who plays in Memphis Grizzlies. The first year when Gasol played in the NBA he was the Rookie, which means that he was the best among the players who started playing that year. Now he is the most valuable player of his team.

NEW YORK

The city of New York is situated on the east coast of the United States of , bathed by the Atlantic Ocean into which the river Hudson flows . It limits to the West with New Jersey, with Connecticut to the north-west and to the south-east with Long Island. The city gives name to the state whose capital is Albany. Until 1898 New York was only formed by the isle of Manhattan, but later the neighbouring countries of Kings (Brooklyn), Queens, Bronx and Richmond (Staten Island) were added. Manhattan takes its name from the old Indian name and it means island of hills. Manhattan is divided in three parts:



Downtown or Under Manhattan

This area is situated in the South end of the island, in the oldest part of the city. In this part of the island we can find the New York Exchange Stock Market. This part of Manhattan is formed by districts or neighbourhoods, all of them have their own personality like Chinatown, Little Italy, Soho, Tribeca or Greenwich Village.

Midtown or Central Park

It is the most popular tourist zone in the area of New York, where the most popular landmarks are The Empire State Building, The Chrysler Building, The United Nations, The Rockefeller Center, The Terminal Central Grand or the theatre district of Broadway, these are some of the most visited places in New York. The streets of Midtown are perfectly designed in squares, the streets are numbered from south to north and the avenues from East to West. The Fifth Avenue divides the city in two great areas: East and West. Broadway is the only avenue that crosses the city in diagonal.



Uptown

Uptown is the North part of Manhattan from street 59. Upper East Side is the wealthiest in New York. It's the zone of the city with more museums.

Brooklyn is the most populated district of New York. In 1883, the bridge of Brooklyn city was opened. The most modern and revolutionary artists lived in low rent flats in this part of New York. Two important museums are in Brooklyn. The Children's Museum was the first museum of the world dedicated to children.

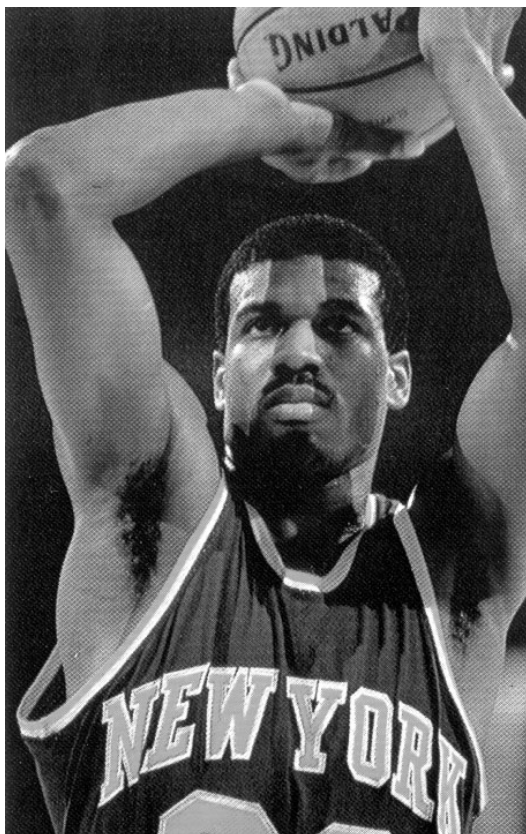
Gastronomy

In New York any time and any place is good for having something to eat. New York is full of food stalls where passers-by can buy any kind of take-away food, such as hot dogs, knishes, pretzels...

In addition to these food stalls, there are other places called DELIS where you can have both breakfast and lunch. There's a big choice of foods on DELIS' menu, you can choose from doughnut, pies, cakes, pasta, meat, seafood, fruit and any kind of drinks (coffee, mineral water, coke, fruit juice, beer...)

New York is full of restaurants where you can taste food from all over the world. There are Italian, Spanish, Chinese, Argentinian, Mexican, etc. restaurants all over the city.

Beer is the only alcoholic drink that can be bought in supermarkets, delis or grocer's. The rest of drinks can only be bought in off-licences. In addition, only people over 21 are allowed to purchase them.



Sports

New Yorkers live sport enthusiastically. Many are the places where they can practice it: basketball, tennis, squash courts... gyms, swimming pools, ice-rinks, etc, they will always find one moment of the day to go running or to slide by Power station Park .

American Football: It is New Yorker's favourite sport and it's really difficult to find tickets for matches. There are two important teams in New York, the Giants and the Jets that play in the sport Meadowlands of New Jersey.

Baseball: The two teams are New York Yankees and New York Met's. The baseball season begins in April and finishes in October

Basketball: The NY Knicks are the stars of this sport in New York. The season begins in October and finishes in April. Its seat is the Madison Square Garden and it's worth watching one of their matches

Hockey: With seat in the Madison Square Garden, the New York Rangers are the New York hockey team. The season goes from October to April.

Marathon: The most famous Marathon of the world is held every first Sunday of November. It begins in Staten Island and, after passing through the five districts, it finishes in Power station Park.

Useful information

GOSPEL MASSES

Gospel Masses have recently become a new tourist attraction in New York. In fact, the most tourist guides include them in their visits. The masses are celebrated all Sundays, fundamentally in Harlem where there are Baptist churches everywhere.

TRANSPORTS

Taxis have become a New York icon. They are yellow and they can be taken in the official shutdowns, or at any point of the city just by raising the hand. Other popular transport in New York is the SUBWAY which can take you anywhere in the city. It used to be quite dangerous but now thanks to the new security measures has become a safe way of travelling in New York.

SMOKING

Smoking regulations are getting harder and harder all over the States. Smoking is prohibited in all public places. Smoking is only allowed in the street and in private rooms.

HANDICAPPED

In the U.S.A. there are not barriers for disabled people. Both buildings and public transport are prepared for wheelchairs.

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The Statue of Liberty National Monument officially has celebrated its 100th

birthday on October 28, 1986.

The people of France gave the Statue to the people of the United States one hundred years ago to commemorate the friendship between the two countries during the American Revolution. Over the years, the Statue of Liberty's symbolism has grown. Now, the statue is a symbol of freedom and democracy as well as of this international friendship.

Sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi designed the sculpture to commemorate the centenary of the Independence of

American Declaration. The American people were to build the pedestal, and the French people were responsible for the Statue.

The pedestal was started in August 1885, and it was finished in April of 1886.

The Statue was completed in France in July, 1884 and arrived in New York Harbor in June of 1885 on board of the French "Isere" which transported the Statue of Liberty from France to the United States. In transit, the Statue was reduced to 350 individual pieces and packed in 214 containers . The Statue was set up on its new pedestal in four months. On October 28th 1886, the dedication of the Statue of Liberty could be seen by thousands of spectators.

On the morning of September 11th , 2001, the Statue of Liberty was closed because of safety and security. Liberty Island reopened to the public two months later but it was closed again. Finally, the Statue was opened again on August 3rd , 2004.



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YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Yellowstone National Park is situated in the northwest of the state of Wyoming (United States) and it extends to the southwest of Montana and to the east of Idaho. It was created in 1872 and it's the biggest and the oldest national park in the United States. It has got an extension of 8983 km².

The park is situated in the heart of the Rocky Mountains and it's famous for its wonderful geysers (more than 3000), lots of thermal springs, waterfalls and . A 2440 metre table-land rises in the centre of the park, which is surrounded by steep mountains.

There are enormous forests, most of them covered with conifers, and they provide the animals a perfect habitat for their growth. Yellowstone's forests take up most of the territory (80%). The pine forest takes up kilometres and kilometres and is a major feature of this natural park. The fir forests lie in the hills, especially in the North of the park. The Whitebark pine is Grizzlies' main source of food. The bears migrate to the Whitebark pine areas, like the Mt. Washburn, in autumn. Moose and bison graze in the valleys, like Hayden and Lamar.

Yellowstone is considered one of the most significant aquatic ecosystems in the United

States because it has about 220 lakes. Now, about 40 lakes have fish thanks to restokings. The park is one of the most important wild animal reserves. Only the species that can endure the hard living conditions of the park survive here. The grizzly bear, the moose, the antelope, the American moose, the bison, the lynx and the otter are the species that live there. The eagle, the pelican and the trumpet swan are three of the 200 bird species. Also, there are lots of amphibian and reptile species, the black bear variety, grey wolves and the mountain goats.

The Yellowstone weather is unpredictable. It could be warm and sunny with high temperatures in a summer day; whereas , temperatures could go down extremely at any moment.

The fire has represented one of the big dangers to animals and plants. Reports say that lightning cause about 22 fires a year. The plants, the biggest Yellowstone ecosystem, have adapted to the fire and in some cases, their survival depends on the area where they grow.

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Los Angeles

L. A. is a city in the southwest of the United States, in the State of California. The Spanish founded it in 1781. It was the Californian capital under the Mexican power (1835 – 1846). There are 2,816,000 habitants. 40% are South Americans, 14% Afro-american and the 10% Asian. The metropolitan area, includes the satellite cities of Anaheim, Glendale, Pasadena and Long Beach, it is situated on the Pacific Ocean's shore. It has a subtropical climate. It occupies 10,000 Km². Nearby, there are beautiful and crowded beaches (Santa Monica, Long Beach, Santa Barbara). It is often struck with earthquakes. It is also a polluted city and fires are common.

Hollywood is the principal centre of the world for movies and television.

It's the first city to provide flowers to the United States. The tourism is important for the economy of the city. It's also important the aeronautic industry. In addition, there are oil refineries, automobile industries, canned food and machinery industries. It has some universities too. Disneyland Theme Park and a modern aquarium called Marinelandia. In the L. A. State History Park there is a zoo and the planetarium. Other interesting places are the Culture and Art Museum, Armand Hammer, the Historic Society Centre of California, the Southwest Museum (it has American Indian objects), the Contemporanean Art Museum designed by Isozoky Arata (a Japanese architect). The Central Public Library, with 2.1 millions books, is one of the best in the country. The Farmers' Market (an outdoor bazaar with shops and restaurants) is very popular. There also are some famous neighbourhoods such as , Chinatown, Little Tokyo and Burbank.

Hollywood

Hollywood is an independent district of Los Angeles. It's famous for being the centre of the film and TV industry of this country. It attracts thousands of tourists each year. Its main avenues are Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street, where there are some famous restaurants, night-clubs and recording studios. Hollywood Bowl, a natural amphitheatre located in the surrounding hills, is a stage for numerous cultural events. The favourable climatic conditions and the variety of sceneries encouraged many people to set up their businesses there. It was created at the end of the decade of 1880. First, it was a ranch (The Holly), then it became a town and finally, in 1910 it annexed to L. A. The first recording studio was established by Centaur Film. It has been the movie capital for more than 50 years.

Hollywood, the American dream

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Hollywood is the most popular and richest city in the world, and it symbolizes the Occidental World, ostentation and free luxury.

Hollywood is situated in the northwest of Los Angeles, in California, USA. There, they live around two hundred thousand people. Hollywood is a very popular city, because since 1910, it has been the Mecca of motion pictures. In this city, we can see the best, and the most popular actors and actresses of the world. Hollywood produces the majority of the films on the planet. Moreover, the city that receives us with its enormous name on a mountain, gives the most important awards of the cinema industry, the Oscars. These awards have this name because the man who symbolises the award looks like an employer's uncle of the Academy.

Only three Spanish directors have won an Oscar: José Luis García in 1982 for "Volver a empezar"; Fernando Trueba in 1993 for "Belle Époque"; and recently Pedro Almodóvar, who has won it twice for "All about my mother" in 1999 and "Talk to her" in 2002 (This film won the best original script). The films that won more awards in the history were "Ben-Hur", "Titanic", "Gone with the Wind" and "The Lord of the Rings".

The most famous neighbourhood is Beverly Hills, where all the famous artists live in big mansions. In Beverly Hills you can walk along one of the most famous streets in Hollywood, Sunset Boulevard. In this street you can see in the ground, stars with the names of a lot of famous actors, actresses, directors, etc. on the ground.

Hollywood is a very expensive city and the way of life is very expensive too, so if you want to live there, you should start training to be a very good actor or actress to earn the high quantities of money that some actors and actresses earn each time they make a film.



Washington D.C

Washington is the capital city of United States of America. The rivers Potomac and Anacostia flow through it. Washington was founded in 1800 as the national government's headquarters. It is the most extensive city in the United States of America. There are a lot of public buildings and museums in Washington. The main buildings of the government are here.

In the city there are different important monuments:

The Monument to Abraham Lincoln (1922)

The Monument to Thomas Jefferson (1943)

The Veteran ones from Vietnam (1982)

The Women from Vietnam (1993)...

The Capitol is one of the most popular monuments in Washington because its structure is fascinating.

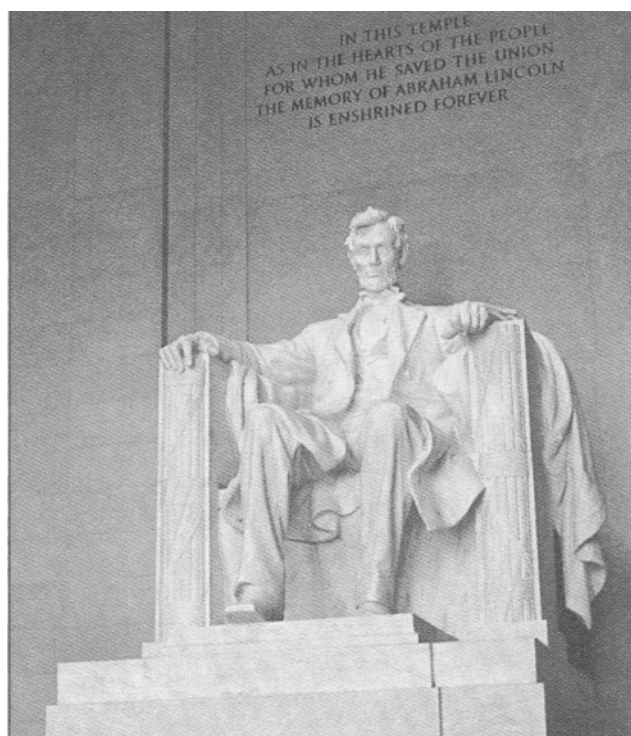
The Supreme Tribunal, The Library of The Congress and The White House, which was built between 1792 and 1814, are situated in front of the Capitol. The White House was formerly called House of the President. The first president who lived in was John Adams, and it has become the residence of all the presidents of the USA. Between the White House and the capi-

tol is the building of National Files.

Among the most important churches are the Cathedral and the Immaculate Conception, which are both Catholic and the Church of Saint John.

Washington has some universities, for example the University of Georgetown, the American University, the University of George Washington, the University Trinidad, the Catholic University of America, Howard, and the University Gallandet.

The library Folger Shakespeare possesses the biggest collection in the world of works written by William Shakespeare.



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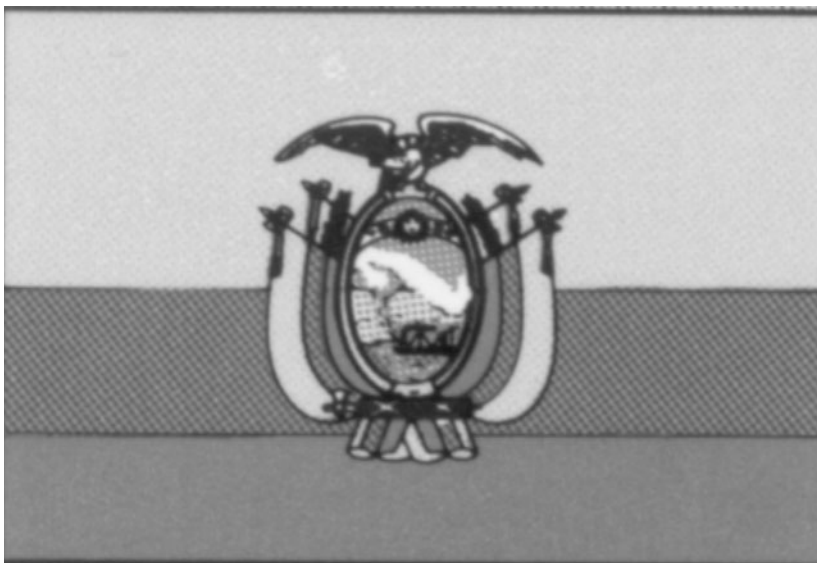
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Ecuator is a very beautiful small country, and it is specially pleasant. The people are kind, respectful and affectionate. In spite of its small surface, in Ecuador there are four regions: the mountain, the Amazons, the Pacific Coast and the Galapago Islands.

The climate in the mountain is cold, but in some areas like the tropical Amazon and the coast, it is hot. On the Galapago Islands, however, it is warm.

In Ecuador we can only distinguish two seasons, winter and summer. It is winter from December to May, and for example in my hometown, the temperature in winter is always 35° centigrade. The summer is from June to November, but the temperature is the same. The difference is that in winter it rains, but in summer it doesn't.

The way of life is a bit slow in my country. Breakfast is at half past six in the morning, lunch is from twelve to two in the afternoon, and dinner is from six to seven in the evening.

In our parties people usually offer food, drink and dancing.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas is an important festival in my country. It is a "homage to Christ" that we celebrate on the twenty-fourth of December at nine in the evening.

The whole family meet and we drink, eat and dance. In my family we usually cook turkey, Russian salad, spaghetti and fruit salad for dessert (we call the fruit salad "eat and drink"). We also toast each other's health with champagne at the end of dinner.

We put the presents in the Christmas tree and on the twenty-fifth of December we take the presents and open them and have a good time.

My trip to Belgium

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Last summer, during the month of July, I spent ten days in Belgium with a group of people aged from 18 to 40. It was the European festival which started eleven years ago, and whose first contest took place in the same Belgian village, Libramont. Since then, it has been celebrated every year in a village of the fourteen European components (Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Scotland). The Spanish delegation was led by "The group 93"; several people from Aranda who joined to found this association in 1993. Their main aim was to share experiences with different cultures, through sport. Every member of the group was in charge of a different activity, the majority practised some kind of sport, but there were others who went there because they could cook very well, draw, dance or speak several languages, especially to serve in the stand by selling typical Spanish souvenirs as for example wine, "castañuelas", "porrones", etc. It was my case, I could speak some English, French and Italian, so I had to try and sell as much as possible and communicate with everyone. Actually, the Spanish stand was always the most crowded because people in general love Spain. They think it is all sun, party and "flamenco" and although it isn't true, they have this opinion because if they have never visited our country, it was on holiday when nobody works; and those who haven't come yet, the only idea that they have about Spanish people comes from these European festivals where we are always ready for fun, because some of us play the "dulzaina", we dance until very late at night, we drink too much, and we don't get tired of parties. But I also realised that Portuguese, Italian, Greek and Spanish people have a very similar character, very open, which is not as usual in northern countries.

Many of the Spanish contestants had already attend-

ed to any of the previous festivals, but for me, it was the first time. I was really happy to have the opportunity to go abroad and meet a lot of foreign people. At the beginning of the trip I didn't know anyone, but soon I started to speak to every person of any age.

The worst part of this experience was the journey, which was long and uncomfortable, but it was worth going.

Every delegation was lodged in a different place, the Spanish one stayed in a disused coffee bar, where we slept in sleeping bags. They were very intense days (competitions, concerts, parties, journeys to Brussels and Bruges ...) . I met many people and I could learn a bit of several cultures. It was an unforgettable experience, that I would really like to repeat.

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The European festival 2005 will take place in Aranda from 23rd to 30th July, it will be the 12th annual edition, and the biggest one because four more delegations are going to join us (Poland, Hungary and maybe Latvia and Austria) , so there will be above 1000 people here,. The association is doing her best to spend a very good

time without having problems, and trying to satisfy everyone. The members of this group are getting a lot of help from some institutions but they would really like every person from Aranda to participate in this event. There will be many concerts and public activities, as for example mime, and every delegation's stand will be set in the main square. "The group '93" accepts any kind of suggestion, help, etc. They need a lot of volunteers to keep all these guests happy, and we would really like them to spend a time worth living. If you want to participate in this unrepeatable experience, you can keep in touch with the organizers through the web: www.europeanfestival.org; they will be always prepared to listen to your proposals.

I'm sure you will meet a lot of interesting people and you will never regret it.