



BACK IN ARGENTINA

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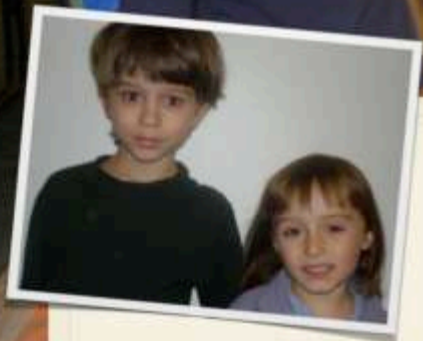
Fri., 4/8 - Portland

I was tired in the car. I tied my hair in a pony tail at the hotel in Portland.



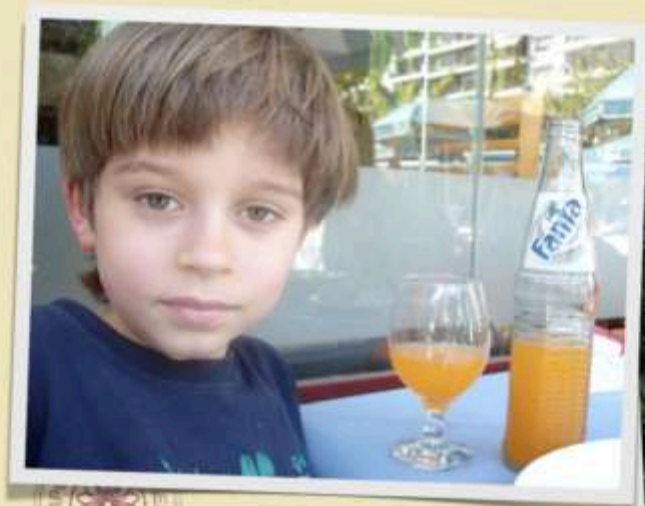
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TSBY



Sunday, April 9 - Santiago, Chile
We waited in the airport with our cousins.





Monday, April 10 - Buenos Aires

I walked through Buenos Aires for a while. We stopped at a restaurant and had some Fanta, and we tasted some stuff, and got ice cream. Later today I read some. Now we're going to Peninsula Valdes. I'm hearing a lot of Spanish.

SHOUTING PENGUIN

Tuesday, April 11 - Punto Tombo

We went to the penguin rookery at Punta Tombo just before dark. This was the penguins' most active time of the day. Two of them pecked at me. I saw some penguins before I finished driving into the reserve. Half a million live there, but only for half the year. The other half of the year, they swim to Brazil, but don't get out of the water. I was happy to see all those penguins.





BABY SEA LIONS GETTING OUT OF THE WATER

Wednesday, April 12 - Puerto Piramides

We went to see the sea lions near Puerto Piramides, on Peninsula Valdes. It was hard for the baby sea lions to get out of the water. Sometimes they slipped back in the water and one jumped in after two slipped in. It was funny when the one baby sea lion jumped back in the water.





DOLPHINS JUMPING

Thursday, April 13 - Puerto Rawson

We went on a boat to see Commerson's dolphins near Puerto Rawson. They were jumping out of the water. Once, one kept jumping out of the water three or four times. They were white with a black head and tail. There was a very big wave, and I was sitting in the very front of the boat, with my knees on the ground, and it made me stand up on my toes when the boat hit the wave. Once, a dolphin jumped out and landed in the water close to the boat, and it splashed me.





PLUMS

Friday, April 14 - Centenario

I had just gotten to Felix's farm in Centenario. Felix is my great uncle. I picked some plums that were very tiny, and I ate them. I also started filling a bin of plums. You can see the bin in the picture. I met a dog called Pancho. I made friends with Pancho very quickly. There was also a dog called Saja. I remembered the farm from my first visit, and I was glad to be back.





BIG PARTY

Saturday, April 15 - Centenario

Today was the day of the big family party. Every person in this picture is related to me, and they're all on my dad's side.

Where we had the party, there was a very small house that was made entirely out of wood, and the windows had nothing in between the small house and the outside, and there was a door that shut, but it had one board missing. I played in it a lot. It was fun.





HILL ROLLING

Sunday, April 16 - Centenario

We went to Johnny's chacra (small farm) for another party. Johnny is my dad's cousin because his dad José was my grandfather's brother. I rolled down a small hill over and over, and did different kinds of rolls with my brother, my cousins Nora and Joe, and my dad's cousin's grandkids, Julietta, Vitto, Belin and Marcos. I did a summersault which was very fast. It was my favorite roll.

I also made a map out of rocks of a made up place.





MORE ROLLING

Monday, April 17 - Añelo

When I went to the NQN winery, I got to ride in the very back of my dad's cousin Fernando's van, and had some food at a restaurant in the winery. I also had a tour of the winery, and got a lollipop instead of wine. I did summersaults down the large hill, and played a game with my brother and cousins where we were birds.





CONTROL TOWER

Tuesday, April 18 - Neuquén

Have you ever been to a control tower? I went inside of one, and there was stuff like a mini stove thingy, and a bunch of water. There were a bunch of controls and a great view. I got to go there because my second uncle Fernando is a pilot. It was cool, and he gave me and my brother a piloting board, called a knee board. It had the Morse code and other information, too.



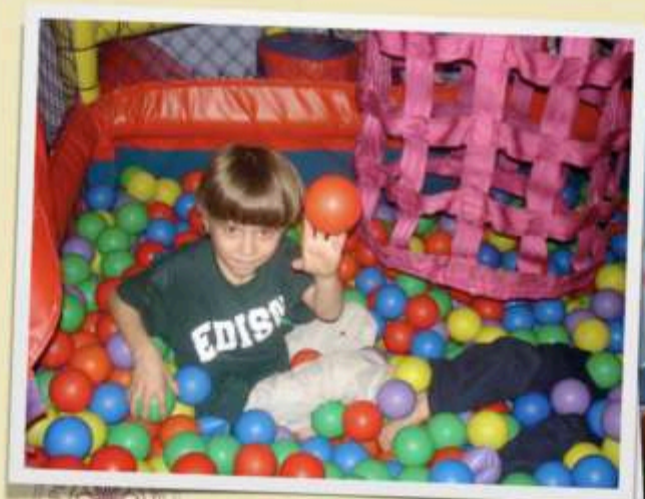


WAR! ATTACK!

Wednesday, April 19 - Buenos Aires

We went to a museum with very, very many weapons. I call it the National Museum of Weapons. There were many suits of armor, and my favorite part about it was all the swords. I saw some dueling pistols, too. I got a cannon pencil sharpener when we left.





Another Family Reunion - Thurs., April 20 - Buenos Aires

I went to a place with a bouncy thing, and a ball pit thingy because our relatives in Buenos Aires invited us there.





Forks & Knives! Forks & Knives! - Fri., April 21 - Buenos Aires

On our last night, we went to a restaurant and said, "Forks and knives! Forks and knives!" The next day we went to a park.



WE'SA GOING HOME!

Saturday, April 22 - Buenos Aires and Los Angeles

We went on a very cool airplane. Each person got a personal screen in front of them. I played some different games and watched Cartoon Network on the plane. I got some free LAN candy, too. We landed in Los Angeles, and then went on a different plane. The small picture is the other plane.





LAN

FAUNA NEOLITH
FRANCESCO VENTURA



MORE MEMORIES

(l to r)

Uncle Felix's Plums

Recoleta

Cemetery

Penguin sunset

Climbing the rock

tower at Añelo



Sun., 4/23 - LAX to PDX
ANOTHER HAPPY LANDING