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*THANK YOU to you who recently bought from my
Retirement SALE, which continues soon ... Meanwhile,
please enjoy more of San Miguel with us!!!*



Feb. 28, 2026, 6:30ish: Brian and I walk from the Jardin on Relox toward our rental. We look inside Hotel Casa Arca, at Relox #18, and decide to eat dinner there.

Our shared salad includes mixed leaf lettuces, shredded carrots, rolls of thinly sliced cucumbers, toasted macadamia nuts and more. Delish!

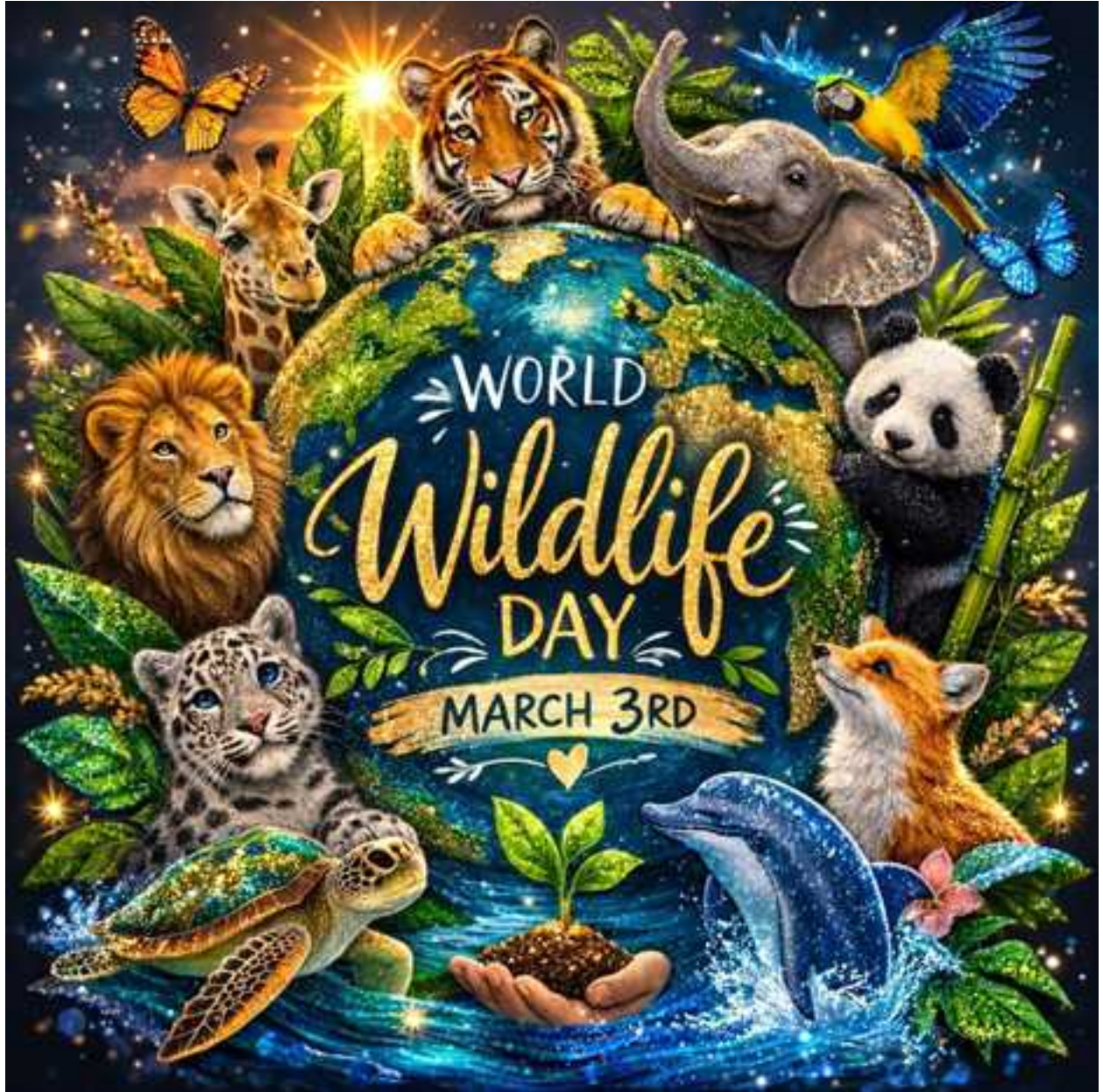
My dinner is Salmon wrapped in green leaves and sitting in a sauce of blue cheese. The flowers and crinkly crunchy topping, shown above, are delicious! Brian loves his tacos as well.

I LOVE the shadows of the palm fronds!



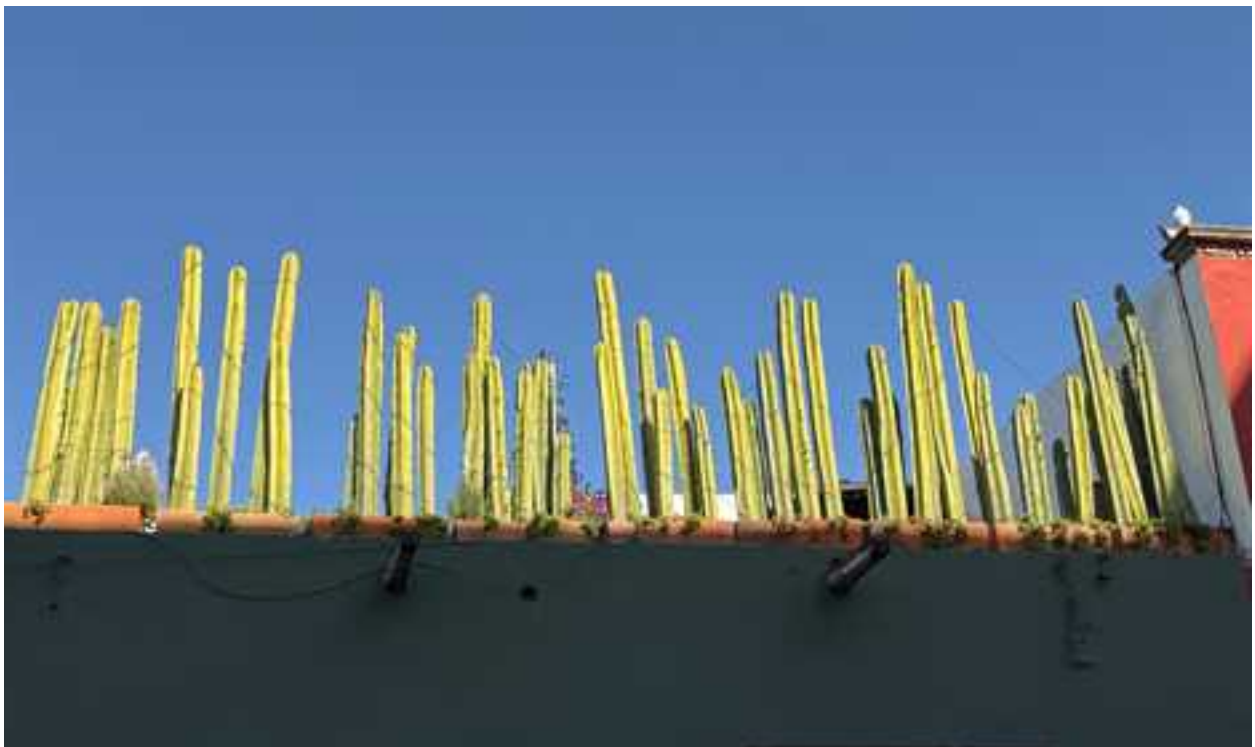
March 3, 2026, 1:24p

This view is on our walk from the street to our rental apartment.





March 3, 2026, 2:02pm: A rooster and a bull on a rooftop. ;-))



March 3, 2026, 5:07pm: Cactus on a rooftop on Hidalgo. See the pigeons above the red to the right? Pigeons everywhere!



March 4, 2026: A fun image from a collector. Thank you!



March 4, 2026, 12:31pm: Our friend Angie and I enjoy lunch at Grandpa's, an easy walk to Fabrica la Aurora from our rental.



March 4, 2026: 5:31pm:

Parents with their sleeping children in the Jardin.



March 4, 2026, 5:33pm:

The light and sky are absolutely gorgeous this evening on our walk toward our apartment.

Feathers!



March 6, 2026, 12:22pm: I am greeted by dancers with swirling feathers on my walk to have lunch with friends, Muriel & Harley Mimura.





March 7, 2026: We enjoy a delightful dinner at Chamonix with Ed Markeset, husband of Nonnie who used to be my go-to Mac guru. Nonnie retired from that and is currently enjoying a spa week in California with her daughters and girlfriends. Good for Nonnie!

Chamonix is the French restaurant that our long ago landlord, Ernest Baele, really loved. The new artichoke appetizer recipe is just as good as the old one, but looks oh so much harder to replicate at home.

March 8, 2026: *International Women's Day!*

March 9, 2026: When I was little, my dad had a Studebaker. The color of this Fiat outside our apartment door reminds me of Dad's 1950 Studebaker Champion. I found the Studebaker year and model online.



I think the 1950 Studebaker Champion, below, is the model that my dad had.



The government of the state of Guanajuato set up this tent in order to have somewhat private meetings there this week.



March 10, 2026:

Daffodil Day!

*Thank you, good neighbor, Pam, for
sharing your daffodil picture!*

150 years ago - The Birth of the Telephone!

Today marks 150 years since Alexander Graham Bell made the [first telephone call](#) from his Boston lab to his assistant in a nearby room.

The breakthrough came just days after Bell received a patent for telephone technology, four days after his 29th birthday. His successful prototype used acidified water to convert acoustic oscillations created by the human voice into electrical, voice-mimicking oscillations that could travel to a receiver. The design closely resembled that of American electrical engineer Elisha Gray, who unsuccessfully contested Bell's patent in court. Bell went on to commercialize his telephone by founding the Bell Telephone Co., which eventually became the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., or AT&T.

Nearly 100 years after Bell's first phone call, Motorola engineer Marty Cooper made the first cellphone call. I copied the above from the "1440 Daily Digest" Newsletter.

Enjoy!



Another glorious sunset at the corner of Canal & Hidalgo.



The painted wall at Starbucks needs some love. ;-))



Mariachis sing and play next to us in the Jardin.



Our friend Charlie and Sam, the perpetual lover and licker.



Dogs in the Jardín...

Come in all sizes, from St. Bernards to dachshunds, “Coltz”
to Sam and even tiny little Chihuahuas.

All are fun!



March 11, 2026, 5:31pm:

A giant cactus towers over a building on our walk to the
Jardin.



6:30pm: Colorful Flags flutter on Jesus street, on our walk to have a delicious dinner at “Berlin” where we talk with the friendly owner, Carlos.

It’s comforting to know the owner. ;-))



Sue & me after class today.

March 12, 2026, 12:30pm: Today is my last Pilates class of the season with Sue Lawrence. Sue always challenges. ;-)

I love the boxed ceiling in Sue's studio.

Somehow, Pages is not letting me crop my photo. Oh well.



5:57pm: As we walk on Hidalgo to the Jardin, we pass this parked “For Loves” mini motorcycle with a sidecar.

Love it!!!

Dog Days...



Brian, Coltz, Joy, Aldo & Sam.



Brían, Coltz, Joy, Charlie, (Sam's daddy)



A Ferrari in the Jardín...



Aldo with the Ferrari Home at Last!

Flowers welcome us home at last!



March 30, 2026: Wow! I have finally rested enough after Brian drove us home in TWO days! It's been right at TWO weeks since we left San Miguel.

Brian heard that this March has been 6.1 degrees hotter than every March in the past. I am glad we are 81.

The "No Kings" Marches were successfully HUGE around the country. I did not go in order to prevent many chances of getting an illness with my heart issues.

Today, my appointment to check my breasts for cancer went well. There are no signs of cancer returning. Yay!

After my cancer check, I am happy to report I finally got everything together for the Dachshund Club of American National Specialty, DCA. Insurance and booth rental are nearly complete at 3pm.

DCA is May 12-16. It's the last DCA here at Purina Farms for quite a while.

I hope you had a Happy Easter or Happy Passover.

San Miguel is DRY.

April 9, 2026: This week my eye test went well, as did my skin test. It's amazing what being in a dry climate for three months can do to our bodies:



My hair cutter said my hair is dry.

My eye doctor said my eyes are dry and recommends I put eye drops in four times a day. He will only prescribe new lenses after I have used eye drops for a month.

My skin doctor is happy with the fact I have followed her advice about putting moisturizing creme, not lotion, on my legs and arms. My skin is good. Yay!



We are Lucky to see this behind our house...

Our backyard/common ground is gorgeous! Thank you, Doug Zick for suggesting we plant the azaleas and dogwood in the back.

I have pruned every bush! It's time to rest...and...

Time to send my news!

More to come regarding my retirement sale.

Be well, everyone!

Joy

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Dachshund lovers,

I hope to see you at DCA in May!