

# Granada Gazette

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by Kevin McGlynn  
The "Big Easy" has had its share of hard times lately so we decided to share in its revitalization dance of Mardi Gras 2006, Granada style.



With the wave of a wand hors d'ouvres of fresh crab, shrimp and fruit are happily served by Lester. King Bacchus was serving the drinks and there were plenty of crowns and party beads all around.



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Maybe we should start calling the Granada the "Big Easy." Diosa (above) would agree. Dance partners Bea and Akira, from Tokyo, seem cheery and notice everyone is wearing their New Orleans party beads; good times! Ya'll come back.



Photos by Kevin McGlynn

While Jose prepares the Jambalaya second entree only to the Cajun Catfish, Mary and Anita look on as the hors d'oeuvre table is given its full due with that Bourbon Street look. Happy "Fat Tuesday," which means lent is here too. O well, pass over some of that Cajun food.



KevinMcGlynn,editor

# A Granada Welcome to

- Andre Alvex
- Thomas Miller
- Jesus Ybanez
- Frank Crouse
- Tereese Crouse
- Stefani Nyad
- Daniel Boot
- Timothy Blevins

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## Veteran's Administration Pays a Visit

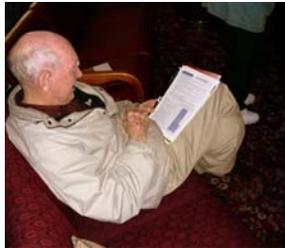


24 veterans were presented with a 45 minute orientation on: 1. Registration for and explanation of Health Benefits. 2. Ordering copies of DD214's and Veteran's ID Cards. 3. Information on how to apply for Service. 4. Billing questions and concerns and



5. Updates (change of address, phone number changes, next of kin corrections, financial updates, etc.).

Busy people those Granada veterans. Hats off and thanks to Stan Lewandowski of Veterans Services.



## For the Birds!

With all due respect to our patron Saint Francis, the ongoing battle with pigeons in front and around the Granada has for sometime presented a serious health risk. As long as someone continues to drive away the birds will be in vain. Residents and friends are asked to contact the main office with any information regarding person or persons feeding pigeons on our property or the adjacent sidewalk. Feeding pigeons in the City and County of San Francisco is a crime carrying severe penalties.

## Location, Location, Location.



# Get Your Program.

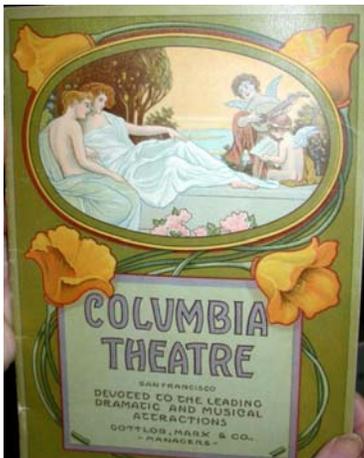
The Granada was built in 1907, a hotel representing

"the only fireproof American and European hotel," and it is located seven city blocks from the San Francisco theater district. In 1916 the Granada advertised in **Columbia Theater's** performance programs (see below). So where's the Columbia? Read on ...

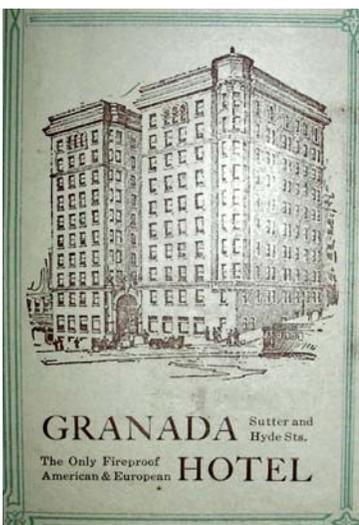
From 1906 through 1911, eight new theaters, representing the latest in design and technology, were built in the downtown area, and the city's great theatrical tradition resumed almost immediately. Of these eight venues, only the **Geary Theater** remains in full time operation as a professional theater. It has been cited as "*the traditional seat of legitimate drama in San Francisco since 1910.*" When the Geary Theater opened on January 10, 1910, it was known as the **Columbia Theater**. This new theater presented distinguished companies including Sarah Bernhardt and Isadora Duncan. In February 1928, the theater was renamed the "**Geary Theater**" and housed productions featuring many of the legendary figures in the 20th century American theater,

including George Arliss, Edward G. Robinson, Basil Rathbone, Fredric March, Ethel Barrymore, Ina Claire, Paul Muni, Ethel Waters, Boris Karloff, Pasul Robeson and Lynne Fontanne. In

1967 the Geary Theater became the permanent home of **American Conservatory Theater**. A San Francisco book show provided the Columbia Theater graphics, found by Kathy Alpert of [postmarkpress.com](http://postmarkpress.com) thanks.



Columbia Theater Program and Granada 1916 display advertisement.



Ed.

# Birthdays

## RESIDENTS

### April

- 8 Benice Kooll
- 19 Joris Martin
- 20 Beatrice Degliantoni
- 23 Robert Camp
- 26 Michael Mariani
- 29 Norman Brooks

## EMPLOYEES

### April

- 5 Cristy Sellers
- 10 Ronaldo Linis
- 15 Frank Mitchell
- 16 Patrick Flanagan
- 18 Lester Gomez
- 19 Dan Lovett
- 20 David Ryan
- 25 Lorin Bagley



# Before and Now

Okay admit it, nobody wants to grow old so to make good use of life, one should have in youth the experience of advanced years and in old age the vigor of youth. So here is some vigor in the form of a youthful picture, can you guess who this is? Answer next month.



The storyline is the picture, taken in New York City in 1952 while staying at the Park Lane Hotel next to the Waldorf-Astoria with his father who was then president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.



## Tony's Newsletter Column

Are we ready for spring? It's nice to be spoilt even though it is just climate; it feels much nicer than you know where.

Saint Patrick's Day with the Kennelly Irish Dancers in the Granada lounge turned out very well. Did you count how many dancers this year? I never saw Rick look so Celtic, pouring the spirits at the happy hour bar as the kitchen served its famous hors d'ouvres then a beautiful full Irish dinner, spuds and all and **everyone was Irish.**

This month we will have the Granada Passover Dinner with Cantor Mimi Ruiz as well as a special Easter Dinner and get ready everything is about to bloom.

Gabby, my youngest daughter is now in promotions and marketing for the "Fluid Ultra Lounge" on Mission Street a hip spot for the "ultra set" to include the 19 year old Golden State Warrior, who just signed for big bucks, Andris Biedrins; it's part of her communications degree program at Menlo College, Atherton. Thanks

# April 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 1:30 p.m. BINGO  6:00 p.m.    Movie
2  7:00 p.m. 60 MINUTES	3 10:00 a.m. EXERCISE  6:00 p.m.    Movie	4  7:00 p.m. BINGO	5 1:00 p.m. <b>Pets Unlimited</b> 6:30 p.m.	6  7:00 p.m. BINGO	7 10am 10:00 a.m. EXERCISE 4:00 p.m. HAPPY HOUR 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	8 1:30 p.m. BINGO  6:00 p.m.    Movie * Benice Koell
9 10:00 a.m. <i>SF/SPCA Pets</i> 10:30-12:00 <b>JFC's visit</b> 2:15 p.m. <b>ICE CREAM SOCIAL</b>	10 10:00 a.m. EXERCISE  6:00 p.m.    Movie	11 <i>f</i>  7:00 p.m. BINGO	12 12 p.m. <i>Noontime Concert at Saint Paul's</i> 6:30 p.m.	13 9:15 a.m. <b>MASS</b> 10:00 <b>Library on Wheels</b> <b>Passover Dinner</b> 7:00 p.m. BINGO	14 10:00 a.m. EXERCISE 4:00 p.m. HAPPY HOUR 6:30 p.m.	15 1:30 p.m. BINGO  6:00 p.m.    Movie
16 <b>EASTER</b> 7:00 p.m. 60 MINUTES	17 10:00 a.m. EXERCISE  6:00 p.m.    Movie	18 <b>Birthday Party</b> <b>Dinner</b> 7:00 p.m. BINGO	19 1:00 p.m. <b>Pets Unlimited</b> 6:30 p.m. * Joris Martin	20  7:00 p.m. BINGO * Bea Deghantoni	21 10:00 a.m. EXERCISE 4:00 p.m. HAPPY HOUR 6:30 p.m.	22 1:30 p.m. BINGO  6:00 p.m.    Movie
23 10:00 a.m. <i>SF/SPCA Pets</i> 2:15 p.m. * Robert Camp <b>ICE CREAM SOCIAL</b> 7:00 p.m. 60 MINUTES	24 10:00 a.m. EXERCISE  6:00 p.m.    Movie	25 1:30 pm <b>Granada</b> <b>Around the Bay</b> <b>Tour</b> 7:00 p.m. <i>BINGO</i>	26 6:30 p.m. * Michael Mariani	27 9:15 a.m. <b>MASS</b>  7:00 p.m. BINGO	28 10:00 a.m. EXERCISE 4:00 p.m. HAPPY HOUR 6:30 p.m.	29 1:30 p.m. BINGO  6:00 p.m.    Movie * Norman Brooks
30  7:00 p.m. 60 MINUTES						* Birthday Person

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