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Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Oh here it comes, the Christmas holiday season with all its merriment and fellowship. The Granada has rolled out the welcome mat to many, so here's what you can expect to see, hear and feel.

Saturday, December 6 11:00-12:00 pm SPCA Visit

SPCA has visited The Granada for decades. Now a new feline program, yes kitties are coming.

Sunday, December 7 12:30-3:30 pm Songs from the Cable Car Carolers.

Participants board motorized cable cars and tour the city to carol at senior homes and residences. Afterwards the carolers come together for a warm holiday dinner, an exciting silent auction, and a raffle prize drawing and fun for us.



Friday, December 12 4:00-4:45 pm The Songbirds

Songbirds are a 20-voice, three-part women's choir that has sung in service for the past 10 years. Under the direction of Dwight Okamura, the Songbirds perform music from the 30's, 40's, 50's and 60's, as well as classical pieces that are familiar to most audiences.

Sunday, December 14 1:30-2:30 pm Chanukah Party

Jewish Child & Family Services will come to The Granada again with their teenagers to perform a show and share some goodies with our seniors.

Tuesday, December 16 3:00 pm Christmas Tree Trimming Party

Help us trim The Granada Christmas tree. Plenty of bulbs, tinsel and lights. Join the fun with special merriments being served.

Wednesday, December 17 1:45-4:30 pm Granada ABC-TV Tour

Visit ABC-TV show and be in a live studio audience for "View from the Bay"

Saturday, December 20 4:00-4:45 pm Songs from the Horus Choir.

Students from the HORUS SCHOOL OF MUSIC have performed and recorded with: MADONNA, JANET JACKSON, ENVOGUE, LUCY PEARL, VAN MORRISON, TOWER OF POWER, and many others including Multiple Grammy Winners and Motion Picture and Broadway Stars.

Tuesday, December 23 2:30-3:30 pm Granada Chanukah Party

Rabbi Elliot will bring a Chanukah program for the season.

Wednesday, December 24 4:00-6:30 pm Granada Christmas Party & Dinner

Some swing low music, something to drink, a little dancing then off to a Christmas dinner.

Wednesday, December 31 4:00 pm Granada New Years Eve Party

Get your dancing shoes on and join us in the Granada Lounge for Champagne and other delights all to the piano of Emmett Kennedy. Bringing in the New Year hand in hand, dancing then Dinner at 4:45 pm.



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'Tis the season to be jolly. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from management and staff.

A Granada Welcome to

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Resident of the Month

Talk about local, try 1255 Octavia Street but there is no street there today, just Saint Mary's Cathedral. Back in "day one," that was the site of the Kennedy house. "When I was 6, I began to sing -do whop- because we didn't have a piano" but that didn't last long, his father got one, two years later. The San Francisco Conservatory of Music occupied Emmett for 5 years but "no girls with Beethoven" led him to play in his father's club, Club Long Island. There were two clubs on Haight Street and on 3rd Street. The clubs featured recording artist like: Shake Rattle and Roll Big



Joe Turner, Red Fox, Muddy Waters, Big Mama Thornton; his Dad recorded them and created a record label "Club Long Island." Emmett worked as a studio musician for RCA records doing back up vocals and playing a Hammond B-3 organ with major recording artist including Ringo Starr. Emmett's friends convinced him to move out of the tenderloin area to a place that was safe and didn't mind his piano playing. Well Emmett welcome home to The Granada, we are all lucky you chose to live here and use the Granada Ludwig baby grand piano and import your own Yamaha electronic keyboard for our listening pleasure. Christmas and New Years eve plan to listen to his music and singing at our parties and now, every Saturday night Mr. Emmett Kennedy will provide music for our "put on your dancing shoes," dress up and dance party. For all the energy and talent that you are pouring into the Granada, we proclaim you as our resident of the month. Play on.

Illegal Pigeon Feeding

Feeding the city's feral pigeon population is illegal in all but a handful of parks in San Francisco, but enforcement of the prohibition is rare.

Now, however, the mayor and public works officials are urging the public to call the police — the (415) 553-0123 nonemergency number, please — if they spot someone scattering edible handouts to the birds that have been called rats with wings.

People who run afowl of the law can be hit with fines ranging from \$45, if an officer for the San Francisco Police Department issues the ticket, to as much as \$300 if an environmental control officer working for the Department of Public Works takes action. But before authorities start handing out citations, officials charged with keeping the city's streets clean are stepping up a public education campaign in English, Spanish and Chinese, urging scofflaws to keep their bread crumbs to themselves.

"I'm not calling for killing pigeons," Mayor Gavin Newsom emphasized, well aware of the city's active animal-rights community. "We just want to get people to stop feeding them." Here at The Granada first, please.

Pigeon facts

The only places where the feeding of wild pigeons is allowed in San Francisco are Golden Gate Park, Buena Vista Park, the Marina Green, Jefferson Square, Lake Merced, the Palace of Fine Arts and the grounds of the Randall Museum.

The lifespan of the common urban pigeon ranges from five to 15 years.

It is illegal in San Francisco to trap or kill or sterilize wild pigeons without special permission from the city's director of public health.

Female pigeons that scavenge food naturally normally breed two or three times a year, producing two eggs per brood. Overfed pigeons can breed as many as eight times a year.

Source: San Francisco Department of Public Works, San Francisco Animal Care & Control agency and the San Francisco Municipal Police Code.

For the full story see: www.sfgate.com/

The Granada Classical Concerts



Old Saint Mary's Cathedral at California and Grant Avenue is the home of Noontime Concerts. Each week, on Tuesday at 12:30 pm, a 30 - 45 minute classical concert performance is given by world class artists. Thomas Pandolfi was one such artist who after his performance at Noontime Concerts came to The Granada to play for us. The Asheville Citizen-Times remarked, "Pandolfi is a standout among today's young pianists, demonstrating a great technician's grace, finesse and polish...his virtuosity and strength might have had some believing that Liszt himself had taken over the keyboard." Equally popular as a recitalist, Pandolfi has appeared in concert halls nationwide. The Washington Post has described him as "an artist who is master of both the grand gesture and the sensual line. Pandolfi possesses first-rate technical skills, an unerring command of phrasing, a quicksilver touch and cunning legerdemain when it comes to pedaling etched with calm and crystal clarity...outstanding."



Thomas played for twenty of us on our newly tuned Ludwig baby grand piano for a wonderful hour. He started with etudes, then delighted all with a few of Chopin's Polonaises, ending with Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue." We'll have more Granada Classical Concerts to come. *Ed.*

Photography by: Kevin McGlynn

December Birthdays

RESIDENTS

- 1 Pat Carey
- 3 Candace D'Holmbach
- 6 Daniel O'Rielly
- 6 Mary Knutsen
- 7 Spear A. N. Latos
- 9 Erlinda Kapadia
- 9 Joseph Tesoro
- 10 Earnest Collins
- 11 Anne Medic
- 14 Willie Harris
- 17 Daniel Gibbons
- 19 Jerry Chestler
- 22 Roberta Tucker
- 26 John Blunt
- 30 Juie Lacek
- 30 Yvonne Stagnaro
- 31 Kenneth McGuinness

EMPLOYEES

- 2 Barry White
- 2 Patricia Baldwin
- 2 Guadalupe Veloz
- 5 Laura Neustedter
- 5 Elmer Rayos
- 12 Thomas Baucom
- 19 Michael Bryant
- 22 Walter Conklin
- 25 Juan Moreno
- 26 Juan Meono



Great Thanksgiving. My daughter April came home from USC so my family was all together and we had a group portrait taken by Kevin. I hope you haven't lost your appetite because there's plenty of food and celebration left; yes, it's the Christmas season. The cover story shows you the lineup of events so participate and help us bring in a joyous New Year. My Mom celebrated her 90th birthday here in San Francisco at Central Gardens recently. I enjoyed the classical concert we had and encourage everyone to plan to attend our next presentation, we have a good relationship the producer of Noontime Concerts which will bring first class entertainment here to The Granada. Rain is supposed to come and we have it both ways conserve water, always and if you see a drip let me know immediately. A new talent has emerged from Granada lounge, I hear his melodies more and more, that's why Emmett Kennedy is our "resident of the month," a special hats off to a talented musician. My door is always open. Merry Christmas.



Manager Tony Davidauskis, a reported Hilary supporter, takes a moment to consult with "Granada Hilary" about becoming The Granada Secretary of State, things look good?

Tony Davidauskis, manager



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:00 Exercise 6:00 HBO * Pat Carey	2 12:30 <i>Noontime</i> <i>Concert at Old St. Mary's</i> 7:00 Bingo	3 6:30 MOVIE * Candace D'Holmbach	4 7:00 Bingo	5 10:00 Exercise 4:00 HAPPY HOUR 6:30 MOVIE	6 11:00 SPCA 1:30 Bingo 6:00 HBO 7:30 <i>Let's Dance</i> * Mary Knutsen * Daniel O'Reilly
7 12:30—3:30 <i>Cable Car Carolers</i> 7:00 60 Minutes * Spear A. N. Latos	8 10:00 Exercise 6:00 HBO	9 12:30 <i>Noontime</i> <i>Concert at Old St. Mary's</i> 7:00 Bingo * Erlinda Kapadia * Joseph Tesoro	10 6:30 MOVIE * Earnest Collins	11 10:00 Library on Wheels 7:00 Bingo * Anne Medic	12 10:00 Exercise 4:00 HAPPY HOUR 4:00 <i>Songbirds</i> 6:30 MOVIE	13 11:00 SPCA 1:30 Bingo 6:00 HBO 7:30 <i>Let's Dance</i>
14 1:30-2:30 <i>Chanukah Party</i> 2:15 Ice Cream Social 7:00 60 Minutes * Willie Harris	15 10:00 Exercise 6:00 HBO	16 3:00 <i>Tree</i> <i>Trimming Party</i> 7:00 Bingo	17 <i>Granada Tour</i> <i>"View from the Bay"</i> ABC-TV audience 6:30 MOVIE * Daniel Gibbons	18 7:00 Bingo	19 10:00 Exercise 4:00 HAPPY HOUR 6:30 MOVIE * Jerry Chestler	20 1:30 Bingo 4:00 <i>Horus Choir</i> 6:00 HBO 7:30 <i>Let's Dance</i>
21 10:30 SPCA 7:00 60 Minutes	22 10:00 Exercise 6:00 HBO * Roberta Tucker	23 12:30 <i>Noontime</i> <i>Concert at Old St. Mary's</i> 7:00 Bingo	24 <i>Christmas</i> <i>Party & Dinner</i>	25 CHRISTMAS 7:00 Bingo	26 10:00 Exercise 4:00 HAPPY HOUR 6:30 MOVIE * John Blunt	27 1:30 Bingo 6:00 HBO 7:30 <i>Let's Dance</i>
28 2:15 Ice Cream Social 7:00 60 Minutes	29 10:00 Exercise 6:00 HBO	30 12:30 <i>Noontime</i> <i>Concert at Old St. Mary's</i> 7:00 Bingo * Julie Lacey * Yvonne Stagnaro	31 New Year's Eve Party * Kenneth McGuinness		<i>Let's Dance</i> Dress up and Party Dancing with Emmett 7:30 pm—surprises...	* <i>Birthday Person</i>

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