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The New Union Square

August 2002 marked the opening with great fan-fare of the newly renovated Union Square. Union Square, the hub of the City's commercial center, is the home of one of San Francisco's oldest patches of greenery. It was named in tribute to the frequent demonstrations in support of the Union cause before the start of the Civil War in 1861.

The large Corinthian column in the middle, dedicated in 1903 and a survivor of the 1906 earthquake is a memorial to Admiral Dewey's victory over the Spanish navy during the Spanish-American War.

The face of the bronze victory statue atop this column was actually modeled after Mrs. Adolph de Bretteville Spreckels, a San Francisco philanthropist.



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*View of Union Square from
Macy's Cheesecake Factory*

Sutter, Post and Geary streets are filled with fine-art galleries, some focusing on selling works by big names like Picasso and Chagall and others devoted to exhibiting works by contemporary artists. San Francisco's only Frank Lloyd Wright building, built in 1949, is located at 140 Maiden Ln., and features the same circular interior as the famed Guggenheim Museum in New York. Major hotels are clustered nearby, making Union Square a convenient destination for visitors.

The sidewalks around Union Square are lined with flower stands, adding a touch of color

to the streets. Many of the shop windows also display their share of eye candy, as well as, galleries that surround the square. The cable cars running up and down Powell Street add a local touch, ding-ding.



This is also San Francisco's main theater district, where traveling Broadway and off-Broadway shows come to town, usually for limited runs. Some of the theaters present local productions as well. Though it's not quite New York's Times Square theater district, some of these performances are housed in beautiful, historic old buildings.

All these things that make San Francisco the "world class city" it is are 6 short blocks from the Granada, where the phrase "room with a view" takes on a very grand scale, indeed.

I think I'll go for a walk, again! Let's see, I walk east on Sutter Street for 5 blocks to Powell Street then turn right and walk 1 block to Union Square, okay?
"Let's go."



Kevin B. Mc Glynn, editor

The Granada Welcomes

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RESIDENT of the MONTH



Look who the resident of the month is! It's the "always radiant," Chris Chu.

Born in Peking, China before the communist revolution and after an early marriage to T.C. Koo, the son of a prominent Chinese Nationalist diplomat Dr. Wellington Koo (whose distinguished career can be found in any encyclopedia), came to the United States.

Chris gave the world two men and two women or 3 PhDs and an artist; a professor of Astronomy at UC Santa Cruz, an engineer for Compaq in Switzerland, a pharmaceutical rep in cancer research in Philadelphia and an artist with a gallery in the Castro.

When Chris came to stay at the Granada it was an interim between suburban houses plus city life agrees with her lifestyle. "Nice people, comfortable room, convenient terms and also ease of return from trips are the reasons I'm here, plus Tony's apparent concern about his residents and his friendliness."

Painting, dancing, ping-pong (replaced lawn-tennis) or pool, the word is "participate" and here at the Granada she is very busy, ask anyone! A small caveat, don't play pool with Chris unless you're a serious player. "The Overflow," the neighborhood bar across Hyde street has a free pool tournament, she's there, never smoked or drank but plays pool on Mondays between 4-6 P.M. One question "do you feel lucky, punk." Well we here at the Granada "feel lucky" to have Chris as our resident.

Birthdays

Residents

10/2	Mary Finnigan
10/5	Betty Glass
10/5	Shirley Miller
10/9	Edward Chan
10/9	Anne Hessel
10/10	Edward Komp
10/11	Kevin Mc Mahon
10/14	Ben Weinberg
10/16	Hazel Wada
10/19	Randy Rubin
10/20	Tony Ma
10/22	Bob Taub
10/24	Jean Schaeffer
10/29	Lynn Teifert
10/31	Renee Lierly
11/03	Anthony Moro
11/03	Edwin Niles
11/03	Robert Shinnick
11/06	Marcello Eimar
11/07	Raymond Smith
11/15	Mohammed Yassen
11/15	Karl Beders
11/18	Marie Anne Buckingham
11/20	Sally Klein
11/21	Chris Chu
11/22	Virginia Malcom
11/22	Charlotte Paizin
11/25	Bill Waldrop
11/26	Richard Calhoun
11/28	Ivan Grozdanov
11/30	Natalie Franklin
11/30	Muriel Cuesta
11/30	Feng-Ching (Tammy) Chew
11/30	Michael Braslaw

Employees

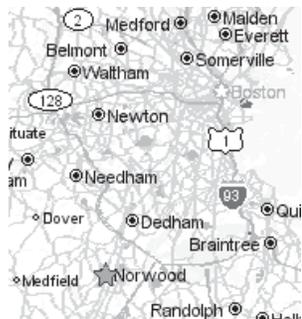
10/07	Guillermo Magpoc
10/13	Jeffery Miller
10/16	Elizabeth Bealin
10/21	Garrett Ryan
10/25	Gregory Kirby
10/28	Kim Spicer
10/31	Dan Mc Hugh
11/03	Omar Hamid
11/08	Katlin Janka
11/11	John Malone
11/15	Gabriel Gomez
11/21	Tim Worsham
11/28	Tegan Abel
11/28	Daniel James

Coincidence? It's happening Here.

From a town population of 30,000, 4 now live in the same place (Granada) 25 years and 4,000 miles later; what are the odds?

Norwood, Massachusetts, www.ci.norwood.ma.us, was long used as a hunting ground by Indians and first settled by Ezra Morse in 1672, then officially formed in 1872. This town located 20 miles south of Boston must have something in the drinking water as evidenced by the coincidental behavior of several of its residents, namely:

Tony Davidauskis, Elizabeth Howe, Bill Heylin and Nelson Marshall.



Elizabeth Howe left Norwood in 1948 with her husband to embrace a career in the armed services for 20 years, then retired to San Francisco in 1965.

Elizabeth came to the Granada in July, 1992 and when Tony asked the "next of kin" question, history started unraveling. Seems that Elizabeth's brother-in-law graduated from Norwood High School with Tony's father in 1941. Elizabeth's father-in-law taught Tony's dad "manual training" shop at Norwood High so well that Tony's dad built his own house in which our Tony Davidauskis grew up in.

Bill Heylin, the Granada dining room waiter of designation who describes Norwood as "a great small town" and remembers his childhood fondly as "a golden age, where there was no crime and plenty of children to play with. When Elizabeth Howe's sister visits her with her brother-in-law they shared many reminiscences with Tony and Bill.

Nelson Marshall left Norwood at a very early age, but said he returned there to reminisce. Nelson traveled the world mostly working in the food service business. On Nelson's employment application Tony amazement reached a new height! The number had grown to four.

Coincidence? Lotto, anyone?

EMPLOYEE of the MONTH

Room service is a very important part of the life here at the Granada, trays of well prepared meals. What better face to visit and serve our residents than our employee of the month Boyet Fernandez.

Boyet came to America to join his family of 6 brothers and 2 sisters and began attending Richmond High School in 1985. Like so many in San Francisco have done before him, he returned home to Manila to attend Manila Central University.

Returning to the U.S. in 1991, Boyet soon made many friends in Daly City, which most Filipinos call "Little Manila."

Boyet's favorite pastimes are working out, basketball, the internet and music and "kicking back" with his friends.

Tony, our manager, says "people are happy with his efficient and respectful room service manner" and he is happy that Boyet has worked in the Granada since July of 2000.

I asked Boyet "do you know the names of everyone that you serve?" "O! I miss one sometimes," he said, always striving to do the best in all areas, a thought shared within his Catholic community.

So when we say "good morning," in the Granada it takes the form of Boyet's smile and attentive room service with hot meals. It is with congratulations and recognition of your outstanding work that we declare you *The Granada Employee of the Month*.



Boyet Fernandez



Tony's
Newsletter Column

The elevators an always going concern will have a \$50,000 face lift before the end of the year.

Have you noticed, we have several residents that are professional artists with the San Francisco opera and ballet and one of our staff, Laura, is an acrobat in the upcoming opera production of *Turnadot* by Giacomo Puccini. San Francisco is known as "the Florence" of the U.S. and we do our small part.

This fall the dining room will be carpeted, so dining will, for that time, be in the Resident's Lounge; enjoy it while you can.

I've just returned from vacation in southern California where I helped my daughter Gabrielle move into her dormitory at Whittier College.

The Granada 4 hour tour is always looking for suggestions and someone mentioned Pac Bell Park. It might cost a little more than our "ten cents" Ferry Trip tour to Sausalito last month, but it sounds good to me!

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