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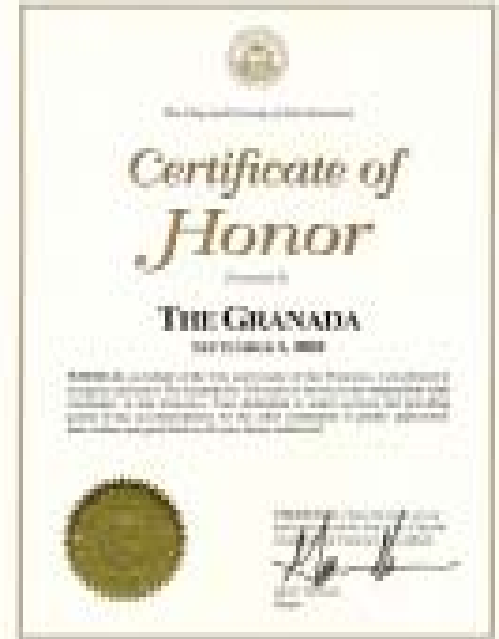
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100 years and Counting.



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December 29, 1906 San Francisco Chronicle

"A new Granada hotel, larger and more elaborate in design than the one which formerly occupied the lot on the southwest corner of Sutter and Hyde streets will be erected there. The building will be 10 stories in height, of reinforced concrete, throughly fireproof, and will cost \$450,000. The new hotel, covering 117 feet on Sutter street and 77 feet on Hyde street, will be the *first of its kind* in what is known to architects as "post and girder" construction, erected in the city."

Photograph and drawing above shows the Granada present day and 1908, San Francisco's Mayor Gavin Newsom's pronouncement also a 1912 poster lower left and a phtotgraph of the Granada in 1946. In 100 years much has changed in San Francisco and the world while the Granada remains the same "ten stories of service."

1912

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Absolutely Fireproof



GRANADA HOTEL  
A Family and Tourist Hotel  
American and European Plans  
Strictly First Class and Homelike  
Daily Morning and Evening  
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E. S. de WOLFE, Manager

1946



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## A Granada Welcome to

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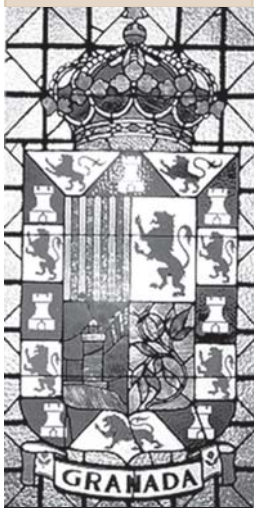
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## Old Saint Mary's was the first cathedral built in California.

The cornerstone was laid in July 1853, just three years after California became a state. The foundation was made of granite quarried and cut in China, and the bricks for the structure were made in New England and brought around Cape Horn as ships' ballast.

The spectacular new cathedral was completed and dedicated in 1854 at Christmas Midnight Mass. At the time, it was the tallest building in San Francisco as well as the first church named for the Immaculate Conception, a Catholic dogma officially pronounced just two weeks before.

During its first forty years of existence this church was called Saint Mary's Cathedral. The cathedral was staffed by diocesan priests and headed by Archbishop Alemany, at whose request the cathedral was built.

As the city of San Francisco grew, the area around the cathedral declined. By the late 1880s, the infamous Barbary Coast loomed nearby and houses of prostitution lined the

streets only a block away. Archbishop Alemany decided to move the cathedral seat to another location. In 1891, when the new cathedral was completed on Van Ness Avenue, the former cathedral became known as Old Saint Mary's.

Due to excessive demands for diocesan clergy, in 1894 Old Saint Mary's was placed in the care of The Missionary Society of St Paul the Apostle, also known as the Paulists. The community worked diligently to preserve the church as a place for those seeking peace amidst the surrounding chaos, whether this meant creating the first Catholic Chinese Mission, or offering a relaxing place for World War II soldiers to enjoy the comforts of home.

The creation of Old Saint Mary's Catholic Chinese Mission was an innovation in the American missionary field. Old Saint Mary's was never intended to become a Chinese parish. But with so many Chinese living in the parish, Paulist Father Henry Wyman asked, at the 1902 New York meeting of the Paulist Fathers General Chapter, to establish a mission to the Chinese. His suggestion was approved, and in 1903 Paulist Father Henry Stark, a San Franciscan by birth, opened the first Chinese mission in America. Father Stark began the mission school with four students.

The Chinese mission today is a self-sustaining body and functions as Holy Family parish, the only Catholic Chinese parish in San Francisco.

A major earthquake destroyed much of San Francisco on April 18, 1906, but Old Saint Mary's stood undamaged. However, a fire resulting from the earthquake raged out of control and raced toward the old cathedral. When the smoke cleared, the entire area had been destroyed, except for Old Saint Mary's which stood gutted but otherwise undaunted amidst the surrounding ruin.

The original exterior structure, surprisingly uncompromised by the fire, was saved and the interior restored and rededicated in 1909. With the sin and scandal of the neighborhood destroyed, Old Saint Mary's could concentrate on building its outreach and ministry.

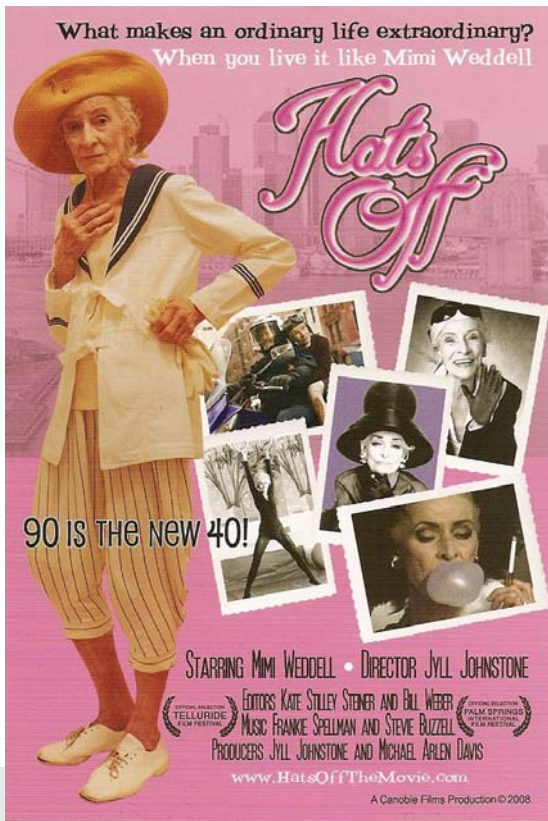
With the United States involvement in World War II and the increased number of service personnel coming into San Francisco, there was a need for some place for them to gather, relax, write a letter home, or socialize. Many of the servicemen and women had asked the Paulists if there was such a place. Rather than have them wander the streets aimlessly, Paulist Father John Dimond created the Old Saint Mary's Service Center. From its opening on Saint Patrick's Day in 1944 until its closing in September 1946, the Service Center was the "nearest thing to home in the whole war," claimed its participants. From an accurate check on the nightly attendance, a total of 450,000 service personnel came to the Center.

Today, Old Saint Mary's continues to be a vital part of the community. It is a living monument to the past as well as a legacy for our future.

Saint Mary's is also the home of the **Noontime Concerts**  
where classical concerts are performed every Tuesday at 12:30





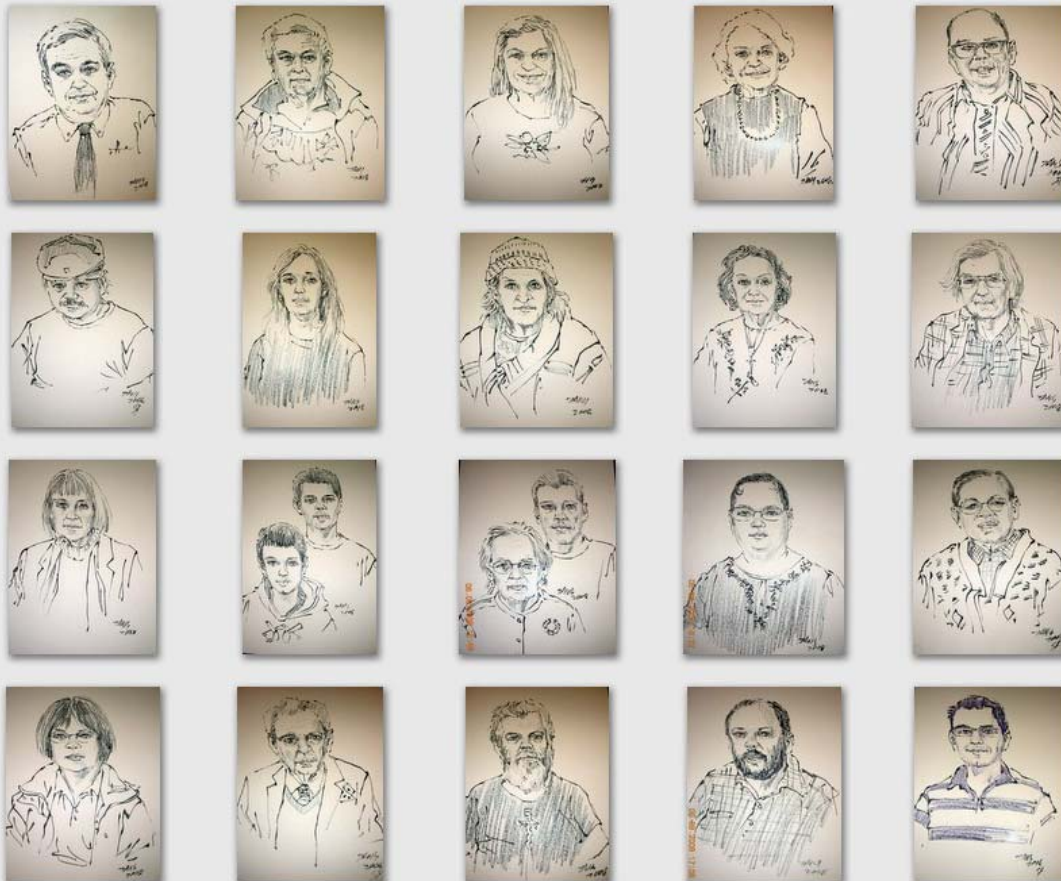


Here's a new movie that could have been made in the Granada. See it at the cinema or wait until "Granada movie night" just remember "90 is the new 40."

## **martin tang**

20 images, August 2008

When Martin Tang comes to The Granada with his studio, he leaves behind sketches. Have a look. How many people can you identify?



# September Birthdays

## RESIDENTS

- 1 Maurice Gurudi
- 8 Gertrude Morrow
- 9 Timothy Bishop
- 9 Connie Gambing
- 14 Hilary Atencio
- 17 Ruth Weine
- 18 David Ramsdale
- 20 Don Nitto
- 21 Alice Stone
- 23 Ruth Yep
- 25 William Burke
- 29 Alfred Caban
- 29 Alan Cardon
- 29 Yoshifumi Kuriyama
- 30 Charlotte Manley
- 30 Hiro Miyanga

## EMPLOYEES

- 12 Leticia Cruz
- 12 Jim Kane
- 13 Juan Suarez
- 18 Sinyavsky Stanislav
- 19 Clinton Frutiger
- 30 Donald Wright

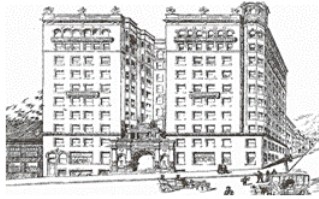


### "100 years and Counting"

is the September theme while The Granada celebrates her centennial year performing "100 years of service to the independent adult community of San Francisco" Or as the mayor, Gavin Newsom, puts it, "your dedication to senior services and providing quality living accomodations,"thanks! We will celebrate with a centennial dinner and entertainment September 10th; 100 is such a good number. National Grandparent's Day is Sunday September 7th celebration includes an ice cream social and the SPCA pet visiting program and something "special" for dinner to say *thanks* to all the Granada grandparents. While we are talking food, here comes the Labor Day picnic with fried chicken, ribs, burgers, potato salad, corn on the cob; everything except the ants. Monday night Football and the NFL's 43<sup>rd</sup> season begins soon, go 49'ers, please! My door is always open.

Thanks

*Tony Davidauskis, manager*



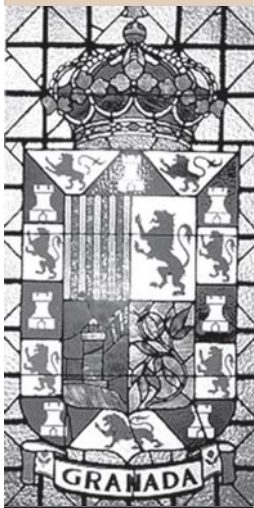
# SEPTEMBER 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <b>Labor Day Picnic</b> 10:00 <b>Exercise</b> 6:00 <b>HBO</b> * Maurice Gurudi	<b>2</b> 12:30 <i>Noontime</i> <i>Concert at Old St. Mary's</i> 7:00 <b>Bingo</b>	<b>3</b> <i>Uncle Sam's Birthday 1813</i> 6:30 <b>MOVIE</b>	<b>4</b> 7:00 <b>Bingo</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00 <b>Exercise</b> 4:00 HAPPY HOUR 6:30 <b>MOVIE</b>	<b>6</b> <i>Read a Book Day</i> 1:30 <b>Bingo</b> 6:00 <b>HBO</b>
<b>7</b> <i>National Grandparents Day</i> 11:00 <b>SPCA</b> 2:15 Ice Cream Social 7:00 60 Minutes	<b>8</b> 10:00 <b>Exercise</b> 6:00 <b>HBO</b> * Gertrude Morrow	<b>9</b> 12:30 <i>Noontime</i> <i>Concert at Old St. Mary's</i> 7:00 <b>Bingo</b> * Timothy Bishop * Connie Clambing	<b>10</b> <b>GRANADA</b> <b>CENTENNIAL</b> <b>DINNER</b>	<b>11</b> 10:00 <b>Library on</b> <b>Wheels</b> 7:00 <b>Bingo</b>	<b>12</b> 10:00 <b>Exercise</b> 4:00 HAPPY HOUR 6:30 <b>MOVIE</b>	<b>13</b> <i>National Peanut Day</i> 1:30 <b>Bingo</b> 6:00 <b>HBO</b>
<b>14</b> 7:00 60 Minutes * Hilary Atencio	<b>15</b> 10:00 <b>Exercise</b> 6:00 <b>HBO</b>	<b>16</b> 12:30 <i>Noontime</i> <i>Concert at Old St. Mary's</i> <b>BIRTHDAY PARTY DINNER</b> 7:00 <b>Bingo</b>	<b>17</b> <i>Citizenship Day</i> 6:30 <b>MOVIE</b> * Ruth Weine	<b>18</b> <i>New York Times</i> <i>published 1851</i> 7:00 <b>Bingo</b> * David Ramsdale	<b>19</b> 10:00 <b>Exercise</b> 4:00 HAPPY HOUR 6:30 <b>MOVIE</b>	<b>20</b> 1:30 <b>Bingo</b> 6:00 <b>HBO</b> * Don Nitto
<b>21</b> 2:15 Ice Cream Social 7:00 60 Minutes * Alice Stone	<b>22</b> <i>Band Aid invented 1920</i> 10:00 <b>Exercise</b> 6:00 <b>HBO</b>	<b>23</b> 12:30 <i>Noontime</i> <i>Concert at Old St. Mary's</i> 7:00 <b>Bingo</b> * Ruth Yep	<b>24</b> <b>Granada</b> <b>Cable Car Tour</b> 6:30 <b>MOVIE</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00 <b>Bingo</b> * William Burke	<b>26</b> <i>Native American Day</i> 10:00 <b>Exercise</b> 4:00 HAPPY HOUR 6:30 <b>MOVIE</b>	<b>27</b> <i>Crush a Can Day</i> 11:00 <b>SPCA</b> 1:30 <b>Bingo</b> 6:00 <b>HBO</b>
<b>28</b> <i>Good Neighbor Day</i> 10:30-12:00 JPCS visit 7:00 60 Minutes	<b>29</b> <b>Rosh Hashanah</b> 10:00 <b>Exercise</b> 6:00 <b>HBO</b>	<b>30</b> 12:30 <i>Noontime</i> <i>Concert at Old St. Mary's</i> 7:00 <b>Bingo</b> * Charlotte Manley * Hiro Miyanga	<i>Birthdays 9, 29</i> * Alfred Caban * Alan Cardon * Toshifumi Kuriyama		<b>THE GRANADA</b> <b>CENTENNIAL YEAR</b> — 100 YEARS AND COUNTING	* <i>Birthday Person</i>

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