



- 1590** The word 'escalade' comes into use as a derivative of 'scala' (ladder). It is defined as the action of using ladders to scale the walls of a fortified place.
- 1859** Nathan Ames imagines "revolving stairs" made out of wood and chains.
- 1889** The first public coin telephone invented by William Gray and installed at a bank in Hartford, CT.
- 1921** Don Lee's Cadillac Showroom opens at 1000 Van Ness.
- 1950** Escalator loses its capital 'E' when the U.S. Patent Office rules that the word escalator has become a common descriptive term for a moving stairway.
- 1998** Burnham Pacific Properties converts a portion of 1000 Van Ness into a 14-screen movie theatre.
- 2007-2008** The number of payphones in the U.S. declines by 58%.
- 2012** 1000 Van Ness contains a glass-walled art gallery, a tango salon (operating every third Saturday, 9 pm – 1:30 am), Tommy T's Comedy Club, a photo studio, gym, residences, and a parking garage among other, more secretive establishments.