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SAN PEDRO LIBRARY FRIENDS WELCOME LOUIS ZAMPERINI AND LISA SEE

Louis Zamperini

Olympic hero, WW II bombardier, plane crash survivor, POW, and subject of best-selling biography ***Unbroken*** by Laura Hillenbrand, Louis Zamperini, will speak **Sunday, January 29**, at

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Auditorium, 3720 Stephen White Drive, 2:00 p.m., in a presentation sponsored by the Friends of San Pedro Library, San Pedro Bay Historical Society, and Pacific Battleship Center.



Mr. Zamperini was born in New York and moved as a child with his family to Torrance, California. At Torrance High School in 1934 he set a world interscholastic record for the mile, helping him win a scholarship to USC and leading to his securing a place on the 1936 United States Olympic team headed for the Games in Berlin.

He enlisted in the United States Army Air Force in September 1941, three months before our country's entrance into World War II. He was assigned as a bombardier and served on a plane called the *Green Hornet*. Mechanical difficulties caused the *Green Hornet* to crash into the Pacific Ocean on May 27, 1943, killing eight of the eleven aboard. The

three survivors made their way to a raft and with little food and no water, subsisted on captured rainwater and small fish eaten raw. One of the survivors died after thirty-three days at sea. To

keep up their spirits Mr. Zamperini and Russell Phillips made up recipes and pretended to cook delicious meals, which they would describe to each other. On the forty-seventh day they were captured by the Japanese Navy, became captives, and were severely tortured until the end of the war.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Laura Hillenbrand brings this part of Mr. Zamperini's experience and all that has followed in his remarkable career to life in her book, ***Unbroken***, a ***New York Times*** best seller and ***Time*** magazine's Top Book of 2010..

An added treat will be the presence of Robert Kent, Jonathan Williams, and Trisha Place of Pacific Battleship Center, the group responsible for bringing the USS Iowa to San Pedro.

Reservations at \$15.00 per person are required for this event. Reservation forms will be sent to Friends of San Pedro Library. The public is invited and may obtain reservation forms at San Pedro Library, San Pedro Bay Historical Society, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, Pacific Battleship Center, Williams' Book Store, and on line at www.friendsspl.org.

Lisa See

Fans of Lisa See will gather **Sunday, February 19**, 2:00 p.m. at the Grand Annex, 434 West 6th Street, to hear the best-selling author speak about her latest book, ***Dreams of Joy***, and her fascinating family history.



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Ms. See was born in Paris but grew up in Los Angeles, spending much of her time in Chinatown, where her great-grandfather, Fon See, established a thriving import business and lived to be a one hundred year-old patriarch of a sprawling, multi-ethnic family. Her first book, **On Gold Mountain**, details her family history and is a loving tribute to her ancestors who overcame obstacles of every kind in their quest for a place in America.

Dreams of Joy, carries forward the story set in motion in Ms. See's previous book, **Shanghai Girls** and is set in the time of Mao-Tse Tung and the Communist take-over of China.



Reservation forms will be sent to members of Friends of San Pedro Library and will be available to the public at Williams' Book Store, San Pedro Library and on line at www.friendsspl.org. and The Grand Annex. A copy of **Dreams of Joy** will be given to each person attending.

A RECORD CROWD WELCOMES JOHN BOGERT

Fun, frivolity, and food were the order of the evening when ninety-one members of Friends of San Pedro Library and their guests welcomed award-winning **Daily Breeze** columnist John Bogert as guest speaker at the annual dinner in October. Mr. Bogert delighted diners with his usual wit, a bit of history of the written word, personal anecdotes, and a reading of excerpts from his book, **Grounded**.

Life member Patricia Colby and Newsletter Editor Cecelia Moore recalled program highlights of the year, and Corresponding Secretary JoAnn Kostelas gave a preview of events to come. A nomination of Patricia Colby completed the slate of board members elected unanimously by voting members.

The evening ended with the popular "book give-away," in which each guest took home a gift from a large selection of books.



PENNYROYAL PLAYERS USE QUILTS AND MUSIC IN "PIECIN' IT TOGETHER"

Friends of San Pedro Library are delighted to present the Pennyroyal Players in "Piecin' It Together," an original musical program created by founding member and director of the group, Anne Destabelle, on **Saturday, March 31, 2:00 p.m.**, in the



Community Room. Using quilts, the program tells a touching story about early settlers of the American West. Through story and song, "Piecing' It Together" reveals the humor and hardships of pioneering life endured by men, women, and children.

The five-member cast began as a twosome—Ms. Destabelle on guitar and Joan Perkins on autoharp with cardboard blocks to display their quilt patterns. Three additional players have joined the group—Gay Durward, Ann Ehrenclou, and Faye Schwartz—and those two cardboard blocks have evolved into a set of sixteen magnificent quilts designed and created by AAUW member Nancy Veits and her Sew What Red Hatters. Each quilt is gradually unfolded during the course of the performance.

Pennyroyal Players donate their performance fees to many organizations in the South Bay, including the Warner Grand and Little Fish Theatre.





In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow
In the bleak mid-winter, long ago.


Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

BOOK QUIZ — OVER THE BOUNDING MAIN

Here are some famous tales of the sea. Which do you recognize by title and author?

1. An old Cuban fisherman, Santiago, has gone eighty-four days without a fish. On the eighty-fifth day he tells his young friend, Manolin, that he will set out far into the Gulf and change his luck. 
2. Greek warrior Odysseus returns home to Ithaca after the Trojan War on a ten-year voyage in which he encounters the Lotus Eaters, Calypso, Circe, and Polyphemus the Cyclops, and must sail through the narrow strait between Scylla and Charybdis.
3. After enduring the tyrannical behavior and actual incompetence of Captain Queeg, commander of a destroyer/minesweeper in World War II, the crew members take matters into their own hands.
4. Humphrey Van Weyden, a rather effete intellectual survivor of a collision at sea, learns to survive and find his inner strength in clashes with Wolf Larsen, the powerful and unscrupulous captain of the ship that rescued him.
5. Merchant mariner Ishmael signs on to the whaling ship, the **Pequod**, sailing from Nantucket, on what will be an epic voyage under maniacal Captain Ahab. 
6. A young seaman is pressed into service aboard the **HMS Bellipotent**. He is open, natural, innocent of any base thought or intent, yet he arouses the ire of the ship's Master at Arms, John Claggart, who falsely accuses the youth of mutiny. When accused, the young man, because of a speech impediment, cannot answer. Instead he strikes out at Claggart, killing him.
7. A young British seaman becomes first mate on the **Patna**, a ship full of pilgrims on their way to Mecca for the hadj. He joins his captain and the rest of the crew in abandoning the ship and its passengers. When the **Patna** is rescued, the shameful

tale is revealed, and the young seaman must face the consequences of his actions.

8. In Port Mahon, Minorca, a port of the Royal Navy in 1800, a lieutenant without a ship, Jack Aubrey, meets Stephen Maturin, an Irish-Catalan physician with whom he shares a love of music and with whom he will serve aboard the brig, **Sophie**.
9. The narrator of this tale gives a vivid picture of "the life of a common sailor at sea as it really is" as he serves aboard the brig **Pilgrim**, which sails from Boston, around Cape Horn, and along the coast of California. San Pedro is a port of call for the vessel, which is in the hide trade.
10. A Norwegian explorer and five companions sail a raft across the Pacific Ocean from South America to the Polynesian Islands to test the theory that South Americans could have settled Polynesia. 

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THANK YOU, FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF PETER KIMBALL

When Peter L. Kimball, husband of Friends member Jane Casserly Kimball, passed away in August, he requested that donations be made in his memory to Friends of San Pedro Library. Thank you to Mr. Kimball's very generous family and friends. The donations are very much appreciated and will be put to good use in supporting library programs.



Mr. Kimball was vice-president of Human Resources at Barlow Respiratory Hospital in Los Angeles, where he was known for his fairness, his knowledge of labor relations, and his work ethic. He was an avid fisherman, a fan of the *New York Times* crossword puzzles, a worthy opponent in Trivial Pursuit, and a lifelong Los Angeles Dodgers fan.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

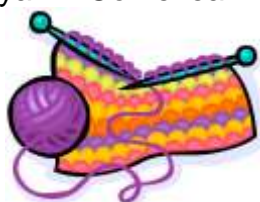
Science Projects for Kids



Children are invited to participate in science experiments, a great way to learn about measurements, portions, chemical properties, and other

elements of elementary science. Every Thursday from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. beginning January 5, 2012.

Knitting and Crochet Club Kids, parents, grandparents, teachers—everyone is invited to join the fun of creating with yarn. Come learn to make your own hats, scarves, sweaters, and other items. Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.



BOOK CLUB NEWS

Members of the San Pedro Library Book Club completed their study of William Golding's trilogy *To the Ends of the Earth* with a discussion of the third novel, *A Fire Below*.

Members are now reading Rebecca Solnit's *A Paradise Built in Hell*, which explores the rise of altruism and bravery that often occurs in the aftermath of a disaster. In particular the author examines community responses following the 1906 San Francisco earthquake; the 1917 explosion that destroyed much of Halifax, Nova Scotia; the 1985 Mexico City earthquake; the 9/11 terrorist attacks; and Hurricane Katrina. Reading this book will enable the library system to participate in the California Reads Project and be eligible for state grants.

The Club's next fiction book is Leo Tolstoy's *Anna Karenina*, with its famous opening line — "All happy families are alike; each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way

THANK YOU, TEMPLE BETH EL



Friends of San Pedro Library deeply appreciate the generous donation of books from the Temple Beth El library. Temple Librarian, Barbara Mozlin, is reorganizing the Temple's library and has graciously donated all non-Judaic volumes to San Pedro Library. We will make good use of them, Barbara!

WE NEED YOU!

Out-going **Historian Pat Lynch** gives this list of her duties: "Keep an accurate record of the Friends' events, through newsletters, posters, keepsakes, notes, letters and cards sent to us. Include minutes and newspaper notices of our doings and purchases and place them in our archives. Save anything you feel might be of interest in the future. Researching and reading "Tidbits" from the past archives may provide the Board with interesting and sometimes comical moments. This is a job that appreciates you. Make it your own."

Can you help us? Please leave your name and telephone number at the main desk.

NOTES FROM THE ADAMSON HOUSE

Built in 1929, this Spanish-style building, often referred to as the mini Hearst Castle of Los Angeles, is the former home of the Rindge-Adamson families, owners of the celebrated Malibu Tile Works. Guided tours take visitors to many parts of the property, which is part of the last Malibu Spanish land grant.



Adamson House is covered in thousands of ornate tiles and gives a sense of the time in which many California mansions were being built in the

area. The two-acre property is on the ocean side of Pacific Coast Highway on a sandy lagoon near Surfrider Beach. The lagoon is a bird sanctuary, where more than 200 species stop each year on their yearly migration.

In the garden visitors follow flagstone pathways through beautifully landscaped areas with trees, native shrubs, and colorful flowers. Fountains, a pool, and a pool house are all decorated with Malibu tile.

Adamson House is open Wednesday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. but closes on heavily rainy days. Admission—\$7.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children six to sixteen—is by cash only. Children five years and under are admitted free.

**23200 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu 90265,
(310) 456-8432**

Answers to Book Quiz

1. ***The Old Man and the Sea***, Ernest Hemingway
2. ***The Odyssey***, Homer
3. ***The Caine Mutiny***, Herman Wouk
4. ***The Sea Wolf***, Jack London
5. ***Moby Dick***, Herman Melville
6. ***Billy Budd***, Herman Melville
7. ***Lord Jim***, Joseph Conrad
8. ***Master and Commander***, Patrick O'Brian
9. ***Two Years Before the Mast***, Richard Henry Dana
10. ***Kon Tiki***, Thor Hyerdahl

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The public is invited to board meetings the last Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Library Hours

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Tuesday	12:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Thursday:	12:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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Sunday	CLOSED.

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