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## *Casa Palmero* by Charles Osborne

One of the iconic homes in Pebble Beach is Casa Palmero. Although it is now a luxurious spa with several private guest rooms it started life as a home... a very large home.

Originally built by James W. Perry and his wife Rachel in 1924 as a retreat from their home in New York where he was a senior executive with Johns-Manville, it soon became their primary residence. Designed by Clarence Tantau of Monterey Peninsula Country Club fame, the home had eight bedrooms, six bathrooms, and a total 6,600 square feet of living space. The gardens were extensive and included a green house, a log cabin playhouse, a waterfall and an enclosed courtyard with a tiled fountain.

In the 1929 stock market crash the Perrys lost their fortune, they got divorced, and he lived in the house alone. As the depression deepened there was no market for the big homes along the golf course, and the Pebble Beach Company allowed Mr. Perry to continue living there. This was not unusual at the time. The company did not want abandoned houses to mar the image of Pebble Beach riding out the hard times. S.F.B. Morse even sold the water company (now Cal Am) in 1931 to make ends meet.

Morse invited Mr. Perry to have dinner at the Lodge whenever he felt like it. He knew that Perry still looked affluent and could help fill up the elegant dining room at the Lodge. Perry wrote back and said, "Thank you Mr. Morse. That is very kind of you. Would it be alright if I had a martini? I do so like them before dinner." Morse laughed when he got the letter and quickly wrote back, "Of course... have two."

After James Perry died the house stood vacant for several years with a couple of short term owners until Richard and Mary (Morse) Osborne bought it in the early fifties. Mary was SFB's daughter and Richard was soon to be the president of Del Monte Properties Company. They renovated the grand old house and brought along their three children.



SFB Morse marries Maureen Church 1952 in Casa Palmero. Grandchildren Polly, Susan and Charley in attendance.

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Here's a quiz. What arrives by the thousands in our area at this time of year? A very special visitor: the Monarch Butterfly. That was easy!!

We are so very lucky to witness this remarkable event when the Monarchs winter up and down our coast. The best place on the Monterey Peninsula to see them is the Pacific Grove Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary on Ridge Road.

From October to February, volunteer docents, armed with spotting scopes, are often available at the Sanctuary to explain to old, young, and in-between, why the Monarchs are so special. "Our" Monarchs are Western Monarchs distinguishing them from their cousins the Eastern Monarchs. What differentiates them is primarily their territory, on each side of the Continental Divide.

Arriving in the Fall, our Monarchs have completed a journey of many hundreds of miles (sometimes more than a thousand) from places such as British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Arizona. The Sanctuary is their wintering ground. Here they will enjoy a moderate climate and mostly rest in clusters made up of hundreds of butterflies awaiting the warm weather and milkweed to become available inland on their migratory route. Like other butterflies the Monarchs transform themselves from an egg, to a caterpillar, then a chrysalis (pupa) and finally emerge as a completely different creature in the form of a butterfly. Just an amazing transformation! As our butterfly



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migrates inland its main purpose is to lay eggs on milkweed and reproduce. They journey further North and inland searching for flowers as they bloom with the change of the season. The migrating butterfly only lives but a few weeks reproducing along the journey. Those that finally make their way here have a life cycle of 6-8 months.

Besides being beautiful, these amazing creatures are very important to us as they are vital in pollinating from plant to plant. Like many pollinators their numbers have been decreasing at an alarming rate due to loss of habitat and the widespread use of pesticides and herbicides.

What can we do to help them? That's easy; experts recommend we plant flowers for their nectar. If you live more than 10 miles inland from their wintering grounds you can also plant milkweed, which the caterpillars consume as they

mature. Of course, avoiding the use of pesticides and herbicides will help them and many other critters that are impacted by the same products.

Come October, swing by the Sanctuary on a sunny day and enjoy this amazing phenomenon. You can learn a lot more about the Monarchs by visiting the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History and the City of Pacific Grove website ([www.cityofpacificgrove.org/visiting/monarch-butterfly-sanctuary](http://www.cityofpacificgrove.org/visiting/monarch-butterfly-sanctuary)). - Gina Gianfala is a Pebble Beach

resident and Bay Net volunteer



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The Osbornes enjoyed entertaining special guests and important visitors, and Casa Palmero was the social center of Pebble Beach. European aristocrats, movie stars and captains of industry were present at their dinner parties. When Arnold Palmer was in town for the Crosby he would come over to play bridge (at \$1 a point!). Bing Crosby would sing at their parties and sometimes was accompanied by the Osborne's maid Helen Scott, a former Ray Charles singer. Princess Margaret came for tea and Joan Fontaine was a tennis partner of Mary's. They enjoyed this part of Richard's job. In fact, during one party crazed Crosby Clambake, Mary was in labor at the hospital with their youngest Osborne child, Ellen. She spent her non-panting moments fielding phone calls about where the best parties were.

There were also some dark times for the family while they lived at the house.

One evening during the Crosby the manager of the lodge called up Richard at around midnight. He apologized, but one of the celebrity guests, Frank Sinatra, was angrily demanding dinner and the kitchen was closed. Could Mr. Osborne help? Richard had Sinatra put on the phone and tried to explain, but Sinatra was furious. He had never been treated so badly, was insulted etcetera. Osborne said fine, he lived just down the street and they were having a party. Would Frank like to drop by. They had food. Sinatra refused and insisted food be delivered by his "pretty wife." Richard ignored that, had some sandwiches made, grabbed a bottle of champagne and went down the street to the Lodge. Sinatra met him with a sandwich, knuckle variety, and hard enough to break his fingers. His rat pack was there, pulled him off, and separated the contestants. Richard, a 6'3" 200 pound WWII veteran who saw action in the South Pacific, swallowed his anger and left. Sinatra went to the hospital for his broken fingers.

When Morse heard about it, he had the housekeepers collect Sinatra's belongings and dump them outside his hospital door with a note saying, "Do not return... ever." He didn't. Headlines followed: *Sinatra Slugs Socialite*.



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Vaughn and Sally Feather lived there from 1976 to 1994 and raised their children. They named it Casa Palmero, the street it was on, plus there were two large palm trees at the gate to the house. The Feathers expanded the house substantially to 13,000 square feet. They added a spa complete with pool and gym, a new master bedroom, and made many improvements to the house and property.

While they lived there Vaughn was running Cambridge International, a liquid diet that became an international sensation. His parents Jack and Eileen Feather had acquired a formula from a professor at Cambridge University. The diet worked very well (I tried it) but they used a pyramid style sales system which led to problems. At one point Cambridge was the biggest non-governmental employer on the peninsula and occupied over 30% of the office space. For a variety of reasons the fad faded as quickly as it rose. The company still exists but at a much smaller level.

In 1997 the Pebble Beach Company bought it back and spent three years turning it into the spa we now know. The manager of Casa Palmero, Cheryl Rogers told me that when Tiger Woods stays there they open the gym for him at 5AM, and he likes to go down and putt at the lodge after dinner. Ellen DeGeneres once stayed in their nicest suite for a week while she was filming a commercial. This was the bedroom built by the Feathers that rents for \$3,500 a night. During her stay she had the habit of driving herself to Carmel and going to a restaurant that had been recommended. She would go in and spot a table that had an extra chair and ask the people if she could join them. That would make an interesting story when you go back home after your golf vacation. 🍷

Charles Osborne is the author of *Boss*, the story of SFB Morse, founder of Pebble Beach. He lived at Casa Palmero from age 4 to age 20.



## *Pebble Beach's New Visitor Center - By Dawn Mathes, Pebble Beach Company*



Have you visited the Pebble Beach Market and Post Office area lately? Pebble Beach Company has made terrific improvements to our “town center.” One of the first things to notice is the improved parking and traffic flow in the area. In total, 37% more parking spaces have been added, and the much-needed dedicated bus parking area is working very well. Next to the Post Office, a new 16-space parking lot will be built—a good parking option for residents visiting the Post Office or Market. The Pebble Beach Market has been remodeled and redesigned from the inside out, opening up the floor space and improving the flow within the market. A delightful new picnic area, complete with Adirondack

chairs overlooking Stillwater Cove, has become a popular gathering place for a snack or picnic lunch.

Occupying the space of the two former bank buildings and now connected by an internal walkway, is a new Pebble Beach Visitor Center. Half of the Visitor Center closest to the Market (formerly Bank of the West), is open now and includes 1,650 square feet of retail space, 1,000 square feet of public restrooms, and about 500 square feet of food and beverage offerings. Opening soon is the stunning 3,600-square foot exhibit area. Upon entry, visitors will instantly be captivated by the 24-foot wide, floor-to-ceiling video wall, a spectacular video reel highlighting the most beautiful and iconic sites of Pebble Beach. Visitors will stroll alongside interactive exhibit panels, each telling a part of the Pebble Beach story. Exhibits feature the 100-year history of Pebble Beach, legendary golf courses and players, our national championship pedigree, the awe-inspiring 17-Mile Drive, the Concours d’Elegance, the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, our protected environmental resources within the Forest, and much more. If you haven’t stopped by the Market and Visitor Center yet, we invite you to come by and enjoy the wonderful new gathering place and amenities.

## *Langly the Orphaned Sea Otter Pup - By The Marine Mammal Center*

Sea otter pup Langly was orphaned when a great white shark delivered a lethal bite to her mother. Langly’s mom was able to get her pup safely to shore, where she was rescued by a team from The Marine Mammal Center.



appetite have improved over time but she especially perked up when she was introduced to a companion, an otter of similar age rescued by the Monterey Bay Aquarium. The two young otters formed a strong bond immediately.

Bites from great white sharks are one of the top causes of mortality in this threatened species and seem to be a factor limiting their recovery throughout California.

Langly is now learning survival skills her mother would have taught her, like how to crack open the shells of her food and how to socialize, during her rehabilitation at The Marine Mammal Center. Langly’s overall strength and

“Southern sea otters are a threatened species, and the opportunity to release these female otters back to the wild is a big boost to the future health of the population and surrounding ecosystems,” says Dr. Shawn Johnson, Director of Veterinary Science at the Center.

Before Langly is released back to the wild, she will be fitted with special tracking devices so that researchers can continue to understand the threats they face in the wild.



Maintenance of open space [wildlands preserved from development] is an ongoing responsibility for Del Monte Forest Conservancy [DMFC]. When the land is owned by DMFC the cost of maintaining these properties must be paid by the organization. These can be labor-intensive and costly undertakings. This maintenance obligation is especially important in publicly accessible, popular and environmentally special properties. Crocker Grove, Cortland Hill Preserve and Pescadero Point are perhaps the three best examples.

Extensive maintenance on these three very visible and attractive properties was accomplished this summer. DMFC forester Bill Vaughn developed a maintenance plan and supervised the projects with help from DMFC president Jody Le Towt. Much of the labor involved tree removal and branch trimming.

The emphasis, especially at Crocker Grove and Cortland Hill Preserve, was preservation of rare, native, first-growth Monterey Cypress trees that exist in only two locations in the United States, the Del Monte Forest and Point Lobos. At Crocker Grove efforts were made to protect the trees from vehicles parking in turnouts other than the designated parking lot. Several turnouts were eliminated entirely and others received protective logs. The logs were placed at locations to prevent vehicular incursions into the grove. On adjoining roads, the designated parking lot and in remaining turnouts, trees were trimmed to facilitate transit by busses, large trucks and other vehicles. Within 30 feet of Crocker Grove perimeter roads fuel jackpots [piles of flammable debris] were removed.

The majority of the work was accomplished in Cypress Grove and Cortland Hill Preserve. In selected areas, small pine seedlings were removed to favor success of adjoining cypress seedlings and for seedbed preparation. Cypress seed was broadcast by chipping viable cones found on-site. To prevent damage to the cypress trees and reduce safety hazards, dominant pines were selected for removal. These were generally pine trees with growth abnormalities, signs of disease, and age related deterioration.

The Del Monte Forest Conservancy (DMFC) is a non-profit 501C (3) organization which conserves, acquires, and enhances lands dedicated to open space within the Del Monte Forest. Charitable contributions enable DMFC to fulfill its mission to conserve Del Monte Forest for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

If you see an injured or ill sea otter or other marine mammal, please keep your distance and call The Marine Mammal Center's hotline at 415-289-SEAL.

To help patients like Langly, consider a symbolic adoption through the Center's Adopt-a-Seal® program. Each adoption helps purchase items like sustainably-caught seafood for rehabilitating patients as well as lifesaving veterinary equipment. Learn more at [MarineMammalCenter.org/adopt](http://MarineMammalCenter.org/adopt).



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The 5th Annual Pebble Beach Zombie Race and Emergency Preparedness Fair is Saturday, October 27th in picturesque Pebble Beach on the Fire Defense Roads, from 9:00 am-noon. We have two running courses: the challenging 5K (3.1 miles) Zombie Crawl (steep hills) and 2K Survivor Stroll (a flat mile perfect for strollers and youngsters). Visit the Emergency Preparedness booths after the race. See

event details at <https://raceroster.com/events/2018/19326/zombie-run>



**DEL MONTE FOREST PROPERTY OWNERS  
Semiannual Meeting**

**Sunday, November 4, 2018**

**2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

**Inn at Spanish Bay Main Ballroom**

**Mary Adams, 5th District Supervisor**



In her first eighteen months as Supervisor, Mary Adams has proved herself a capable advocate on issues ranging from disaster and economic recovery to creative solutions for our County's housing and homeless crisis. Mary will provide an update on how the myriad of issues facing Monterey County are being addressed.

**The Upcoming 2019 U.S. Open Championship**  
David Stivers, President, Pebble Beach Company

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Forest Lake and Lopez Roads, Pebble Beach  
Thursday, October 4, 2018  
9:00 a.m. to Noon**

**And now a clinic available during the Zombie Race  
at the Pebble Beach Company Corporation Yard  
Saturday, October 27, 2018  
9:00 a.m. to Noon (see event info above fold)**

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