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BUSINESS BRIEFS

indio

Hacienda at Indio has a new manager

Merit Property Management will take over property management services for **Hacienda at Indio**, a 147-home master-planned community in the Shadow Hills area of Indio, said **Daniel Farrar**, who heads Merit's Palm Desert business unit.

Merit will assist the **Hacienda at Indio Homeowners Association's** board of directors with daily operations, officials said in a news release.

— MIKE PERRAULT

Business forum held at Shadow Hills

The third annual **CVEP Small Business Resource Forum & Expo** will be Feb. 24 and offer insight into financing businesses.

The **Coachella Valley Economic Partnership**, in collaboration with the **U.S. Small Business Administration and Indio Chamber of Commerce**, will host a panel of speakers from 8:30 to 10 a.m., with networking opportunities and booths from 10 to 11 a.m.

The forum and expo will be at **Sun City Shadow Hills**, 80-814 Sun City Blvd., Indio.

The cost is \$15. Information: (760) 340-1575, or visit www.cvep.com.

— MIKE PERRAULT

palm springs

Sneaker event at Agua Caliente

The **American Advertising Federation Palm Springs-Desert Cities** will host its annual Sneaker Preview: The "Casual" ADDY Event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. March 2 at **Kaminsky Productions**, 68-905 Vista Chino Ave., Cathedral City. The Sneaker Preview is de-

signed as a more affordable alternative to the formal **ADDY Awards Ceremony and Gala** event, which is scheduled for March 11 at **The Show at Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa**, 32-250 Bob Hope Drive, Rancho Mirage.

The event showcases the best work of the desert in a casual setting. Chica and the Man will provide music, and there will be food and a cash bar. Those in attendance can cast votes for the fourth annual **People's Choice Awards**.

Tickets for the Sneaker Preview are \$25 for AdFed members, \$30 for others.

Info: (760) 325-2882 or visit www.desertadfed.com.

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Intero gets into 'Who's Who' listing

Intero Real Estate Service Desert Cities' luxury properties are now included in **Who's Who in Luxury Real Estate's** website, www.LuxuryRealEstate.com. The site features more than 60,000 high-end listings with an average price of more than \$2 million.

Who's Who in Luxury Real Estate includes more than 1,400 members with properties in 67 countries and nearly all U.S. states.

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State and federal tax class offered

The **Coachella Valley Small Business Development Center** and state **Employment Development Department** will present the workshop "State and Federal Payroll Tax" from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 16 at **CVS-BD's** offices at 500 S. Palm Canyon Drive, Suite 222, Palm Springs.

Presenters will offer an overview of federal and state tax issues for small businesses at the free workshop.

Pre-registration is recommended.

Call (760) 864-1311.

— MIKE PERRAULT

Nonstop flights from Toronto

WestJet service from **Toronto Pearson International Airport to Palm Springs International Airport** is set to begin on Wednesday.

The direct, nonstop flights in new generation 737 aircraft, capable of carrying up to 136 passengers, are scheduled on Wednesdays and Saturdays through the end of April.

"We are thrilled that WestJet sees the potential of the Palm Springs market and has taken advantage of our city's Airline Incentive Program to promote its new service to our airport," **Mayor Steve Pougnet** said in a statement. "Our friends from Canada are a very important component to our resident and visitor base, and the city of Palm Springs is tremendously pleased that this important component continues to grow."

The new WestJet service will be the longest nonstop flight operated at Palm Springs International, said **Thomas Nolan**, airport executive director.

— DEBRA GRUSZECKI

rancho mirage

Author to speak at Library foundation

Dennis Lehane, author of the crime novel "A Drink Before the War," will be the featured speaker at the **Rancho Mirage Public Library Foundation's** annual **From Idea to Book** author luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 10 at **Westin Mission Hills Resort and Spa**, 71-333 Dinah Shore Drive, Rancho Mirage.

The cost is \$75 per person. Info: (760) 341-7323 or visit www.ranchoiragelibrary.org.

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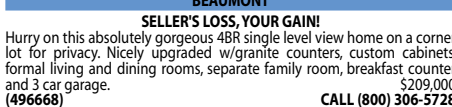
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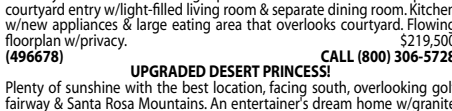
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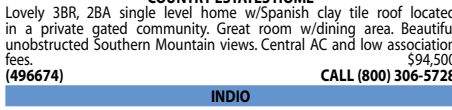
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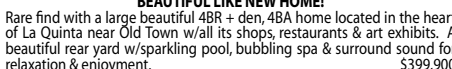
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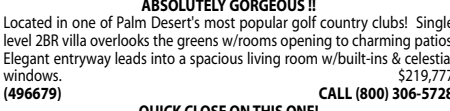
INDIO
GORGEOUS HOME IN 55+ COMMUNITY
Most popular floor plan in gated community w/tranquil rear yard w/lush landscape & custom cascading water feature. Large kitchen w/breakfast bar, & many upgrades including extended great room, golf cart garage & bay windows in 2 bedroom suites. \$94,500

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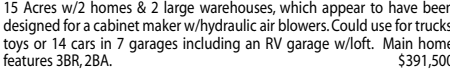
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