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For more information, please read CVWD's Annual Review and Drinking Water Report.

The Coachella Valley Water District is a public agency governed by a five-member board of directors. The district provides domestic and irrigation water, agricultural drainage, wastewater treatment and reclamation services, regional stormwater protection, groundwater management and water conservation. It serves approximately 108,000 residential and business customers across 1,000 square miles, located primarily in Riverside County, but also in portions of Imperial and San Diego counties.

THE SAGUARO WELCOMES A NEW EXHIBITION OF ORIGINAL ARTWORKS FROM PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM

The Saguaro, located in central Palm Springs, has announced that it will feature area artists Paula Gibbs and Mandy Main in an exhibition that will run through the end of March. The featured artists are members of the Palm Springs Art Museum Artists Council and were selected for this honor by the Saguaro. Now in its third year of hosting Artist Council exhibits, the Saguaro features new works from two artists every month in a location adjacent to the hotel lobby.

Palm Springs Art Museum Artists Council is composed of more than 400 professional artists and museum members actively engaged in the arts through exhibitions, workshops, and art-related programs. The council fosters fellowship among members and promotes the role of artists in the Coachella Valley. The members' artistic endeavors are recognized locally, nationally and internationally. In addition, Artists Council members initiate and participate in fundraising activities that support Palm Springs Art Museum's exhibitions, acquisitions, programs, and general operations.

The Saguaro is located at 1800 E. Palm Canyon Drive at the intersection of East Palm Canyon and Sunrise. For more information, call (760) 323-1711 or go to www.thesaguaro.com.

MICHAEL CHILDERS ONE NIGHT ONLY "SONDHEIM IN LOVE" TICKETS SELLING OUT QUICKLY BENEFITING JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF THE DESERT

Tickets for the ninth annual Michael Childers' production of One Night Only are selling out quickly. One Night Only is one of the desert's most anticipated evenings and sells out fast. The star-studded musical production is set for 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at the McCallum Theatre and benefits Jewish Family Service of the Desert (JFS). This year's production will be directed by the incomparable Lucie Amaz.

Tickets are available through the McCallum Theatre Box Office at (760) 340-ARTS or online at www.mccallumtheatre.com. Since 2008, the annual production has sold out every year within only a few weeks. Limited sponsorships and VIP tickets (including premier seating and the after theatre cast party) are available through JFS at (760) 325-4088, extension 118.

This year's theme is "Sondheim In Love" featuring some of legendary composer Stephen Sondheim's most romantic songs. The all-star cast includes Christine Andreas, Brent Barrett, Liz Callaway, Nancy Dussault, David Engel, Davis Gaines, Jason Graae, Hunter Ryan Herdlicka, Clint Holmes, Barb Jung, Millie Martin, Marilyn Maye, Howard McGillin, Julia Mumey, Teri Ralston, Lee Roy Reams, James Snyder, and Karen Zietmba, with John McDaniel as music director. All performers donate their time for this one-of-a kind performance.

For over 30 years, JFS of the Desert has provided services throughout the Coachella

Valley to those in need, regardless of religion, age, income, ethnicity or lifestyle. JFS services and programs are made possible through the financial support of Jewish Federation of the Desert, Desert Healthcare District, Kaiser Permanente and other grants and the generous support of donors. Most of the nearly 4,000 men, women and children served are from low-income households. They rely on JFS for low cost mental health counseling, crisis intervention and food support. JFS provides isolated, homebound seniors with care, transportation and enrichment activities. JFS also offers counseling and substance abuse education in local elementary schools.

EXQUISITE NEW CLAUDE MONET PAINTING NOW ON EXHIBIT AT HEATHER JAMES FINE ART IN PALM DESERT

Heather James Fine Art is pleased to announce the arrival of their newest acquisition, a Claude Monet masterwork dated to 1882 from his time in Pourville, France. It's one of the few oil-on-canvas seascapes created by the French Impressionist the year he resided in the small coastal resort in Northern France.

"Master works of this caliber are generally owned and exhibited by museums, so we're thrilled to have this evocative painting in our gallery, alongside our other master works by Picasso and Calder," says James Carona, co-owner, Heather James Fine Art. "This is a great opportunity for art aficionados to see master works right here in Palm Desert without having to travel to the world's best museums."

Monet's paintings have garnered some of the highest prices ever paid for an original work. His painting *Le Bassin Aux Nymphéas* (Water Lily Pond; 1919), from his series of water lily paintings, sold for \$88.5 million in 2008.

His seascapes, such as the new acquisition at Heather James, illustrate his masterful technique at capturing the light and shadow of the rugged Normandy coast, its dramatic cliffs, and the raging sea. Monet enjoyed his time Pourville, and wrote to his loved ones, "How beautiful the countryside is becoming, and what joy it would be for me to show you all its delightful nooks and crannies!"

Monet is considered the founder of French impressionism. Art critic Louis Leroy coined the term "Impressionism" after viewing a Monet painting titled, "Impression, Sunset," at an exhibition in 1874. Ironically, Leroy used the term disparagingly, but artists of the time adopted the term to their delight.

In addition to the new Monet, Heather James Fine Art's current exhibition, Picasso|Calder, showcases more than 60 Picasso paintings, prints and ceramics, and almost two dozen Alexander Calder artworks. Many of the pieces come from private collections and have never before been exhibited. The gallery is also featuring contemporary artworks by Max Pellegrini and Kaoru Mansour.

Heather James Fine Art is located at 45188 Portola Avenue in Palm Desert and features a wide array of art ranging from Impressionist and Modern art to Post-War and Contemporary, American, Latin American, Old Master, Photography and Design.

ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN FOR NEW TODDLER PROGRAMS AT CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY MUSEUM OF THE DESERT

Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert is excited to announce the return of toddler programming held on Mondays and Thursdays. Enrollment is open for children four years and younger.

These programs introduce new ways for the littlest museum-goers to experience developmentally appropriate and creative hands-on activities like yoga, cooking, music, movement, math and sign language.

"These classes are rooted in education, growing eager minds and opening up pathways for learning in exciting ways," said Carol Scott, Chief Executive Officer of Chil-

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