

WHAT'S NEW IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY

Everbloom Coffee has opened a new location at 45125 Smurr St. in the heart of rapidly changing dlowntown Indio on Oct. 13. PHOTOS BY JAY CALDERON/THE DESERT SUN

Just in time for fall, a coffee shop boom

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September was a relatively quiet month for restaurant news in the Coachella Valley, except when it came to coffee shops. ● A whopping four new java spots opened their doors last month, including a downtown offshoot of one of Indio’s most popular local spots and new places to get a cuppa before you hit the gym or poker table. ● Here’s a look at the new options for a caffeine jolt — and everything else that happened in the food and drink scene last month.

Everbloom Coffee

45125 Smurr Street in Indio
A lot has changed in the past six years for Everbloom Coffee, which in that time has gone from a cart in front of TKB Bakery & Deli to two brick-and-mortar shops of its own (not to mention a spot at the Coachella music festival). The second of those shops opened last month in downtown Indio, where it is the latest business to open as part of the area’s ongoing renaissance. The menu there mirrors the one at the original location off Highway 111, with the same mix of coffee shop classics such as cappuccino and cold brew and handmade syrups. The big difference here is the larger space, which includes ample indoor seating in comparison to the small counter and handful of outdoor seats at the first location. For now, the shop is open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Fuel Coffee + Shakes

Inside Pharos Athletic Club at 3455 North Indian Canyon Drive in Palm Springs
Located inside the new Pharos Athletic Club, this ain’t your standard coffee counter. Instead, just as the name indicates, Fuel also serves up several protein shakes that range from the fruity Mango Dreamsicle to the mega-caffeinated Java Jacked. There’s defi-



Claudia Baltazar takes a food order from Roel Gurrola at the takeout deli inside of Duke’s Mini Mart in Rancho Mirage, which recently reopened a year after a fire.

nately a healthful gym rat vibe to the place with various energy bars and other (mostly) nutritious snacks also offered for sale. But when it comes time for a cheat day, check out the display of cookies, short-breads and other decadent baked goods made by Le Cordon Bleu-trained pastry chef Kimberly Moore. Fuel also has a spacious seating area decorated with colorful, vintage art.

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A ‘day of profound joy’ in Israel

Families, residents cheer
as hostages released

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Israel celebrated the release of the remaining hostages taken by Hamas militants in the Oct. 7, 2023, attacks as the first phase in the U.S.-brokered cease-fire plan was met with joy around the world on Oct. 13.

Twenty Israeli hostages in Gaza were transferred to the International Committee of the Red Cross and returned home, according to the Israeli military. Almost 2,000 Palestinian prisoners were released by Israel as part of the ceasefire deal.

Cheers, cries and Hebrew songs rang out in Tel Aviv’s Hostage Square, where thousands of Israelis had gathered to celebrate the homecoming.

President Donald Trump traveled to the Middle East to greet the hostages as part of a whirlwind visit to Israel and Egypt while back home the U.S. government entered its 13th day in a shutdown.

“This is the historic dawn of a new Middle East,” Trump said in his remarks to the Knesset, Israel’s legislature, declaring it at the start of a 65-minute speech a “day of profound joy.”

The release of Israeli hostages held in Gaza began

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ANALYSIS

A triumphant Trump basks in praise

‘Peace president’ receives
warm reception in Israel

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The path to a durable peace between the Israelis and the Palestinians that President Donald Trump is pursuing will surely face hurdles and setbacks ahead, and success in that long struggle is hardly guaranteed.

But on Oct. 13, there was joy in the morning.

“After so many years of unceasing war and endless danger, today, the skies are calm, the guns are silent, the sirens are still, and the sun rises on a Holy Land that is finally at peace,” Trump told the Knesset, Israel’s legislature, in a triumphant 65-minute address marked by asides and interrupted by applause. “Generations from now, this will be remembered as the moment that everything began to change.”

There was jubilation on the streets of Tel Aviv and Gaza, and Trump, who is both praised and derided in his homeland, was greeted almost everywhere as a hero.

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☐ Is your dog or cat constantly licking, scratching, or chewing at their skin-even when they’re flea-free?

☐ Have you noticed ear infections, watery eyes, or unusual shedding in the past 3 months?

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