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People smoke a joint at the Lowell Cafe.



Boxes of matches for patrons are seen at the Lowell Cafe.



he added as he smoked a joint while munching on nachos topped with avocado. "They tried that over there and it seems to work." Antonela Balaguer, 23, another patron sitting nearby with a friend, said it was only fitting to finally have a cannabis cafe where customers could get high while enjoying some "nice stoner food." "I could probably come here every day," she said. "I would consume cannabis every day if I could." Drummer said the restaurant's 40 "Flower Hosts" have been trained to keep an eye on guests to make sure they are able to tolerate the cannabis they order and that nothing gets out of hand.

"Our bud hosts are very proficient in enquiring and asking

guest where they are at in their consumption level," she said. "You go to a bar and you know the cut-off point for the person who has ordered five whiskeys. So you have a conversation if that is the case." For Matt Kirschner, the new eatery is long overdue and marks a major milestone for the country. "This is the greatest thing that the United States has implemented into its culture in a while," said the 22-year-old law student as he smoked a joint and nibbled on mac and cheese bites and a chicken sandwich with a friend at Lowell's. "We're pretty stoned right now," he added, grinning. "We're enjoying the day, the music's good, the weather's good and we're in California. "Life can't get better." —AFP

