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World Famous Cannabis Café owner Madeline Martinez welcomes customers to her private marijuana club on Southeast 82nd and Foster, inviting people to gather in a safe, non-judgmental place to talk and share stories, maybe eat a little food or listen to music.

Recreational marijuana sales change the landscape

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Marijuana retailers and specialty shops and their customers in Portland and across the state are adjusting to a new reality with the start of legal recreational sales of the drug.

The purchases, which became allowed by state law to adults 21 on

Lining Up for Pot

Oct. 1, marks a dramatic change from decades of prohibitions, and was immediately felt by local shops and smoking clubs, including Portland's notorious World Famous Cannabis Café on Southeast Foster and 82nd Av-

enue, where recreational and medical users can smoke, eat, and discuss the latest step forward in the history of legalization.

Patrons were also filling up Shango, a marijuana dispensary only a few

blocks away. Taylor Myhra, the store manager, said that sales skyrocketed on their first day of selling pot recreationally.

"Normally, we'd have seen maybe 15 transactions by this time today," she said. "Today so far we have already had 115 customers." It was only 2 p.m. on the first day of recreational marijuana sales. The tiny shop was one of many in Portland with lines of customers waiting to make purchases.

Customers could purchase the drug to smoke at privately operated clubs like the World Famous Cannabis Café or in the privacy of their own homes.

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