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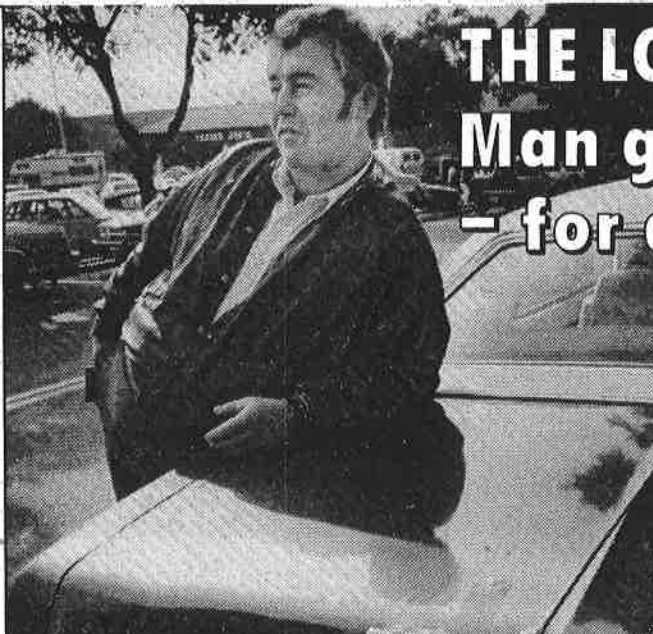
TRICK CIGAR BLOWS MAN'S HEAD OFF!

'He took two puffs and then — BOOM!' says restaurant manager

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Anti-smoking group blamed after . . .

By HENRY WEBER

Police suspect an anti-smoking group planted the exploding cigar that was so powerful it blew off a man's head!

"We've had at least 14 similar incidents and injuries but this is the first death," Police Sgt. Claudio Mendes told reporters in Vitoria, Brazil.

"It's certainly no joke," he added. "Our experts say the powder charge in that cigar was big enough to have taken down a wall."

The horrifying drama unfolded, ironically enough, at table 13 in Borgo's, one of the finest restaurants in Vitoria, said newspapers.

Georges Pressoa, 48, had just finished a meal with his wife and two friends when a middle-aged woman approached the table and offered him a large, foil-wrapped cigar.

"Georges smoked two cigars of his own before dinner and there were so many complaints that we thought the woman was sent by the

Exploding cigar blows off man's head

Crowded restaurant cleared after tragedy at table 13

management to apologize," said Laura Pressoa, the man's grieving widow.

"He sniffed the cigar she gave him and licked the end.

"He lit it with a wooden match and took two or three puffs.

"Then it went off — bang!"

The deafening explosion was so strong that it literally rocked the restau-

rant, said witnesses. Pressoa's wife and friends miraculously escaped injury.

Authorities said the blast actually vaporized Pressoa's head.

"There was nothing left from the neck up," said Sgt. Mendes.

"Fortunately he turned away from his dinner party when the loaded cigar went off.

"Otherwise they might

have been hurt or killed, too."

Suspected in the man's death is the small but militant anti-smoking group, Stop Smokers Now!

The group has claimed responsibility in the firebombings of several tobacco shops in the past six months.

Police think attacks on individuals like Pressoa are just a logical step in the

group's war against smoking in public.

"SSN is an underground group and extremely elusive," said Sgt. Mendes. "But I promise you we will stop them before another innocent smoker is killed."

"Georges loved his cigars and railed against anyone who tried to stop him from smoking. I wonder what he's saying now?" Mrs. Pressoa said.

Miracle rosaries turn to gold, say parishioners

Parishioners at a small church proclaimed it a miracle when they returned from a holy pilgrimage — and their rosaries mysteriously turned from silver to gold.

Several members of St. Barnabas Roman Catholic Church in Portsmouth, R.I., bought the rosaries during a visit to Medjugorje, Yugoslavia.

The metal links on William Ward's rosary have taken on a wondrous golden glow since he returned from Medjugorje, where several sightings of the Virgin Mary have been reported through the years.

When Sister Mary Margaret touched her rosary to a smaller one in the church

Blessed beads were obtained on pilgrimage to Europe

chapel, the crucifix turned from a dull silver to bright gold. She has had the rosary for 43 years.

Other nuns teased Sister Mary Margaret about her incredible story until they touched their rosaries to hers with the same magical result.

Church member Rose Thiebal found a blue rosary in an old store about eight years ago. The links between the beads have now turned gold.

Annette Therrien's 16-year-old daughter, Celeste, has



PARISHIONER Mary Lopez, 91, holds one of the rosaries that some members of a small Roman Catholic church believe have miraculously turned to gold.

been in a coma for two years. Whenever she places her brown-beaded rosary in her daughter's hand, the medalion takes on a golden tint.

At least a dozen other members of the tiny church have witnessed an extraordinary change from silver to gold in the color of their rosaries.

"We believe we are witnessing one of God's miracles," said a spokesman for church

priest, Father Thomas Hart. "It has done a lot — spiritually — for the people of our parish.

"The Lord works in mysterious ways. This year has been proclaimed the Marion Year when we call attention to the Virgin Mary and ask for increased devotion to her. And because this has happened since the pilgrimages, we believe there is a connection."

Cushy job

Richard Fitzpatrick reads, watches TV and naps all day long — and gets paid \$187.60 a week for doing it. The Houston, Tex., resident is part of a NASA experiment to determine the effects of long periods in space.

Bite-size pumpkin

Fully grown, the world's tiniest pumpkin is no bigger than a bite, weighs a half-ounce — and is the size of a quarter.

Earl Brown of Madisonville, Ky., won \$500 and a gold coin for his teenie-weenie pumpkin in competition with 233 other entries in Elkhorn, Nebr.

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