

Cigar shop opens in Easton

• Smokeshop features a cigar lounge and built-in humidor

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EASTON — The large, built-in humidor at the new Cigar and Smokeshop at South Washington Street and Glenwood Avenue is lined with shelves of cigars of all different sizes and shades.

Store owner and operator Brian Sudar said the humidor, designed to keep the cigars at an appropriate humidity and temperature, is the largest one in the area.

"Most of our cigars are made in the Dominican Republic," he said. "They range from \$1 and \$2 to \$19."

Cigar accessories, hand-crafted humidors, imported pipes, tobaccos and cigar-theme golfing items are also found throughout the shop. The main feature, however, is a cigar lounge with a coffee bar, leather chairs, a chess table, a TV and a selection of newspapers.

"We want people to feel free to stop by and just relax," Sudar said.

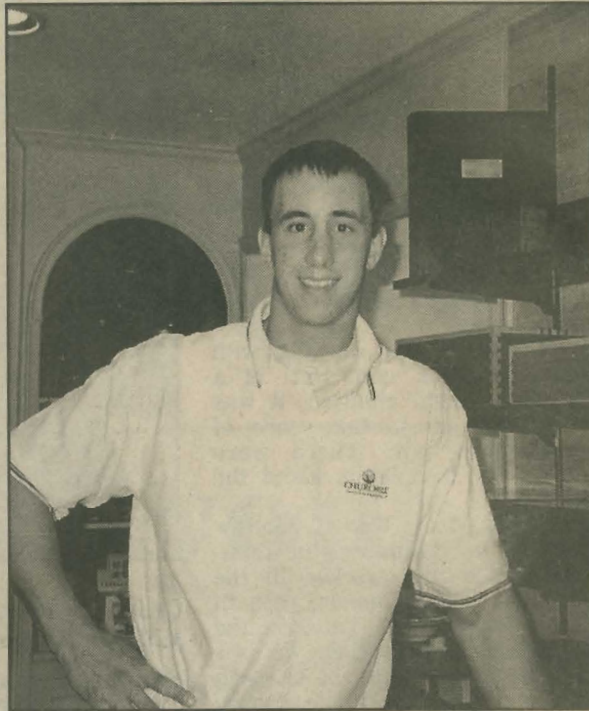
Originally from Baltimore, Sudar, 22, is a Towson University marketing major. "Our family has a vacation home in Oxford," Sudar said. "My dad is a long-time cigar aficionado, so this seemed a like a great project."

The Cigar and Smokeshop has a second location in the St. Michael's Town Hall Mall. There is also a mail order business operated out of the shop.

Sudar is assisted in the venture by his parents, Robert and Joanne, both Baltimore attorneys.

Robert Sudar said the downtown location was ideal for the shop.

"This building was in great shape," he said. "It's



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Owner and operator Brian Sudar stands by hand-crafted humidors in the new Cigar and Smokeshop at S. Washington Street and Glenwood Avenue in downtown Easton.

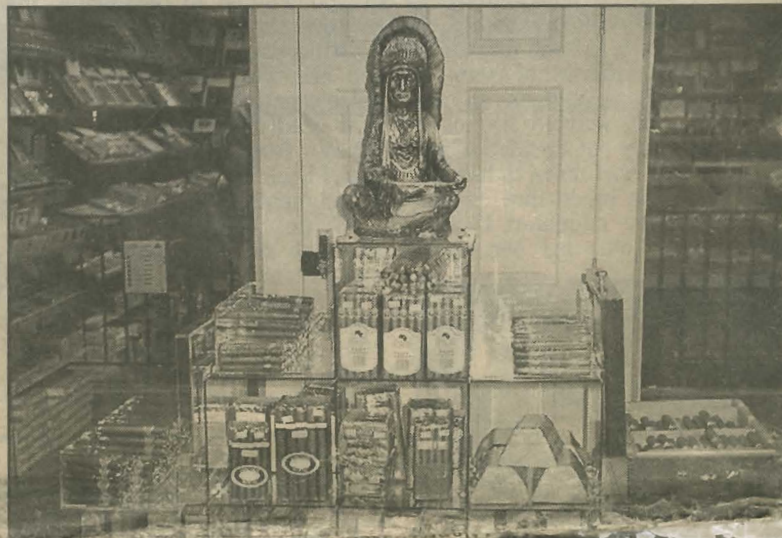
attractive, homey and it's on a comfortable corner."

Brian Sudar said he expects the area to be receptive to the shop.

"Easton is a frequent way station," he said. "The downtown district seemed like the ideal place to open a shop where people could settle in for a while before heading home or to the coast."

Shop hours are 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The shop is closed Sunday.

For more information about the shop, call 410-770-5084.



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