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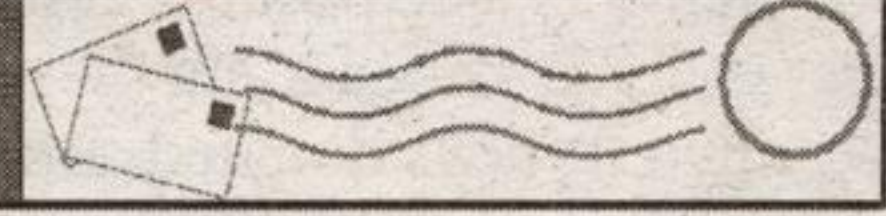
# Many more people would be alive if smoking was banned

To the Editor,

With reference to the letter in last week's paper from Eileen Hutcheson, I write as one who was asthmatic many years ago. One of my sensitivities was to tobacco smoke and if I suffered from "misplaced anger", it was probably because it was no fun having a breathing problem and having to pay to go to an allergist to get antihistamine shots and medication to control my wheezing and coughing. It was necessitated having to move from an upper flat where the men downstairs smoked.

All four brothers and three of my sisters smoked. Had they not, some of them might

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still be alive. I sent cigarettes to my brothers when they were overseas and to our prisoner of war. That was before my allergy problems. One of my brothers eventually did stop smoking after he was diagnosed with cancer and had surgery. Two others stopped after health problems - heart and emphysema.

I fail to understand if smoking was banned in all public places, why there would not be a level playing field.

Do you know the first two questions a pediatrician asks

parents who are asking for his help for a child with respiratory problems? No. 1 - Anybody in the house smoke? And No. 2 any pets? I know a family who gave up their dog when their child was diagnosed with asthma. I know another father who continued to smoke when one of his children was diagnosed with multiple sensitivities.

I was once asked to move up in a company where I worked but I hesitated because my prospective boss smoked cigars so told him my predicament. He said he didn't smoke much inside and it shouldn't be a problem.

As an 'anti-smoking zealot', yes, I didn't enjoy sitting in a restaurant while people across the divider contaminated the air I had to breathe.

Why do you think "stop smoking" is near the top of the list for things to do for a healthy lifestyle?

Please don't tell me smoking doesn't affect every phase of our lives - and as for dog doo, that aggravates some asthmatics as well and I resent having to share the sidewalk with dogs, especially when taxpayers have provided a place for them to run.

As for "nails in coffins", if smoking is banned, we might save a lot of nails and delay the coffins, to say nothing of health costs.

Inez Brennan

## Agrees with letter from Eileen Hutcheson

To the editor:

Re the December 11/03 issue:

I cannot agree more with the letter written by Eileen Hutcheson. It gives one pause for thought. It could not have been said any better, and I commend her astuteness in her com-

ments and observations. It is good to read an intelligent letter.

Also, a comment about Mike O'Leary's column on the absurdity of the use of "festive" instead of Christmas. I wholeheartedly agree. I, too, intend to boycott any establishments that use "festive" to describe the most traditional of holidays in this ridiculous fashion so as to not offend anyone. Not only is this use of "festive" totally offensive but also ridiculous!!

Another item that I found offensive was learning that our illustrious former mayor Gastle had the nerve to spend \$10,000 of taxpayers money for a new chain of office. Good riddance to Gastle. May we have a more conscientious mayor this time around who thinks twice before spending exorbitant and excessive amounts of money on trivial things.

Thank you letting me for have my say. Merry Christmas to all at the New Tanner.  
Nadia Noack

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