

Second-hand smoke

GASP (Group Against Smokers' Pollution) applauds Raymond Sokolov's cold-turkey abandonment of cigarettes. ("Havanas, Sil," Sept. 28). But we reject with even more fervor his adoption of cigars.

According to medical research, nonsmokers are even more vulnerable to the concentrated toxins of tobacco smoke from cigars and pipes than we are to the adulterated burning paper, tobacco and "flavor" additives of cigarettes.

"I never inhale," he intones. We inhale! We can't help it! As long as nonsmokers wish to breathe from time to time, we are forced by social misfits like Mr. Sokolov to inhale their tobacco effluvia, which exacerbates our allergies [and] triggers coughs, runny eyes and noses, wheezes and sneezes.

Elderly persons, those with a heart condition, infants and young children are particularly susceptible to the rigors of what the Surgeon General of the United States terms

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