Smoking is outdated

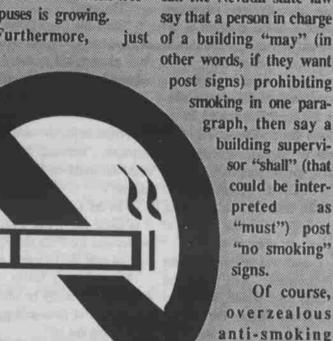
Heard the news? ing ban enacted on cam- campuses is growing. pus. They said that their freedom in being threat-

Okay. There's nothing wrong with standing up for what you believe in, but the smokers may be fighting a losing battle.

The public attitude simple: Smoking in public, as well as private places just isn't acceptable anymore. Studies have shown that second-hand smoke-smoke that drifts may be harmful to non- smoking is a right? smokers. Nicotine has lost its glamour and popular- laws on smoking in public tions may not win this one.

Some students who number of smokers in the and yes, they need to be smoke are getting together US is declining overall. The revised (for example: how to fight the recent smok- trend towards "smoke-free" can the Nevada state law

Furthermore,



from someone's cigarette where is it written that level.

Yes, the current state smokers' rights organiza-

ity in this country, and the facilities are confusing, say that a person in charge other words, if they want post signs) prohibiting

graph, then say a building supervisor "shall" (that could be inter-"must") post "no smoking"

overzealous anti-smoking groups don't help to rectify the situation much. And neither does a loopy policy on the state or university

But in the end, local

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Allergies: The saddening part of spring

JUST A COMMENT

by Aletra Hart

Spring? Did I hear somebody say, "spring?"

Whoever it was, it must have been a Las Vegas native because he is probably the only person who can make a distinction among the four "seasons" as they present themselves in this little corner of hayfever before they moved here, the universe.

Eighty degrees on a spring day? Those are summer temperatures where I come from.

The only way I can tell that "spring has sprung" is by my pollen-radar: Hayfever. Otherwise, the seasons in this desert...well, it is like winter and summer forgot to unlock the back door for spring and autumn and drove off without them.

No, we do not have "spring," but we do have allergy season.

What does this mean to Las Vegans? I cannot speak for everybody, especially for new residents, but allergy season is upon us and, if it has not affected you yet, thank God that it has not, and pray that it

allergy. I do not know exact ratios or percentages (statistics are manipulated to suit a survey anyway), but I know many people wonder how and where hayfever managed to tackle them.

"It came out of nowhere,"

are overtaken by hayfever's short but ruthless life span within two years of moving to this place.

Word has it that olive trees and mulberry trees are the main culprits of the Hayfever Ordeal. Funny how these trees are the most abundant trees in this exploding city of

the dog, I suppose. Luckily, some sympathetic bureaucrat succeeded the number of olive trees that could be planted in this valley.

I am sure that if a large number of cottonwood trees towered

above our houses instead of olive Hayfever is a pretty common trees being predominant, we would Are you high?" be suffering, sniffling, and wheezing all the same. The pollen from Cottonwood trees is as tormenting as that of olive and mulberry trees.

Of course, if one is desperate enough and does not mind a (painful) shot in the butt, cortizone clears the reaction within a couple of days; am just dying of hayfever." Many say they did not have it only takes one shot per year.

As long as I do not grow hair died of haylever ... which is more than feasible; some on my chin from the steroid, I do medicines, even the non-drowsy formulas, do about the same thing for allergy-related congestion as aspirin does for an ingrown toenail...NOTHING!

People with allergies should be proud. Having allergies means having an active immune system. I do not know exactly what that is They provide good shade for supposed to mean, but it sounds comforting.

Some allergy sufferers, before in passing an ordinance restricting resorting to the remedies and the medicines and the doctor's visits, hold out as long as possible, usually until their friends take a look at them and offer friendly criticism:

allergy victim.

"Your eyes are so red and glassy. You look like you have or something."

of the most healthy people I know not mind a single bit. Allergy sufferers in Las Vegas have rea- sand percent better. sonable grounds to complain; wherever the parent plants of these antigens are found, people are defenseless against whatever the wind caronly making the sufferer miscrable. region,

Some people miss more work days because of allergies than because of the common cold.

for air during an asthma attack left Season From Hell.

"What's the matter with you? me ever-grateful that I did not have to suffer so. Two years ago, how-"No(sniffle, sniffle)' replies the ever, was the first of the Hayfever Seasons from Hell, when I, too, was wheezing and gasping for air.

I knew a person could develop chain-smoked about twenty joints allergies, but I did not think a person could develop asthma. I was "Thanks. Thanks a lot. No, I "being ridiculous," my doctor said. I was "simply experiencing one of I wonder if anyone has ever the worst bouts with hayfever [he] had seen" that season...like that was Suffice it to say that hayfever supposed to make me feel one-thou-

Spring in Las Vegas is only "spring" in that it alerts allergy sufferers to the budding of the trees ries; the immune system has to and the rebirth of other seasonal accept the responsibility of keep-vegetation. The rest of spring's ating its host in a homeostatic state, tributes (cool, favorable weather; which ultimately means that as long green trees flourishing on every as the antigens are present, the street corner, lying in the sun withimmune system is fighting them and out drying-out) are foreign to this

Spring Fever? Well, that depends how much a person likes All the years of hearing my carrying a box of Kleenex in eightyasthmatic sister wheeze and gasp degree weather. I'd call it...The