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What a scream!

A magician and his ghoulish friend stir a simmering pot of human bones and skulls at Screamefest 2002. The haunted house at the White Rock Ostrich Farm on Fourth Line, north of No. 25 Sideroad, is open every Friday and Saturday night until Halloween with a special evening October 26, when a portion of the proceeds will go to Halton Women's Place.

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Many bars still allowing smoking

Town has received 50 complaints of smoking in public places, but no charges have been laid

By **RICHARD VIVIAN**
The Champion

Numerous area bars and restaurants are allowing smoking at their establishments and that has law-abiding bar owners calling for action.

Earlier this week, The Champion visited a series of bars and restaurants across town and discovered at least half weren't enforcing the no-smoking bylaw.

And restaurant and bar owners in compliance with the bylaw say that's putting them at a disadvantage.

Millside Restaurant owner Joe DePalma said he

has lost business since the no-smoking bylaw came into effect at the end of May but doesn't think it's right to contravene it.

"I'm sticking to my guns. I'm not going to break the law," he said.

Co-owner of The Ivy Arms, Ken Phillips shares Mr. DePalma's sentiments and says he intends to seek town council's assistance on the issue.

"We will be making a representation to town council to ask them to re-open the bylaw and give us some latitude to maybe just have smoking at the bar and not at the restaurant part," he said.

"We'll appeal to council one more time before we either break the law or take a class-action suit to over-rule it."

Since the butt ban came into effect, the Town has received 50 complaints of smoking in public places.

"There's been no charges laid, but we are actively enforcing the bylaw," said Acting Clerk Karyn Bennett, whose department includes bylaw enforcement.

Town has issued warnings

Several warnings have been given to area businesses in relation to the smoking ban and charges are "within the realm of possibility," Ms Bennett added.

Though never charged, the Hardball Cafe is currently involved in a legal challenge of the smoking bylaw.

The first court appearance on the issue is scheduled for Monday, at which time bar owner Carlo Giangrande will seek to have enforcement of the bylaw delayed until the challenge is complete.

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