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Look for a profile on Miss Teen Halton Chelsey Bouchey as she prepares for the Miss Teen Canada Scholarship Competition set for Niagara Falls later this month.

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Buckin' bronco bucks Billy

Nine-year-old Billy Barnes of Acton tackled the mechanical bucking bronco at the Leathertown Festival on Sunday and found out the amusement ride is a little like the real thing. Mill St. in Acton was lined with vendors and organizers estimate 10,000 festival-goers took in the 13th annual event which featured a 'Gone Country' theme. For more photos, see page 3.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

Human rights ruling 'a slap on the wrist'

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A Canadian Human Rights Tribunal decision to impose a \$1,000 fine on local man Craig Harrison, who was found responsible for posting hate propaganda on the Internet, is a "slap on the wrist", says a member of a group that promotes racial harmony.

"I'm truly disappointed," said Elizabeth Carmichael, chair of the North Halton Cultural Awareness Council. "This is a shame."

In his decision released yesterday

(Tuesday), Michel Doucet, chairman of the Canadian Human Rights Council, found complainant Richard Warman's rights under the Canadian Human Rights Act were contravened by Harrison, 40, of Georgetown.

Along with the fine, Harrison was ordered to stop posting hate propaganda on the Internet after finding he authored several discriminatory messages posted on websites.

"Who is going to control him? Who is going to police him? We have to look at tougher laws for hate on the Internet," said Carmichael. "Hate can destroy."

Doucet said in his decision that, based on evidence, "I find that Craig Harrison is the author of the messages posted on the Freedomsite and of those posted in the Yoderanium forum under the login names "realcanadianson", "rump" and "realamericanson".

At a hearing held in Toronto in June, Harrison was accused of posting hate propaganda on a Toronto website calling for the murder of the family of former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, blacks, non-whites, francophones and aboriginals.

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