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YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN HALTON



Top 10 Rentals

THE MAGIC OF THE MOVIES AT HOME

This week's Top Ten Movie Rentals brought to you by



1. **Manchurian Candidate**
2. **King Arthur**
3. **I, Robot**
4. **Collateral**
5. **Dodgeball**
6. **Napoleon Dynamite**
7. **Bourne Supremacy**
8. **De-Lovely**
9. **Surviving Christmas**
10. **Thunderbirds**

film review

BY LAURA COOK

National Treasure



Director John Turtletub and producer Jerry Bruckheimer have teamed up to bring American history alive with this season's most thrilling mystery story, *National Treasure*. Starring Academy Award winner Nicolas Cage as the gifted historian Benjamin Franklin Gates, this treasure hunter has searched his entire life for a treasure that nobody believed existed. Moved through various continents and hidden by the Founding Fathers of the United States of America, clues to the treasure are buried within the symbols of everyday life. As a treasure hunter and protector, Gates' life long journey has brought him to a most unlikely source; the Declaration of Independence. Gates' desired treasure, also called the Knights Templar Treasure, is rumoured to be the most awesome bounty in human history, and hidden somewhere in America.

For the past six generations, Gates' family has chased after the abundant clues left behind by the Founding Fathers and scoured the country for the treasure. When one of Gates' team members decides to break away from the group and go after the treasure for himself, the race to rescue the treasure from a money hungry mongrel begins. Who would ever think there is a hidden map on the back of the Declaration of Independence? In a race against time, Gates is forced to elude the FBI and solve clue after clue, all the while dodging his adversary (Sean Bean).

With lots of quick cutting, an abundance of low angle shots and specific location filming at many of the United States historical sites, this high-energy film delivers a thrill from minute one to one hundred and one. Although this mystery and adventure story may seem far-fetched, the inspiration stems from real historical rumours about the Knights Templar Treasure, actual secret codes used by America's Founding Fathers, and actual mystical Masonic symbols that can be found on the U.S. dollar bill. Rated PG-13 for action violence and some scary images, this film is sure to win over any action fan young or old.

"Here's to the men who did what was considered wrong, in order to do what they knew was right." — Ben Gates.

Halton Compass gingerbread winner



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The Halton Compass donated a gingerbread house to Limehouse Public School in December to help the school raise funds through ticket sales. The winner of the draw was Jackie Lycett. Jackie's daughters, Natalie and her big sister Nicole, accepted the gift on their mom's behalf. Both girls are students at Limehouse Public School.

New Releases

Manchurian Candidate

starring: Denzel Washington, Meryl Streep

In the midst of the Gulf War, soldiers are kidnapped and brainwashed for sinister purposes. One soldier tries to unravel the web of deceit before something terrible happens.

rated: 14A for violence and some language

King Arthur

starring: Clive Owen, Kiera Knightly

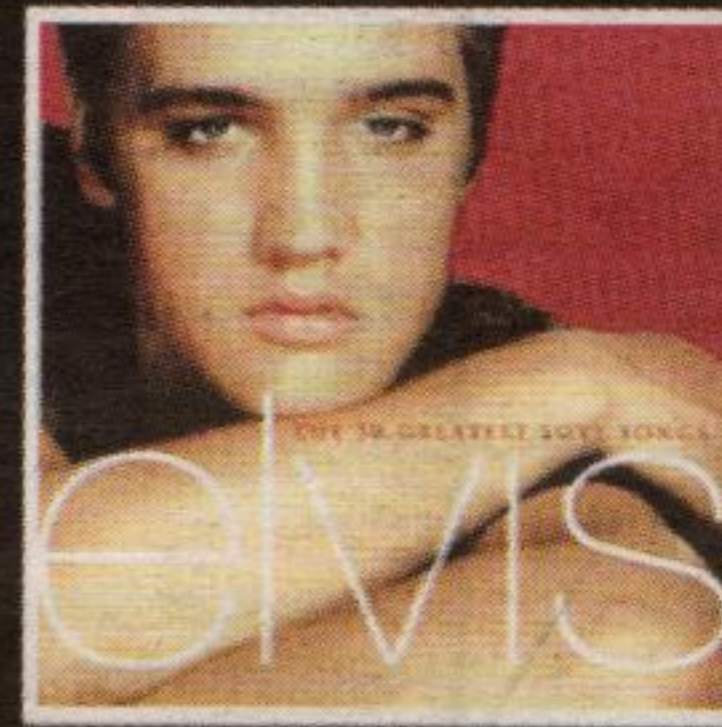
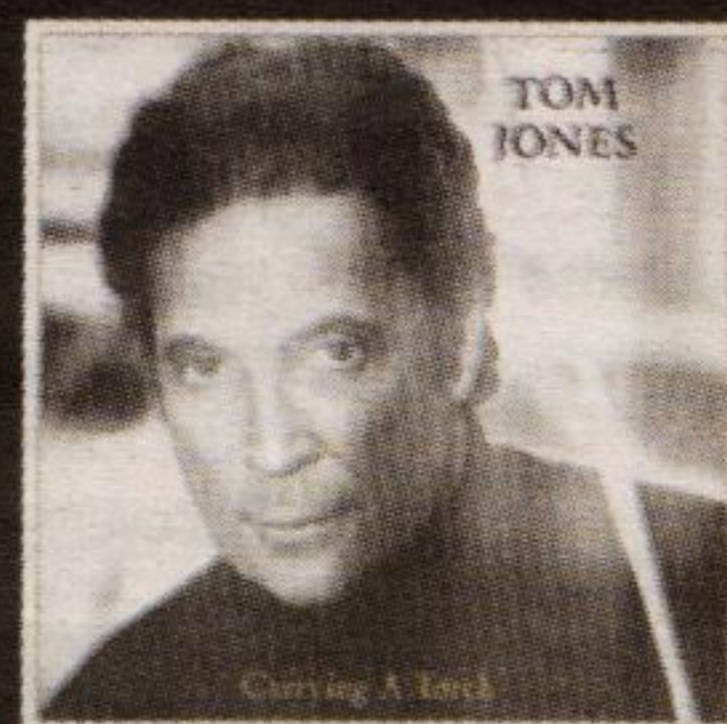
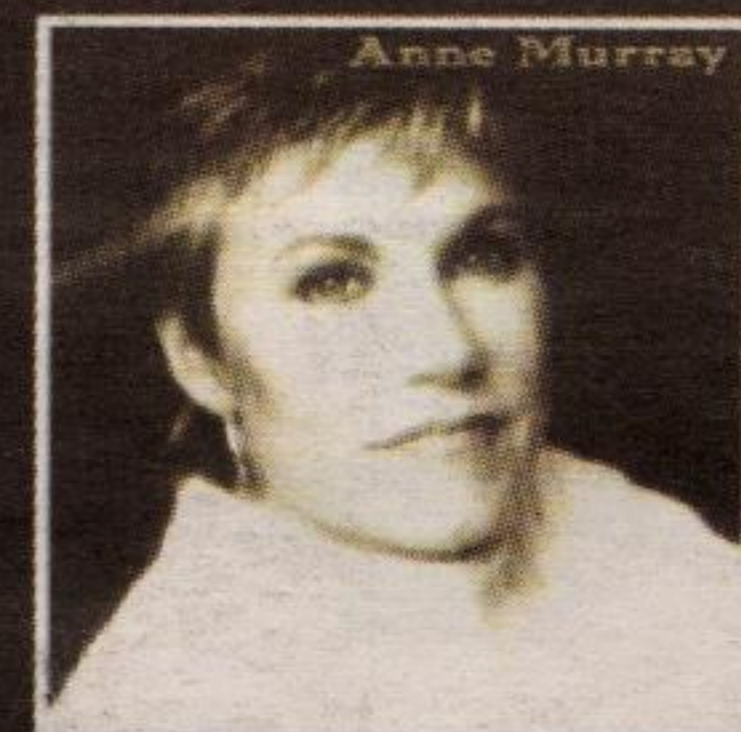
As the Roman Empire crumbles, the British Isles are thrown into anarchy as errant knights are entrenched in years of territorial battle. Then, one king emerges to unite them, Arthur, with his concept of a Round Table of united knights.

rated: 14A for intense battle sequences, a scene of sensuality and some language.

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