

# It's worth the drive to the Acton Leathertown Festival

By DONNA DANIELLI

For a variety of attractions and entertainment for the entire family, the Acton Leathertown Festival can't be beat. Taking place on Sunday, August 7 in downtown Acton, the festival has something to offer for everyone. Kids' Zone will contain such favourites as a bouncy castle, rock climbing, a skateboard park, inflatable bullring, petting zoo, pony rides and more. Look for a full day's entertainment on the kids' stage with performers such as Robert Little's Everybody Dance Club, Doug Barr, Pets on Parade, the Dance Inn and Princess Karma's Magic Show.

New to the Festival this year are the Leathertown Ambassador Crowning and the wildly popular Acton idol finals. Starting at 2 pm, the five Acton idol finalists, who were picked by a panel of judges during the Canada Day Concert in the Park event will perform a song of their choice. The winner will then perform with either Cedar Trail recording artist and local country singing sensation Alysha Brooke or her rock and roll counterpart, Jennalynn Flesch. Both artists will also serve as judges for the competition.

Also performing for the adults on the main stage will be such popular performers as the Acton Citizen's Band and local rock group Life Time Drive (L.T.D.). "I'm happy that we're getting out there and extending our fan base," says L.T.D. guitarist Jonathan Volpe. "We're excited to play in front of a new crowd. We're hoping that there will be a crowd of all different ages. We're curious to see how our music will fly before a new crowd and to see who will be most interested in the classic rock and roll music that we play."

For more information call the Acton BIA at 519-853-9555 or you can check the Festival website at [www.downtownacton.ca/LeathertownFestival/leathertownfestival2005.html](http://www.downtownacton.ca/LeathertownFestival/leathertownfestival2005.html).

## 25 years of dedicated service

By DONNA DANIELLI

A leader is traditionally defined as somebody whom people follow, who guides or directs people by showing them the way. It is a role that encompasses vision and commitment and none have embodied the spirit of that definition more for the Town of Milton than Mayor Gordon Krantz.

Join the Milton Chamber of Commerce, as they celebrate with Milton citizens, businesses, long time friends and municipal colleagues, the twenty-fifth anniversary of Mayor Krantz's service as mayor. The celebration will take place on September 24 at Rattlesnake Point Golf Club at 6:00 p.m. and will feature master of ceremonies Jim Paulson of AM 740.

Throughout his two and a half decades as mayor (preceded by fifteen years service as a municipal councillor) Mayor Krantz has strengthened his community with his involvement in such services as the Region of Halton, the Niagara Escarpment Commission, Conservation Halton and Milton Hydro. He has been involved with such significant projects as the restoration of the Town Hall facility, the Milton Leisure Centre, the 401 Industrial Park, and more.

Tickets for the event are available through the Milton Chamber of Commerce for a cost of \$125 each. Proceeds from the ticket sales will support the Chamber Legacy Fund in the name of Gord Krantz Legacy fund which will be used to improve and maintain community landmarks. For more information, please contact the Milton Chamber of Commerce at 905-878-0581.

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## Sid Meier's Pirates! microplay

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Platform: Xbox and PC  
ESRB Rating: Teen

Age appropriateness: Contains relatively tame piratey violence. Recommended for ages 14 and up (mostly due to difficulty).

I'm going to dispense with the obligatory pirate jokes, settling for a mere: Arrrrr, Alrighty. With that out of the way, Sid Meier's *Pirates!* is a surprisingly fun game. Not the action game a lot of people expect it to be, it's instead a really faithful pirating simulation. The game starts you off with a bit of a backstory about your family being wronged and imprisoned, and it being your job to escape, commandeer a ship, amass great wealth and an enormous fleet, and then sail back to rescue them. Sounds easy enough, right?

*Pirates!* lets you choose to side with one of the game's four countries, which makes that country's ports a bit friendlier to your armada, or just be a right jerk and attack everything you come across. Your long-term goal is to save your family (done through a series of missions you can do or skip at your leisure), but in the meantime, you can do pretty much anything you like. Need more ships? Sail around until you find a pretty

one, and then attack it! Not enough gold in your coffers? Find some buried treasure! You can do pretty much anything a "real" pirate could, from raiding towns at night, to attacking payroll ships, to romancing the governor's daughter. You can be as respectable or dirty as you like.

Most of the game's activities happen in mini-games. When you raid a town, you're treated to a pac-man-style game where you have to grab as much loot in a maze as possible while avoiding guards. Swordfighting and dancing (how you woo the governor's daughter) are done with fairly challenging button combination games. The real meat of the game, though, is the ship combat. Whenever you run across a ship you want to plunder or take for yourself, you zoom into a closer view of the battle. Taking into account things like wind direction and cannon superiority, you hammer away at the opponent until either the crew gives up or you sink it. Ultimately, while *Pirates!* may be a bit too slow-paced for some gamers, it will reward patient players with its innovative and challenging gameplay.

Rating: 4/5

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



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| 1. <b>XXX: State of the Union</b> | 5. <b>The Upside of Anger</b> |
| 2. <b>Constantine</b>             | 6. <b>Hide and Seek</b>       |
| 3. <b>Million Dollar Baby</b>     | 7. <b>The Ice Princess</b>    |
| 4. <b>Man of the House</b>        | 8. <b>Hostage</b>             |
|                                   | 9. <b>The Pacifier</b>        |
|                                   | 10. <b>Hitch</b>              |

## New Releases

### XXX: State of the Union

*Ice Cube, Willem Dafoe, Samuel L. Jackson*  
NSA Agent Augustus Gibbons recruits another civilian to help prevent a group of military extremists from taking over Washington DC and the entire US Government.

### The Upside of Anger

*Kevin Costner, Joan Allen, Erika Christensen*

Terry Wolfmeyer is a suburban wife and mother whose life takes an unusual turn when her husband unexpectedly disappears. Struggling to deal with his sudden absence, Terry finds herself increasingly at odds with her four headstrong daughters and regularly drowning her anger in alcohol, until she develops an offbeat relationship with her next door neighbour, Denny. Complications arise however, when Terry's daughters grow accustomed to having Denny around while attempting to juggle not only their mother's romantic dilemmas, but their own.

## The Wedding Crashers

Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson rock the big screen in this hilarious new comedy called *The Wedding Crashers*. Directed by David Dobkin, *The Wedding Crashers* follow John Beckwith (Owen Wilson) and Jeremy Grey (Vince Vaughn), two divorce mediators, as they set out for another season of wedding crashing. Whether the wedding is Jewish, Italian or Hindu, this charming pair of bachelors takes advantage of any opportunity to attend a wedding reception whether they are invited or not!

As the lifelong friends embark on their yearly springtime adventures, the duo adheres to strict rules for picking up women as they crash weddings. John and Jeremy have a charismatic appeal to them and always become the hit of every reception. They theorize that women at weddings are aroused by the very thought of marriage and are more likely to be with them then at other times.

When another successful season of wedding crashing is over, Jeremy finds out that the Treasury Secretary William Cleary (played by Christopher Walken) and Kathleen (Jane Seymour) are getting married. This wedding is sure to be the social

## film review

By LAURA SCHOFIELD

event of the year so of course John and Jeremy jump at the chance to crash the event. Setting their sights on bridesmaids played by Rachel McAdams and Isla Fisher, the two men attempt to seduce yet another pair of unsuspecting women.

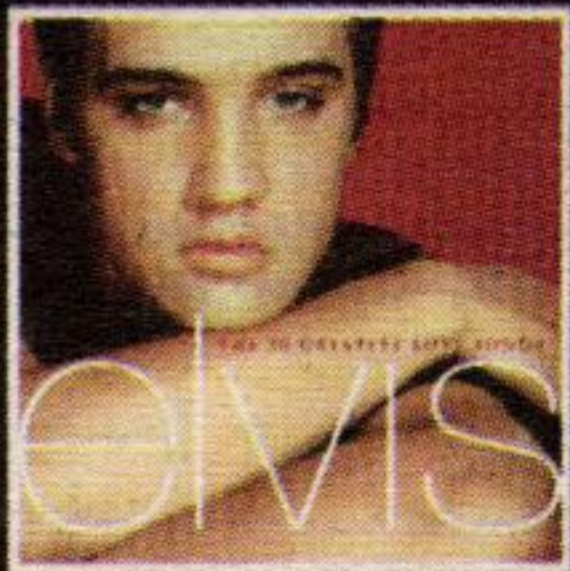
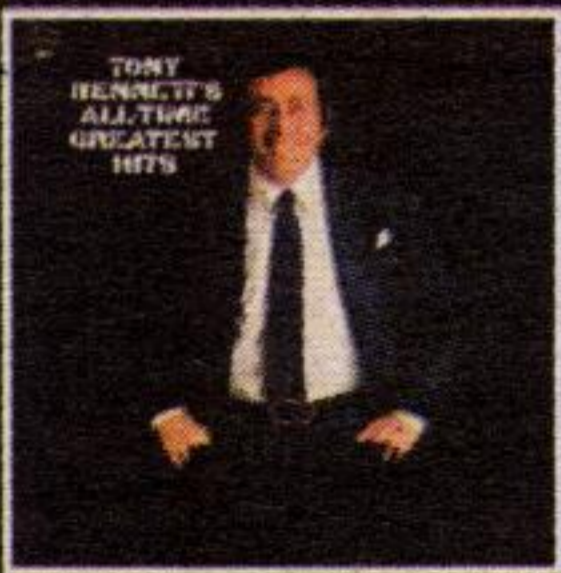
Will their game plan work as well as it has in the past or will there be trouble in wedding crashing paradise??? When Rachel McAdams' character Claire, ends up having a boyfriend, John becomes crushed and has to break some of the wedding crashing rules and accept an invitation to the Cleary family estate. Are John and Jeremy's wedding crashing days over?

If you are looking for a light hearted comedy, *The Wedding Crashers* is definitely a film that will leave you with a smile on your face. The film is released by the New Line Cinema Company and has a running time of one hundred and thirteen minutes. It does have an MPAA rating of R for the sexual content, nudity and language so it is best for adult audiences only.

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