

# Halton board likely to spare Acton schools

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there was some concern that the province would still consider it two schools.

Gardiner said Thursday's meeting appeared to have alleviated most of the parents' concerns.

"From the parents I spoke to, they're feeling a lot better now than before the meeting. The vast majority understand why we're doing this. Certainly they see what is going on in Toronto. We're in the same situation but it is not as pronounced."

"There was some concern that Acton was being treated differently than the rest of Halton," Greyson said. "It was a fair concern but I think they left satisfied they would be treated the same."

The next public meeting is set for Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at Acton High School.

# Town's outside workers vote in favor of strike

The town's unionized outside workers, members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 73, voted in favor of a strike Tuesday night and have requested a conciliator.

Steve McKnight, Local president, said there was 100 per cent support for a strike from the members at the meeting, but no strike date has been set. He said a date for conciliation is expected in the next two weeks. There are about 40 town employees represented by the union including public works employees who plow roads and clear sidewalks and arena, pool, parks and cemetery employees. They have been without a contract since April.

McKnight would not comment on the details of contract negotia-

tions with the town, but said they were negotiating last week. Prior to the vote the town's personnel officer Marc Cohen said "we don't comment on labor relations issues."

"The town hasn't been notified a strike vote has been taken," said Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson on Thursday. McKnight said the town's personnel officer was notified of the outcome of the strike vote on Wednesday.

When asked if the town was aware of the union's request for conciliation she said "negotiations are behind closed doors." McKnight said the town has been notified of the unions' request.

"We are looking to settle the negotiations," said Serjeantson when asked what the town's plans were in the event of a strike.

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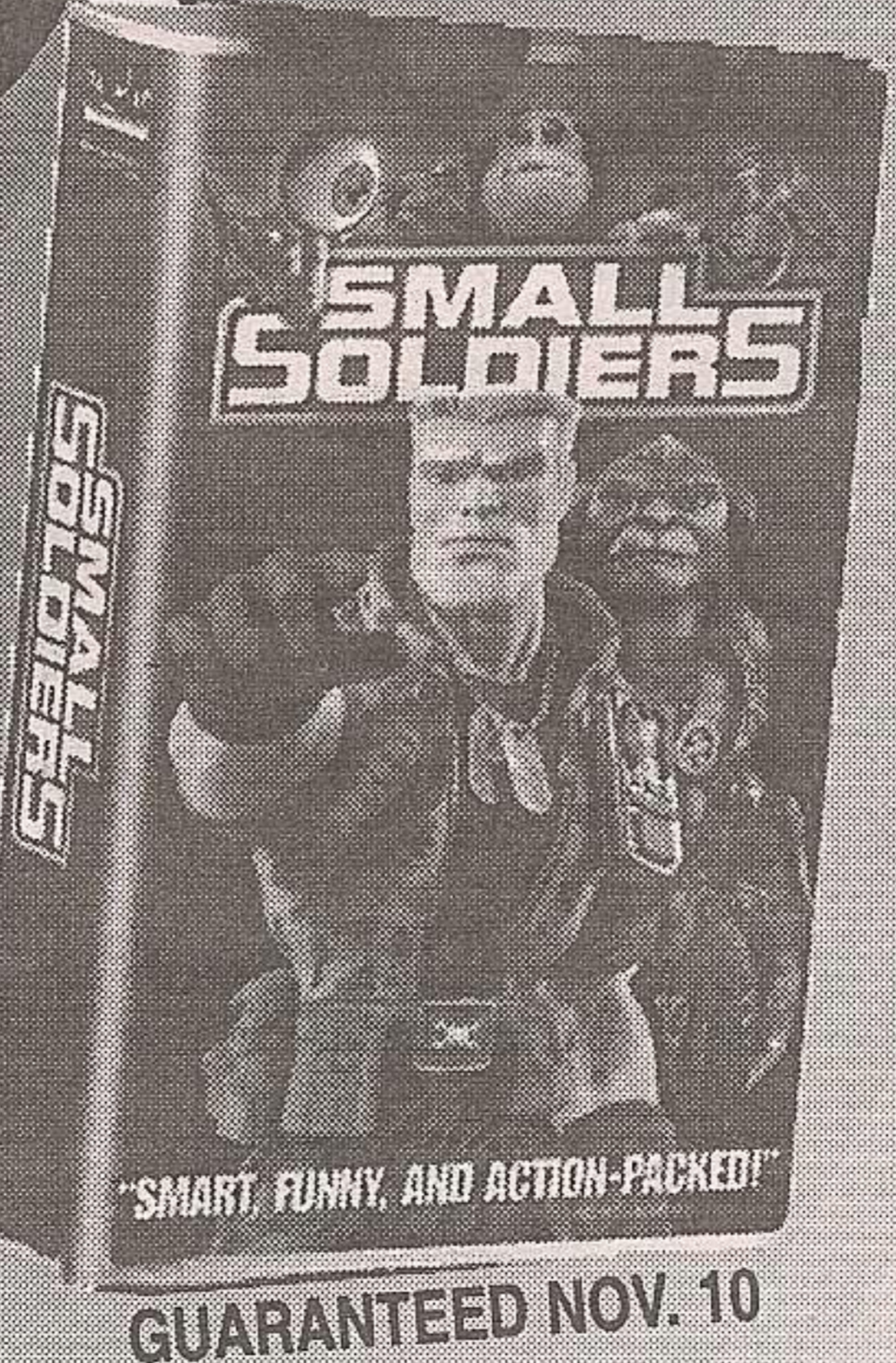
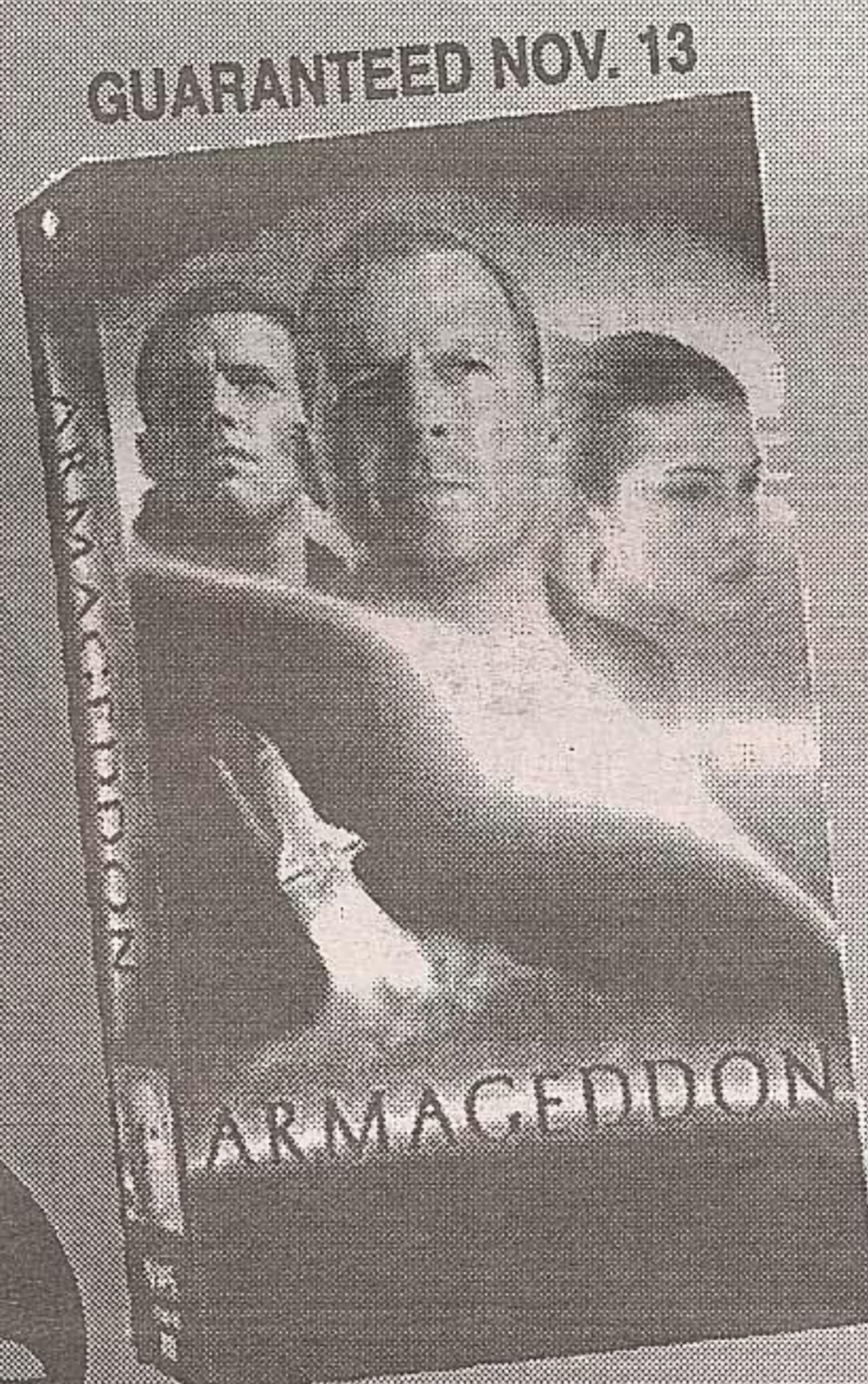
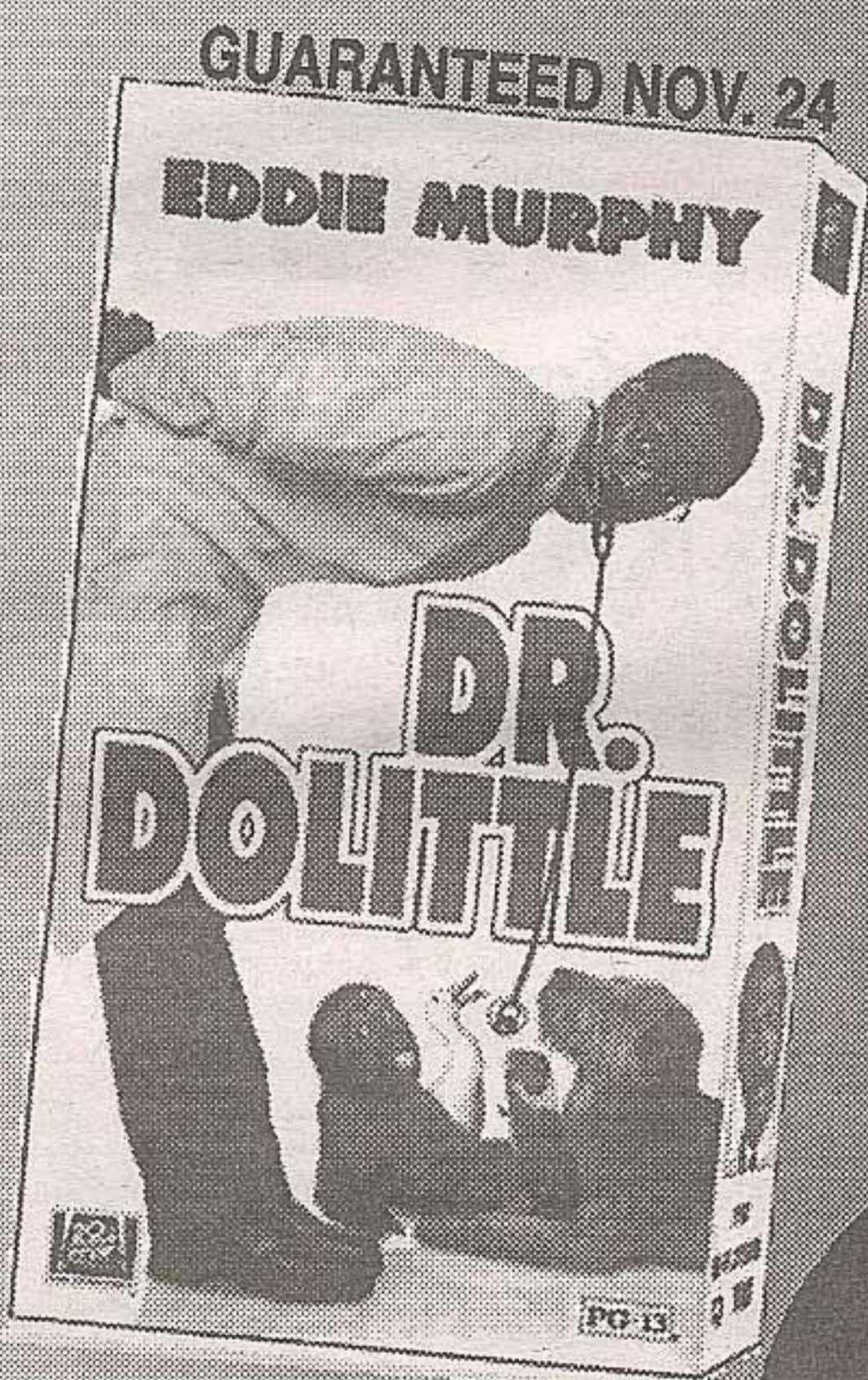
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