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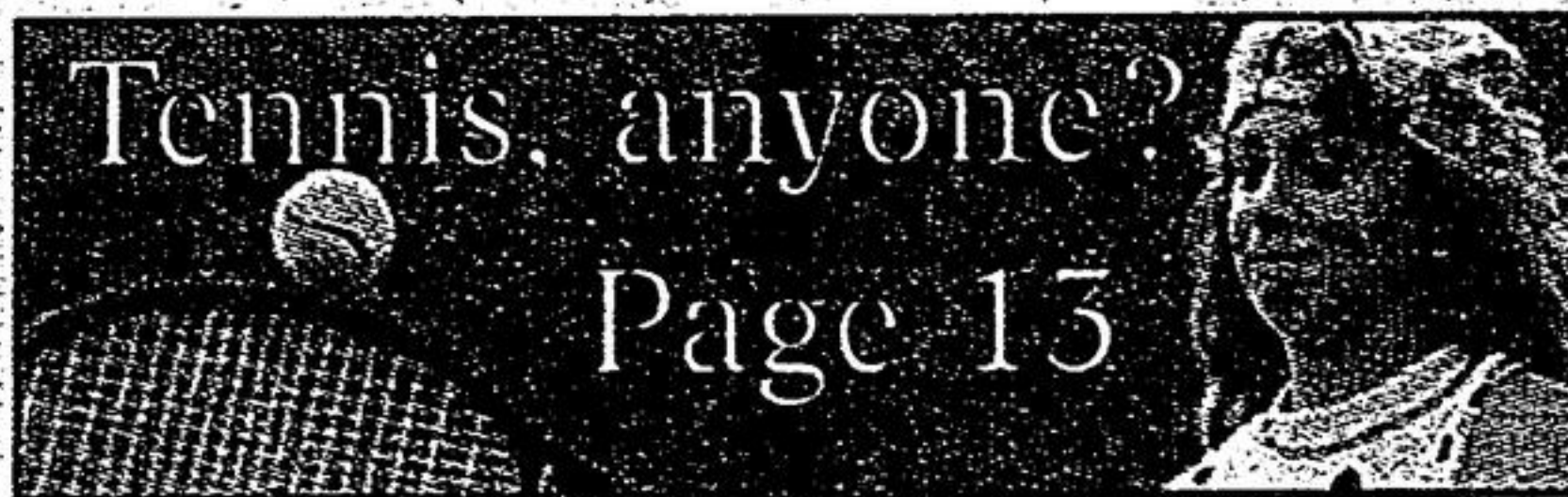
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## Stouffville mourns Princess Diana

JOAN RANSBERRY  
Staff Reporter

Whitchurch-Stouffville joins the world in mourning Lady Di.

In memory of the Princess of Wales killed in a car crash Saturday night, the flag is flying at half-staff at the Stouffville Recreation Complex.

Local Mayor Wayne Emmerson said the people of this community will remember "this very special lady" with both fondness and affection.

"Princess Diana was full of grace," said Emmerson. He added, "The princess was especially respected for her charity work. She'll be greatly missed."

Local residents can express their condolences on the death of Princess Diana in a special book to be sent to the Royal family, including her sons Prince William and Prince Harry.

The Anglican Parish of Christ Church in partnership with *The Tribune* are offering residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville a way to pay their respects by signing the condolence book to be made available on Saturday.

The book will be on display in the foyer of the local Anglican church, located at 254 Sunset Blvd., beside Orchard Park Public School.

Signing can take place between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Meanwhile, at 11 a.m., Reverent Robert Shields will officiate at a special one-hour memorial service.

As well, sympathy cards can be left at the church. *Tribune* publisher Patricia Pappas said cards can be dropped off at our office at 6244 Main Street, or faxed to us at 640-5477.

But residents have other options as well.

They can write directly to the palace, addressing letters to: Buckingham Palace, London, England, S.W. 1.

People can make a donation in her

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**IN MOURNING:** Whitchurch-Stouffville lowered its flags to half-staff in memory of Princess Diana. A special church service will be held Saturday morning at The Anglican Parish of Christ Church in Stouffville.

Photo by STEVE SOMERVILLE

## Mediator key to strike solution

MIKE ADLER  
Staff Reporter

You can thank Kevin Burkett if your son or daughter went back to their local public high school yesterday.

It was Burkett, a provincial mediator, who came up with the breakthrough deal that ended a teachers' strike at 8:45 a.m., Tuesday morning, say York Region's public school board and its high school teachers' union.

Local union president Lynn Johnston said he had gone home from a night of "frustrating" negotiations early Tuesday and was asleep when Burkett phoned him at 5:45 a.m. with a new proposal.

Johnston had expected to lead a rally and

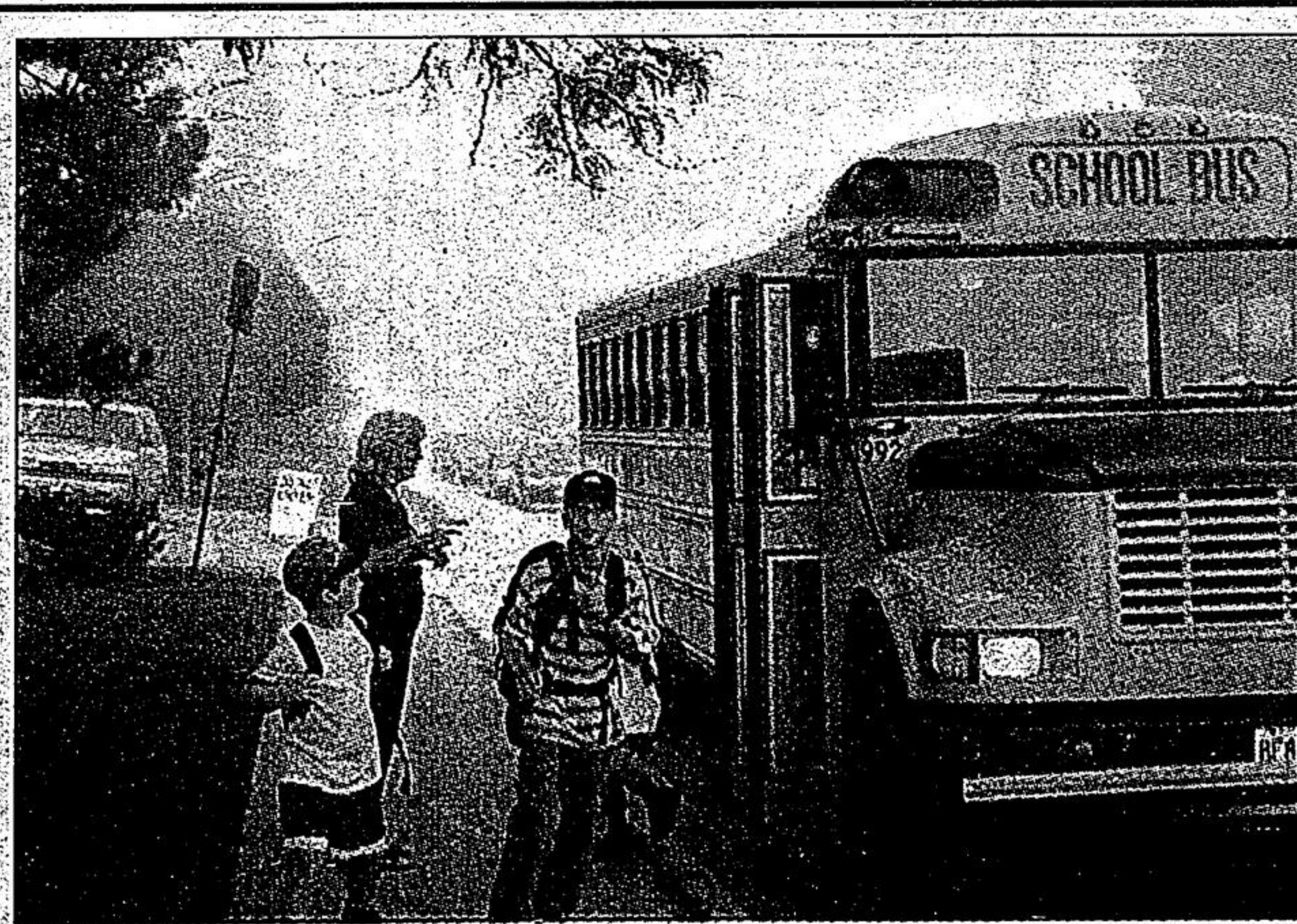
then a picket of board offices later the same morning. Instead, he met hundreds of teachers in Markham's Centennial Arena to announce a deal.

"This proposal wasn't from the board. This proposal was from the mediator," Johnston told the arena crowd from a platform above the ice.

The resulting agreement — still being spelled out in detail — was "directly attributable to Kevin Burkett's skill as a mediator" the board's chief negotiator Karen Barker said Tuesday. "I would call it a turning point."

The two-year deal, covering the last school year and this one, doesn't raise teacher salaries. It allows the pupil-teacher

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**DAY ONE:** Children exit the big yellow bus on the morning of the first day of school Tuesday, with the help of bus monitor Wendy Rice, at Orchard Park Public School.

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