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Go fly a kite... maybe
Russ Maude spent three hours attempting to fly his six-winged kite Wednesday. The Bramble Cres. resident ran into some difficulties as it crashed into some fencing. With the help of his wife Heather, it was untangled, and the kite was finally airborne.
Photos/STEVE SOMERVILLE

Courts

Man given \$700 fine for role in \$500K drug ring

By JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Reporter

One of two men, charged in connection with a \$500,000 drug bust at an industrial park in Stouffville, was given a \$700 fine and walked out of court last week.

Freedom, however, was shortlived. Soon after, Charles Michael Way was let go, he was taken into custody by federal authorities.

Newmarket provincial judge Elizabeth Earle Renton ordered the 45-year-old Stouffville resident to pay the fine after he pleaded guilty to one narcotic charge.

Three other narcotic-related charges and one theft charge

over laid against the Way, a parolee, were withdrawn. Way is now in custody in a Kingston prison awaiting a National Parole Board hearing expected to be held within four weeks. (See below)

Two other men, arrested in connection with the local Ringwood Dr. drug bust, made a brief appearance in a Newmarket on Aug. 23.

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Way must face parole board next

A Stouffville man will soon face the National Parole Board in an appeal to stay out of prison.

Last week, Charles Michael Way pleaded guilty to a narcotic charge in a Newmarket court.

Since the 45-year-old is a parolee, he was taken into custody by federal authorities after the court appearance.

Way is in a Kingston prison awaiting the hearing to be held within four weeks, a board spokesman told *The Tribune*.

Board official Carol Sparling said as result of the court conviction, Way's

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Town may lose \$200,000 in cuts

By JOAN RANSBERRY
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If Premier Mike Harris keeps his word and cuts 20 per cent in municipal transfer payments, Whitchurch-Stouffville will see \$200,000 shaved off of an anticipated \$1 million in provincial funding, town officials have confirmed.

While most Ontario cities and municipalities are bracing themselves for program and service cuts, job layoffs and rising taxes, such is not the case here.

When it comes to municipal tax budgets, the zero-tax increase target remains in this town, said Whitchurch-Stouffville mayor Wayne Emmerson. "We're still going after zero," he said.

Those employed by the local municipal-

ity can breathe a sigh of relief. Layoffs are not anticipated in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

"We have a few positions not filled. Maybe, we'll just not fill them. But layoffs are not planned," said Emmerson.

On Tuesday, Premier Mike Harris told a Toronto-based audience of municipal politicians that Ontario is bankrupt.

Minister of Municipal Affairs Al Leach said the cuts will mean municipalities will be forced to make tough decisions on which services to slash.

Major change is required in priorities, including how the province funds and delivers services, said

Harris. The premier also said user fees are being considered as a way to offset costs.

Harris called on the municipalities to form a partnership to address the financial crisis. He said it is time for all levels of government to stop blaming each other and to begin working as partners.

In the not too distant future, cuts are going to be big," stressed Harris.

"We have a provincial government that spends too much, taxes too much and wastes too much of taxpayer's hard earned money," added Harris.

Liberal municipal affairs critic John Gerretsen does not support the proposed cuts. The Progressive Conservative Har-

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