

# That's "Marshal Bunny"

**T**HE EASTER BUNNY JOINED THE RANKS OF THE DRUGFREE MARSHALS ON SATURDAY WHEN VISITING WITH CHILDREN AND MOTHERS IN DOWNTOWN PORTLAND OVER THE WEEKEND.

After a long day of Easter festivities, the Scientology Ladies Society brought the Easter Bunny to visit with area children. The Drug Free Marshals, teens and pre-teens who have taken a pledge to be drug-free, arrived shortly thereafter to swear in the big bunny and the kids and adults in the area.

According to the National Clearinghouse on Drug and Alcohol Information, every day in the United States 500 kids between the ages 10-14 begin using illegal drugs, and 1000 kids between the ages of 10-14 begin using alcohol.

The Drug-Free Marshal campaign is a drug education and prevention program initiated by the Church of Scientology as part of its Lead the Way to a Drug-Free USA program. It recognizes the importance and value that youth have in creating a drug-free society. The Drug-Free Marshals are teens and preteens who take a

pledge to live drug-free lives and to encourage their family and friends to be drug-free. This teaches them to start taking responsibility for others. The children also become more informed about the harmful effects of drugs, as the campaign is educational as well as preventative.



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The Drug-Free Marshal campaign started in April of last year when 200 youth were sworn in by a representative of the FBI's Drug Demand Reduction Program with actors John Travolta and Anne Archer attending to express their support. Since then, the campaign has been joined by many other groups including Boys & Girls Clubs, YMCAs, YWCAs, Drug Enforcement Administration and youth groups participating throughout the United States. In fact, the staff and writers of this newspaper took the Marshal pledge last summer.

Angie Mann, local spokesperson for the Marshals, stated, "The participation of such officials and groups

shows the kids that they do have a voice and that they can make a difference. This also improves communication between the kids and these officials, such as police officers, which is important. The kids see that these adults are real people too and that they do care about the kids' future.

"We realize that building a drug-free community starts with these kids because they really are our future. It really means something special to these kids to wear a badge and be a Drug-Free Marshal," Mann stated.

The Marshals will be marking their first anniversary next month with celebrations and events to swear in more kids and officials to make Portland drug-free.

## Crime Stoppers

In 1993, calls to Crime Stoppers, from people throughout the community, were responsible for the arrests of 82 subjects on felony charges and the clearance of 229 felony crimes.

While a majority of the people calling Crime Stoppers in 1993 were not interested in a reward, to some money was motivation. Rewards paid in 1993 totaled 4,900, which was an average of \$59.76 per felony arrest and an average of \$21.40 per felony crime cleared.

1993 showed an increase over 1992, in the number of subjects arrested, crimes cleared, and rewards paid. In 1992, 61 subjects were arrested, 137 felony crimes cleared, and \$3,600 paid in rewards, for an average of \$59.02 per felony arrest and \$26.28 per major felony crime cleared.

Crimes solved through Crime Stoppers in 1993 included homicide, arson, commercial burglary, bank robbery, theft, armed robbery, forgery, fraud, kidnap, rape, a missing person, and the arrests of 21 fugitives. In many of those crimes, police had either exhausted all leads or had few leads to go on.

Very few agencies, if any, can match the efficiency of Crime Stoppers. Overhead costs are almost nonexistent. Board Members volunteer their time and raise the money needed to pay rewards. No taxpayer dollars are involved! The Crime Stoppers Coordinator, who is a Portland Police officer, is paid by the city. Other than annual Crime Stoppers International Membership dues and miscellaneous supplies, which combined amount to

less than \$300 per year, every dollar donated to Crime Stoppers goes to reward citizens whose information leads to arrests.

But the real credit, for the success of the Crime Stoppers Program, goes to the media, law enforcement, and people from the community, for their involvement, cooperation, and commitment.

Thanks to everyone involved, 1993 was a very successful year! And remember, as always, Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in any unsolved felony crime, and you need not give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

Crime Stoppers Coordinator: Officer Henry Groepper, Investigative Support Unit

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## IRS Notes Tax Return Errors

With the April 15 filing deadline fast approaching, the Internal Revenue Service has some advice to help people avoid errors seen on some of this year's tax returns.

A new mistake affects people who lost their jobs due to corporate downsizing or restructuring. They often receive severance pay, which is taxable. As part of their separation agreements, they may also sign waivers releasing their former employers

half. People who owe this tax must use Form 1040, not 1040A, listing it on line 51. You report early distributions by filing Form 5329, "Additional Taxes Attributable to Qualified Retirement Plans (Including IRA), Annuities and Modified Endowment Contracts." Form 5329 does not have to be filed if code "1" is marked in box 7 of the Form 1099-R received from the Payer. Just enter 10% of the taxable amount of the distribution on line 51

from potential future claims.

Some have mistakenly treated severance payments as nontaxable damages because of the waivers. According to the IRS however, such waivers do not change the taxable nature of the severance pay, a conclusion reached in two 1993 court cases.

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