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Local Helping employees cope

Resolving problems from drug use to relationship woes

By JOEL MATHEWY
Of the Press-Tribune

ROSEVILLE — On any given day, a police dispatcher may get a call from someone asking for help, requesting to consult a counselor or reporting a rape. Such crises are known to affect productivity and cause burnout, said Roseville Police Chief Greg Cowart. Left untreated, these work-related stresses may force an employee to resign.

Employers are saving a bundle

Telegraph Co. experienced savings from three of their programs which totaled \$440,000 from decreased and on-and-off disability payments.

Human Services Center offers assessment, referral and some short-term counseling. One reason for EAP's success is its guarantee of confidentiality. Roseville, for instance, expects they do not know which of their employees are using the service, only that the service is being used. Organizations should not expect to see immediate improvements, Thomas warned. "Most programs see an improvement of 30 percent," said Maxine Facher, a social worker with Human Services Center.

Flapper Fantasy

Lisa Grabowski is ready for Saturday's Gatsby Gala at the Placer Town and Country Village Reception Center in Roseville. The gala is being sponsored by the Roseville Community Hospital Foundation and includes a charity auction. Cost is \$75 per person or \$125 per couple for dinner, dancing, a grand prize drawing and bidding in the auction, which will feature vacation trips, designer fashions and art work. Proceeds will purchase equipment for Roseville Hospital's maternal and child units. For information, call 781-1234.



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Convicted killer gets life without parole

By GLENN COON
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ROSEVILLE — Convicted killer Peter Silverbrand will spend the rest of his life in prison without chance of parole, a Placer County Judge ruled Tuesday.

Mr. Blackson (failed) to take premeditation measure of said the evidence would be admitted to the jury. "Thompson said Blackson took the witness stand to admit he murdered Silverbrand," he said. "Blackson said he should have brought along a lawyer. He said he was in a police car when he interviewed Silverbrand's Smith and his friend in the three-month trial, argued that his client deserved a new trial legally because Silverbrand's first lawyer had made a serious error that prevented the jury from hearing "vital" information.

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But deputy district attorney Joseph Smith argued that Blackson's failure to bring an investigator was simply a tactical error. Blackson's part to make Smith confident and persuade him to testify.

Leslie legislation signed into law

By HELEN ALLISON
Of the Press-Tribune

SACRAMENTO — Legislation providing dental care to senior citizens and immunity from civil suits for poison control centers, both authored by Assemblyman Tim Leslie, R-Carmichael, were signed into law by Gov. George Deukmejian last week.

Under current law, the California Health and Safety Code provides varying degrees of protection from liability to many of the persons and agencies who play a role in pre-hospital emergency care, but not poison control centers, according to Leslie.

Insurance Facts

with Ed Kinnear

Safety in Numbers

Passion often recall the "good old days" as an era of simple pleasures and happier times. However, the National Safety Council (NSC) can point to statistics which show that life is safer now than it was fifty years ago. For example, a person was almost four times as likely to be struck by a motor vehicle in 1937 as he is today. The average American's home was also a safer place in which to live than it was in 1937. Only in the 1950-60-year-old age groups is there an increase in accidental deaths at home in the past five years. However, when it comes to the number of people who die in 1986 than I was in 1963.

The bill requires a report to the Legislature on the program's effectiveness by December 1990. California's poison control centers growing problem with liability suits and insurance was eased with the governor's approval of Leslie's measure proposed by the State Emergency Service Authority. The measure gives poison control centers immunity from civil liability except in cases where gross negligence is involved. The protection only applies to

emergency advice given over the phone. The bill requires a report to the Legislature on the program's effectiveness by December 1990.

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