

# Security firm offers advice to executives

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NEW YORK — Preventing terrorist bombings and kidnappings of business executives or their families is impossible, but there is one sure way that corporations and individuals can determine if they are a likely target, says a former head of the New York office of the FBI.

Paul Chamberlain now runs a global security firm based in Beverly Hills, Calif., with a staff made up mostly of former FBI agents.

The firm handles all types of security, but increasingly is being called upon to handle kidnappings, bombings and extortion cases both before and after the fact. The Chamberlain agency holds seminars for executives and their families on how to minimize kidnapping and extortion risks.

A businessman can consider himself or his family a prospective target for kidnapping "if he is perceived to have ready access to big money," Chamberlain said.

"The experience of police

and other authorities with kidnapers is that although they tend to be unstable persons, they often are above average intelligence, quite shrewd in fact, and don't make many mistakes in choosing victims."

A businessman who suspects he may be perceived this way probably should get expert advice on how to dispel that impression, Chamberlain said. Many companies have set up crisis management teams to identify risks and to handle kidnappings or extortion threats if they occur.

The figures aren't in for 1982, but in 1981 there were more than 200 kidnappings and more than 4,700 extortion cases.

Kidnapings and extortion, whether carried out by political terrorists or psychopathic criminals, inspire more fear in business people than bomb threats, he said.

The 15-year-old daughter of a bank director was kidnaped from her home by two masked gunmen. The father

got a phone call demanding \$1 million. The Chamberlain agency took over negotiations with the kidnapers, informing them that the father could raise only \$125,000. Meanwhile they made sure the girl was alive and would be freed.

The patient but tough stand finally persuaded one of the kidnapers to let the girl escape. Three persons were arrested and prosecuted.

During less than 10 years in business, the firm has handled successfully 13 kidnapping and extortion cases, Chamberlain said, and has handled many more while working for the FBI.

No foolproof method of preventing the bombing of offices, plants or homes exists, Chamberlain said.

The best protection is a good overall security system that limits access to the premises as much as possible. He said. The best protection is a good overall security system that limits access to the premises as much as possible. He said. The best protection is a good overall security system that limits access to the premises as much as possible. He said.

# Corporate slobs reassured

# Messy desks may be best

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NEW YORK — There's good news for messy corporate workers. A clean desk is not necessarily the sign of a tidy mind or an efficient worker.

"The fact is it's a sign of a compulsive mind — one that's insecure if anything is out of place," industrial psychologist Krass Kestin said.

Robert Kelly, senior vice president for Paul B. Mulligan & Co., a management consulting firm specializing in white-collar productivity, has been in hundreds of executive offices during his career.

"There are very few clean, clean desks I've seen," he said. "It's pretty rare to find that clean, clean desk — as opposed to the organized but not clean desk and to the disorganized, unclean desk."

Dr. Theodore Niedegard, a psychologist at Cabrini Hospital, said having a totally tidy desk is not a prerequisite for productivity.

"Someone who focuses on keeping the desk clean, every-

thing filed away, may not be focusing on getting the job done," he said.

The ability to focus within apparent clutter may be one of the keys to differentiating the productive packrat from someone who simply has lost control of his or her surroundings, some experts suggested.

Kelly said: "Have you ever taken a look at the desks on police shows like Hill Street Blues? There's disorganization, and files that aren't important are on the desk. But they keep the priority stuff in a little space perhaps 2 feet by 2 feet right in front of them. That's what's hot today, what they're working on. They're concentrating on one thing at a time."

"You can have several stacks on your desks. They can be (in order) or in disarray so you really don't know what the heck is important or what isn't."

Kelly is a tack person himself, going through his piles of paper every Friday afternoon and reorganizing them.

"The prioritization runs from

right to left — that's just a quirk of mine because I'm lefthanded, I guess," he said. "The stack toward the right would be the most important."

Kestin, a consultant to Emhart Corporation's human resources department, said a moderately messy desk is nearest the norm.

"What's important is to know where things are, no matter how great the clutter, so you don't have to waste time looking for them," he said.

While having a clean desk may not be a priority for a productive person, he or she also should recognize when the clutter has approached the point of no return, Niedegard said.

"Someone who's well organized knows where that point is, and when things get near that point, the priority of getting some things off the desk moves up a bit," he said.

Kelly admitted that if he saw an entire department filled with cluttered desks he might suspect "potential ineffectiveness in the operation," but said that you

can't form an opinion by looking at one desk.

"I think on the other hand when you see the totally clean desk you sometimes wonder whether that person has enough to do," he said.

"Really and truly the appearance of a desk is not ... always a indicator. Some people feel comfortable working in the kind of (cluttered) environment. Others do it because they don't know what the devil they're doing."

Kestin said creative people are particularly notorious for desk clutter.

"Other things are more important to them than appearances," he said. "That's why some of them go around looking like unmade beds."

With changing office technology, more and more paperwork now is being filed electronically, suggesting the possibility of a new office phenomenon — the cluttered computer.

"If you're disorganized you're disorganized," Kelly said.

# 'Paint-on' coating repels cavities, researchers say

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CHICAGO — A painless "paint-on" coating applied to the biting surfaces of teeth can stop the spread of tooth decay in children with early cavities, researchers say.

"Application of sealants on teeth with newly apparent or early cavities arrests the decay process," Dr. Dennis H. Leverett of Eastman Dental Center in Rochester, N.Y., said in the Journal of the American Dental Association.

"The growth of most of the bacteria that spreads decay is halted and the need to restore the tooth with a filling may be avoided."

Leverett and his colleagues tested the procedure on more than 1,000 children in the Rochester area during a four-year period.

"It works — we recommend it," Leverett said in an interview. "The significance of it is that we may have an alternative to the conventional drill and fill approach to getting rid of decay."

The sealant process causes less stress for the patient and is more pleasing cosmetically. "There's no discomfort at all," Leverett said. "Nobody really likes getting an injection of Novocaine and have someone drilling on their teeth. And I think generally speaking, no dentists like to do it."

The sealant process takes about five minutes. The tooth is dried and acid is applied for a few seconds in order to etch it slightly. Then the acid is rinsed off and the liquid plastic is dabbed on.

The sealants are used on back teeth — pre-molars — "because that's where most decay starts, in surfaces with grooves and pits in them," Leverett said.

The study monitored time- and cost-efficiency of sealants, as opposed to restorative fillings.

"The use of sealants in this instance has been shown to be cost-effective," Leverett said.

"But dentists and consumers alike must be aware that this therapy is not suitable for all children with cavities."

Sealants are not suitable for deeper cavities and are less advantageous for patients with no history of cavities and little likelihood of developing them, he said.

The study found that more than 51 percent of the original sealant application was retained after one year in the test subjects, while more than 32 percent was intact after two years.

The study used sealants of "the first generation," Leverett said. "The newer sealants are much more durable and ... likely to stay in place for a longer period of time."

The sealant should be used during the decay-prone years — from the time a child's permanent teeth first comes in through the late teen years.

"Deterioration of sealants is always possible," Leverett said. "Retention should be checked by a dentist at least annually and the sealant should be reapplied as necessary."

In the late teens, the sealant

could be replaced with a small permanent filling.

"Our studies suggest that more dentists ought to consider placing sealants over small cavities," he said. "As long as the plastic sealant is intact, the decay is not going to progress."

"In fact, we have a lot of bac-

teriological evidence that not only does it not progress, but the bacteria underneath the sealant die. Within a few weeks, all the bacteria are dead.

"It's just a much more conservative, much gentler approach to the age-old problem of what to do with cavities in teeth."

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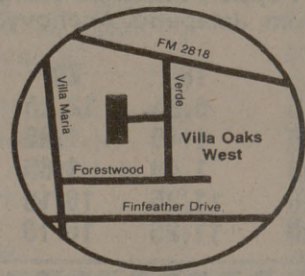
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