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Bubbly baby

Chris Hirsch shows baby daughter Amy, 14 months, how to blow bubbles while Amy's great-grandma, Ithalia Trevisan, adds some pucker power. The occasion was the third annual grandparents-

grandchildren picnic in Farmington City Park Tuesday afternoon. For more pictures, turn to Page 3A. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

Arrests mount for pair

Two defendants charged in connection with a \$500,000 cocaine bust in Farmington Hills last June 26 failed to appear for a pre-trial examination Monday in 47th District Court. The pair, who left Michigan while free on bond, are being held by Dade County, Fla. authorities on federal narcotics charges. Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Charles Spiekerman was unsure

Monday whether extradition would proceed for Szymen Aleksander Graj, 33, of Farmington Hills and Thomas DiVoitto, 39, of Sterling Heights. Detroit narcotics officers — who also failed to show for the pre-trial examination — conducted the June raid at Graj's home in The Gateway Apartments near 12 Mile and Middlebelt. More than four kilos of cocaine, a pound of hashish, one handgun and

\$10,000 was seized. Graj was charged with possession of up to 600 grams of cocaine and DiVoitto with possession of 50 grams at their June 27 arraignments in 47th District Court in Farmington Hills. Also arrested were Kenneth Pierce, 36, of Detroit and Brigida Vasilevich, of Fort Lauderdale. Pierce is charged

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Contractor faces trial on kidnapping charges

By MARY GNIEWEK

Insung (Henry) Kim was bound over to circuit court Tuesday for trial on six charges stemming from the June 27 kidnapping of a Farmington Hills businessman.

Kim, a 30-year-old painting contractor and licensed private investigator from Salt Lake City, Utah, is charged with three counts of possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, kidnapping, assault with intent to kidnap, and conspiracy.

No trial date has been set. Judge Michael Hand ordered bond increased from \$100,000 to \$200,000 following five hours of testimony in 47th District Court. Kim was given two weeks to pay the additional \$10,000 — the required 10 percent — or bond will be revoked. Kim had already posted 10 percent of the first \$100,000 bond.

Two admitted co-conspirators, who have already pleaded guilty in circuit court to kidnapping and conspiracy charges, testified against Kim, their former employer, at the pre-trial hearing.

Gary Kelley, 22, and Rick Scogogan, 19, also of Salt Lake, await sentencing Aug. 25 at 1:30 p.m. by Judge Hilda Gage. They are being held in the Oakland County Jail on \$500,000 bond. Kim, who has retained Southfield attorney Jeffrey Lee, flew to Detroit from Utah for the Monday afternoon/Tuesday morning hearing.

Also testifying Monday were Byung Park and his wife, Mijin Park.

The three defendants are charged with conspiring to kidnap the Parks and hold the couple's two children for a \$40,000 ransom.

Each of the four principal witnesses against Kim — Park, Mrs. Park, Scogogan and Kelley — were sequestered from each other during testimony and each testified in Hand's courtroom individually without the others present. A court stenographer was present, and Lee, Kim's attorney, cross-examined each witness.

PARK, 43, OWNS a shoe store and a

wig shop in Detroit. He was abducted from the driveway of his home in the Middlebelt/11 Mile area on June 27 as he and his wife prepared to leave for work.

The Parks testified that they thought they were being robbed when a man pulled a gun on Park in their driveway. Park offered the gunman a roll of money from his wallet while his wife ran back inside the home where her son, Jimmy, called police. Scogogan and Kelley both testified that Kim engineered the plot to kidnap the Parks and offered them money plus expenses to join in the scheme. Both, in separate testimony, said Kim told them Park owed him \$50,000 from a business deal and that he intended to get the money back.

Scogogan said he was offered \$1,500; Kelley said he was to be paid \$3,000.

"Kim knew they had \$50,000," Kelley testified. "He thought the money was still in the house, so it would be easy to get."

Kelley and Scogogan said Kim purchased two handguns in Salt Lake City and three airline tickets to Detroit on June 26. According to both suspects, Kim rented a Thunderbird and a Firebird upon arrival at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Both testified that Kim drove the Thunderbird with Kelley as a passenger and Scogogan followed in the Firebird to Farmington Hills, where Kim sought directions to the Park home from a gas station worker.

BOTH TESTIFIED that after driving past the Park home about midnight, Kim rented a room at a Holiday Inn, where he recorded a taped ransom message in Korean in the bathroom.

Various parts of the plot kept changing, according to both witnesses.

The morning of June 27, the three men drove in two separate cars to a shopping center near the Park home. Both witnesses testified that Kim instructed them to go to the Park's home and force the couple back to the parking lot at gunpoint.

The two were to pretend the Firebird had broken down and they needed a ride to a gas station. Kelley was to drive with the Parks and Scogogan was to follow in the Firebird.

At the parking lot Scogogan was to stay with Mrs. Park, who would be handcuffed, while Kelley played the recorded message to Park and then accompanied him either home or to a bank for the money.

Kim would follow Kelley and Park in the rented Thunderbird, Kelley testified. After the transaction, Kelley was to give the money to Kim, then instruct the Parks to drive him to a secluded area.

Scogogan testified he was ordered to follow Kelley and the Parks, pick up Kelley and the two would drive together to the airport where they would reunite with Kim and the three would return to Salt Lake City.

THE PLAN WAS aborted when Mrs. Park's son called Farmington Hills police. Patrol officer William Duffey stopped the Park's station wagon just a block away from the Park home and arrested Kelley. Scogogan was later arrested at the airport.

Park testified that he received a call from a man named Kim shortly after the incident occurred and Kim asked him if two kids were caught.

"I said 'They got caught' and he said 'Everything is finished,'" Park said.

The phone conversation was in Korean. Park is a naturalized citizen and Kim is a Korean citizen who has lived in the U.S. more than five years.

Park testified that he never saw or heard of Kim before the incident occurred. Mrs. Park explained in her testimony that her husband's brother, Sung Park, lives in Salt Lake and is an acquaintance of Kim. Sung Park formerly lived with his brother's family in Farmington Hills.

Kelley testified that Kim wanted to go to Idaho and paint for awhile before the plot was undertaken as an alibi.

"We decided we should do it now if we were going to do it at all," Kelley said.

Purchase is stop-gap measure

More buyers look at used car market

LOUISE OKRUTSKY

Buying a used car can seem more like an act of faith than a cautiously decided purchase.

In fact, "buyer beware" still pertains to the used car market as much as it ever did.

"For all practical purposes, the consumer has no rights," when buying a used car, said Esther Shapiro, director

of the Consumer Affairs Department in Detroit.

But more buyers are looking at a used car instead of the new one this year, according to Bob Jozs, who handles used cars for Bill Cook Buick in Farmington Hills.

Used cars are attractive buys to families who would normally purchase a new car but have decided against it in today's economic situation.

A used car is often seen as a stop-gap measure until the time the family can

once again afford a new vehicle, Jozs said.

Instead of plunking down the money for a new car costing nearly \$6,000, buyers are apt to consider a used car for half the price, according to Jozs.

But Ms. Shapiro cautions that buying a used car isn't always an automatic bargain.

"The person who buys a used car should put money aside over and above the cost of the car itself to cover repairs," she said.

"IF IT WAS a perfect car, it wouldn't be on the used car lot."

Most of the cars Jozs sells, he says, are traded in by persons who have owned the vehicle for about two years.

Once an old car becomes the property of Bill Cook's, Jozs said it undergoes a reconditioning process which includes checks and repairs to the exhaust and brakes, new oil filter and a tune-up, if needed. Some bump and

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FALL fashion

Watch for our special preview of the fall fashions in next Thursday's issue of your hometown newspaper.

Economic platform wins high marks from state Dems



This is a fisheye lens view of the action at the Democratic convention in New York as shot by Doug Ashley, free-lance photographer from Bloomfield Hills. Ashley is helping cov-

er the Big Apple action for this newspaper. More of his pictures and additional stories by Tim Richard can be found inside.

NEW YORK — On a scale of zero to 10, suburban Kennedy delegates give their national economic platform an 8.2. Carter delegates rate it 9.25.

"Last night would have been a great education for civics students," said Stuart Hertzberg, Bloomfield Hills lawyer and Carter whip. "Carter people steamrolled Monday night on the rules, but lost on economics and jobs."

The convention rejected Sen. Edward Kennedy's program for wage, price and profit control and immediate national health insurance. But it passed his \$12 billion anti-recession jobs program and his condemnation of high interest rates as an anti-inflation measure.

Michigan delegates were elated at the jobs program. Hertzberg said, "It would have been almost unanimous if a roll call had been taken." He rated the platform nine to 10.

Eileen Marz, another Carter delegate from Bloomfield Hills, rated the platform 9.5. "I voted against wage and price controls, but I could not have returned to Michigan if I had voted against the jobs program," Mrs. Marz said. Jean Kuthy, Carter delegate from Orchard Lake, rated the economic plank at 9.5. "I'm very pleased. I was against wage and price controls, and I was having a terrible time with my conscience on the \$12 billion program."

In Michigan we're in a world of hurt. Michigan is more excited by the recession as an industrial state." Kennedy alternate Aldo Vagozno of



Farmington Hills rated the platform. "Eight to nine if it holds. National health insurance and wage-price-interest-dividend controls would have made it a 10. We need a dramatic fashion of halting the inflationary spiral," the labor newspaper editor said.

Susan Reznick, a Kennedy alternate from Southfield, was more interested in the ERA plank. The platform promises to withhold party support of Democratic candidates who fail to back the Equal Rights Amendment.

"It looks so easy, but it wasn't," Ms. Reznick said. "It was kinda neat to see Bella Abruzzo smiling and happy. There was a lot of hugging."

"For 16 years, I was working raising a family," the legal secretary said. "Then an event occurred where I had to go into the world. The transition was difficult.

Secretaries are put-down as a group. Secretaries are referred to as 'the girls.'"

Lawrence Deitch, a Birmingham attorney and Carter delegate, rated the economic plank an eight. "I was against wage-price controls. I don't think they work," he said.

"I voted against the national health insurance minority plank. The platform we passed makes a strong commitment to national health insurance. It phases it in contrast to immediate passage," Deitch said.

Some delegates, such as Kuthy, had qualms about sanctions against Democratic candidates who failed to support the ERA.

Mrs. Marz said, "I'm not a feminist, but I absolutely believe in ERA. But I wish the sanctions hadn't been there."

State chairperson Olivia (Libby) Maynard said, "My sense is that the economic plank is helpful to us in Michigan as Democrats. It's realistic on jobs."

She was also pleased about the amendment to provide sanctions against anti-ERA candidates.

William Marshall, state AFL-CIO president and Carter delegate, said: "I would rate the economic plank a nine. I'd like to have more money in it. I'd have liked to spell out more precisely the kinds of things we'd do."

"It makes no difference what they put in the platform anyway. Congress is gonna have to appropriate the money."