

# Patterson Pans Movie; 'Deep Throat' Banned

By JACKIE KLEIN

**SOUTHFIELD** If you wanted to see "rated movie 'Deep Throat' at the Playhouse Southfield, you'll have to settle for 'Skyjacked' starring Charlton Heston and 'Kansas City Bomber' starring Raquel Welch.

And if you tried calling the Eight Mile-Beech theater after last Friday night, you heard this recording: "Unfortunately, the City of Southfield has pulled the movie 'Deep Throat'."

**IN JUDGE** Norman Feder's 46th District Court Monday, Pices Exhibitors Inc., owner of the Playhouse, was fined \$250 and \$50 court costs after pleading guilty to a charge of exhibiting an obscene movie.

Individual charges against Frederick A. Nagher, president of the Pices, his brother Richard E. Nagher, ticket seller, and Louis Coppola, projectionist, were dismissed.

The three were originally charged on counts of exhibiting an obscene movie and possession of it for showing to minors. The corporation was found guilty of only the first charge.

The corporation was placed on two years probation, a maximum term in a misdemeanor charge.

As part of probation, Pices is prohibited from showing X-rated films in the theater unless approved for showing by a review board of Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson, Southfield City Attorney Sigmund Beras and others designated by them.

Under terms of probation, the corporation is prohibited from transferring its theater license within one year.

**SOUTHFIELD** police, last Friday night, raided the Playhouse, confiscated the film "Deep Throat" and arrested the Naghers and Coppola on the obscenity charges.

Warrants were issued from the Pices, his Patterson's office. The prosecuting attorney said the action was a result of a number of complaints from Southfield residents.

The Naghers and Coppola stood mute on the charges at last Saturday's arraignment before 46th District Court Judge Clarence Reid. They

were each released on \$500 personal bond.

"The defendants were scheduled to stand trial on Feb. 27, but they decided to settle the matter this week," said Beras. "After consulting with Patterson and me, the corporation agreed to plead guilty on the first count. Maximum penalties for misdemeanors is one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine."

Patterson, who has vowed to "crack down on smut in Oakland County," viewed "Deep Throat" with Southfield police and decided it was of no redeeming social or artistic value. Supreme Court guidelines for interpreting "obscenity."

The film has been shown in theaters across the nation for more than a year, and distributors claim it has grossed \$3 million. Patterson claims the film has stirred up protests from residents of many communities.

movie houses in the city couldn't be stopped if all zoning, building, planning, police, fire and health department requirements were met. The city could not declare adult movie houses "nuisances" because persons don't have to patronize them if they are offended. These establishments are restricted to viewers 18 or older.

The Playhouse Southfield, also known as the Playhouse Cinema, showed PG rated movies when the theater opened a few months ago. Since then it has been alternating between PG and X-rated films.

Beras has proposed a zoning amendment to control "adult" businesses by requiring that nearby residents and businesses give majority approval before such establishments are permitted.

## MSU Edge

**ONE SOUTHFIELD** complainant said that because the film was shown in the busy Eight Mile-Beech shopping center, patronized by minors, it constituted a "bad influence" and a "temptation." Beras has said X-rated

Michigan State football teams coached by Duffy Daugherty over 19 seasons met 31 different opponents, with MSU holding winning edges over 22, even with two others and minus with seven.



GERALD W. CONNORS of 22711 Cottage, Southfield, met with Michigan Blue Shield President John McCabe (right) after Connors was identified as Blue Shield's five millionth member. He received a gold identification card and world atlas after the firm's computers identified Connors as the five millionth member in its 32 year history. From left are Connie, Connors, Margaret, Patricia, Jerry Mrs. Connors and McCabe.

# 7 To Be Hired By Prosecutor

By STEVE BARNABY

**PONTIAC** After a lengthy and heated debate, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners voted 17-4 to grant the prosecutor's office more than \$78,000 to hire additional staff.

Observerland commissioners voting for the grant were Democrats Lawrence Pernick and Alex Perinoff of Southfield, Republicans Lillian Moffit representing Farmington, and Southfield, Lew Coy and Patrick, Nowak, whose districts, include parts of Farmington.

Wilbur Brotherton of Farmington was absent.

**TO BE ADDED** to the 31-man staff are: five assistant prosecutors, one prosecutor trainee and one stenographer.

The request was made by Republican Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson, who said that two additional circuit courts and three additional district courts have increased

the workload of the department" beyond the capacity of its present staff size."

Debate broke out when Republican Mary Dearborn of Birmingham, chairman of the personnel practices committee, asked for a recess so the finance committee could vote on the financial aspects of the appointments.

Perinoff objected, saying that if the prosecutor's office was granted funds at this meeting, health and sheriff's departments would be short-changed in salary and staff allocations.

More than \$200,000 has been budgeted by the county board to be divided among the prosecutor's office, health department and sheriff's department for salaries and staff increases.

In the finance committee meeting, Pernick added his support to the staff increases for the prosecutor, but thought

the issue could wait until the next meeting when the other departments had made requests.

**REPUBLICAN** Robert Painales, Royal Oak, defended allocation of the money. "I've been on this board for eight years, and we've always been able to find the money to meet the needs," said Painales.

He warned that too many cases have been held on the basis of not being brought to court in a timely manner because of the lack of aides on the prosecutor's staff.

Coy, although not a member of the finance committee, sat in on the conference to make his plea for the health department, of which he has been a strong backer.

He asked the committee to reserve \$95,000 for the health department, but action wasn't taken on this suggestion.

# Recovery Spurs Perkins' Sales

**SOUTHFIELD** Brooks & Perkins of Southfield had a four cent earnings per share increase for the fiscal first quarter which ended Oct. 31.

Earnings per share in compared to the same period of 1971. During the quarter, sales were \$4 million compared to \$3.2 million; net income was \$117,000 compared to \$93,000. Shares outstanding totaled 684,000 for the first quarter against 702,000 during first quarter 1971.

**THE 1971** results have been restated to reflect a three-for-two stock split effected in August 1972, says Edward H. Perkins Jr., president.

During the firm's annual meeting, Perkins reported earnings per share for fiscal 1972 rose to 67 cents, up from 34 cents last year, or an increase of 68 per cent.

"Sales were essentially flat. However, during the last half, sales increased by \$1 million over last year's second half. We expect this upward trend to continue."

Perkins observed the firm's commercial business was 43 per cent of its total volume, compared to just 15 per cent in 1969.

The stock split was effected in the form of a stock dividend which was increased by five per cent to 3.5 cents per share.

The purpose of the stock split was to increase the number of shares outstanding

to broaden the base of ownership."

**A COMMERCIAL** product Perkins expects will help broaden commercial sales is fiberglass coated plywood panel.

During 1972, some 700 truck bodies were made using this material, and about 80 per cent were made with Brooks & Perkins' product.

Commercial expansion was also realized with sales of air cargo equipment to airlines. A highlight, however, was a June contract with the U.S. Air Force to equip its Hercules aircraft with B&P's air cargo restraint system.

During 1972, sales in the industrial materials handling equipment line rose by 21 per cent. Perkins said this was created by introduction of several new products plus an expanded dealer network and general improvement in the economy.

Increased sales for first quarter fiscal 1972-73 rose primarily because of increased demand for industrial materials handling products and air cargo equipment, Perkins added.

"We believe that we have the opportunity to double our present size in the next three years or so," he predicted, "strictly from internal growth or from only minimal help from acquisitions."

The firm's headquarters are located in Suite 750, Honeywell Center, 17515 W. 9 Mile, Southfield.

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