Bonds protect trailer buyers

AUSTIN — Personally defending a new state law that regulates the mobile home industry, Atty. Gen. John Hill Wednesday sought to show that its tough bonding requirement was necessary to protect

Hill also presented evidence showing that no significant number of dealers or manufacturers had been put out of business by the necessity to obtain bonds backing

and dealers contend in their suit before state District Court Judge Herman Jones that the key features of the bill — particularly the bond requirement — deprive them of constitutionally protected property

mobile home industry, began his case by calling as witnesses Jackie W. St. Clair, state commissioner of

A group of mobile home makers Steele, head of his mobile home di-

But Hill quickly turned his cross-examination into development of his rebuttal case. "What was the prime reason for

the legislation?" Hill asked Steele. To protect consumers from Will Ehrle, attorney for the dealers - some would go out of business overnight, leaving consumers stranded . . . Consumers would complain to us about a mobile

labor and standards, and John home, and we would have no re- bonds, including Majestic Indusmedy," Steele replied.

> He said there were 167 substantiated claims in 1973 od mobile homes that did not comply with Texas standards and 326 the following year. As a result, Steel said, the attorney general set up a special task force that produced the bill now being challenged in court.

Steele said that between Nov. 30, 1973, and Tuesday — effective date of the new law — more than 1,000 dealers went out of business, leaving 436. He said only 83 of those have been rejected in their attempts to find insurance companies that will write their performance bonds. He said that 39 of the 46 manufacturers in Texas have obtained

tries, which alleges in the suit that it was faced with going out of business because of inability to obtain a bond. Ehrle sought through his questions to show that an impossible burden was placed on dealers through a prohibition against sale of used mobile homes that do not meet standards in force at the time of their manufacture.

"How can a dealer know what is the flame spread resistance of the interior wall board?" Ehrle asked.

"Take off a section of paneling and look at the rating . . . If there is no rating on it, we would have to take the position that it is not flameresistant paneling and not covered by the code," Steele said.

Bookmart continues sales

The Student Government Bookmart will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 3:30 in room 137 of the Memorial Student Center from Sept. 1 to Sept. 12.

They will buy used books at 60 per cent of original value and sell them for 65 per cent of the value.

It is operated by the members of Alpha Phi Omega and student

Workshop scheduled

The Memorial Student Center will be hosting two workshops for student organizations.

The first will be a Student Finance Workshop on Sept. 16 and 17 at 3 p.m. This workshop will brief students on how to use the

Finance Center for organizational business. The other workshop will deal with organizational programming. This will include room scheduling, the Battalion, uses use of

posters, campus mail and other campus facilities. Students working with the program planning aspect of campus organization should attend.

Hoffa's foster son N refuses questions d

DETROIT — Jimmy Hoffa's foster son refused to answer questions Wednesday during a seven-minute appearance before a federal grand jury probing the disappearance of the ex-Teamsters president, his attorney said.

Charles (Chuckie) O'Brien, a Teamsters organizer raised by the Hoffa family, refused to say whether he took the Fifth Amendment during his brief appearance.

O'Brien's attorney, James Burdick, charged the government with using the Hoffa case to develop unrelated cases against Teamsters officials "at the cost of a significant investigation into the disappearance of James R. Hoffa.

O'Brien, 41, is considered a key figure in the Hoffa disappearance. He was driving a car belonging to the son of a reputed Mafia chieftain near the restaurant where Hoffa was last seen on July 30.

of the auto, states there is probable cause to believe O'Brien used the vehicle to "facilitate an abduction of Hoffa."

A sworn FBI affidavit, used in connection with the seizure

After appearing before the grand jury, O'Brien said he was returning immediately to his new home near Miami, Fla.

Asked whether he had any fear that his life might be in danger, O'Brien shook his vigorously and said, "None."

In a hallway outside the grand jury room, a business associate, Louis Linteau, waited his turn to testify.

Linteau is owner of Airport Service Lines, a Pontiac, Mich., limousine business at which Hoffa stopped to chat shortly before he disappeared.

Linteau reportedly said under hypnosis that Hoffa told him he was to meet "Tony G." and "Tony P.," apparently references to Anthony Giacalone, a reputed Mafia figure whose son's car has been seized, and Anthony Provenzano, a former Teamsters boss from New Jersey.

Giacalone has denied he was to meet with Hoffa.

Cyclamate ban may end; FDA to decide next year

WASHINGTON — Federal officials plan to decide in January whether to lift the controversial ban on the use of cyclamates as an artificial sweetener.

The decision will be an effort to end arguments spanning the last six vears on whether there is a link between cyclamates and cancer in

If scientists fail to establish a link, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) officials say cyclamates could be used commercially in diet soft drinks and food next year.

It would take at least four months after the FDA decision to meet requirements for public comment and publication, so cyclamates probably would not appear on grocery shelves before the middle of next

Meanwhile, as scientists weigh new cyclamate research along with that which generated the ban in 1969, they are studying similar research that suggests a link between cancer in rats and the other major artificial sweetener, saccharine.

ban saccharine, the principal re- since 1879, and cyclamates - 30 placement for cyclamates in diet times sweeter than sugar — have products, is not expected by FDA officials before 1977.

The FDA's decisions on the artificial sweeteners depend on research with animals fed extremely high doses of the chemicals — the equivalent of more than 1,000 diet soft drinks a day for a human being. These studies are being examined under rigorous standards by scientists inside and outside the FDA.

FDA officials now say high-level Nixon administration officials rushed through the cyclamate ban in 1969 without allowing normal scrutiny of supporting research.

The debate over FDA standards and procedures concerns not only bureaucrats and scientists: production of low-calorie foods and diet soft drinks is a billion-dollar-a-year in-

An estimated 12 million Americans drink diet sodas each day, and millions of others eat diet foods sweetened with saccharine.

been used since 1944. Both have been subjects of research for years.

The cyclamates decision awaits findings of a scientific panel working under auspices of the National Cancer Institute and reviewing all research on cyclamates and cancer in animals.

FDA officials say privately the panel's decision, due in January, will be adopted by FDA.

In preparation for that report, the FDA is trying to decide related issues, such as whether the chemical can cause organ damage.

Even with a decision finding there is no cancer link, FDA sources say some limits may be imposed on the possible future use of cyclamates, perhaps like the present but little-known one-gram-a-day-aperson limit on the use of saccharine.

If the panel concludes cyclamates cause cancer, the chemical will remain banned.

If the panel fails to reach a conclu-Saccharine, which is 300 times sion, the FDA still will make a deci-The FDA decision on whether to sweeter than sugar, has been in use sion, FDA sources say.

Apollo-Soyuz astronaut flies to recovery

HOUSTON - Astronaut Donald K. "Deke" Slayton, the nation's oldest active astronaut, walked out of a hospital Wednesday just eight days after surgeons removed a benign tumor from his left lung, and told newsmen he would be going "full bore" within three weeks.

his usual brisk stride, but felt well enough to joke with newsmen and sign autographs for well-wishers who stopped him in the lobby of the M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute

He left the hospital with his wife, went home and then drove to his office for a few hours of work.

Doctors said most men of Slavton's age would need at least 10 to 14 days hospitalization after undergoing lung surgery, but, one hospital official noted, "Deke's not an ordinary person. Slavton underwent surgery on

Aug. 26 for a lung lesion doctors feared could be cancerous. The Slayton, 51, walked with less than small nodule was removed, examined and found to be benign

Doctors had predicted Slayton's rapid recovery. They said the astronaut was in excellent physical condition and was able to run two miles in 13 minutes only a few days before the surgery.

Slayton told newsmen he had U.S.-Soviet joint mission.

been walking the streets outside the hospital for the last two days and had been doing office work in his hospital room.

He walked unassisted from the three were hospitalized in Hawaii hospital, accompanied by his wife.

"I'm still a little sore," he told newsmen, "but I feel great. It just takes a little while to get over a big gash like that surgical incision.

He and his wife embraced for photographers and he cautioned her not to squeeze too hard because "it still hurts a little. Slavton made his first space flight

in July as a member of the American crew in the nine-day Apollo-Soyuz,

He and his crewmates, Thomas P. Stafford and Vance Brand breathed poison gas during the find minutes of their mission and the

During treatment for the gas problem, doctors discovered the small lesion on Slayton's lung.

Doctors said he should recover ully and again be able to fly Slavton and his crewmates a

scheduled to tour the Soviet Unio with the Soyuz cosmonauts starting

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Veteran lives with danger

POMONA, Calif. - Blow up some cables with dynamite. A simple job, it might seem, for a foremost explosives expert like J. S.

But the cables were at the Nevada Test Site, attached to an underground atomic device that failed to explode when the button was pushed hours earlier. The Atomic Energy Commission called on Brower to "shoot a charge"

to cut the cables and deactivate the device. But if anything went wrong, Brower, less than 250 feet away in the barren desert, would be right in the middle of it. It wasn't the first dangerous assignment undertaken by Brower,

his 30 Thieves" on behind the lines operations. Brower admits this was one job he

who has a reputation for doing

things others turn down. During

the Korean War he led a group of

convicts dubbed "Ali Brower and

my partner for \$1 million each," he said. "I figured if I was going to go I wanted to leave something to my

But the assignment eight years ago came off just as planned — and Brower heaved a sign of relief and walked away. Brower, in his early 60s, has

spent most of the last 35 years working with explosives — which he calls "tools" — a fascination that began during his childhood on the East Coast, when he would blow up old World War I munitions that washed ashore. It was Brower whom New York

police invited to survey the damage after a group of Weathermen blew themselves up in a New York townhouse in 1970. Movie Studios repeatedly request Brower's services when they want an explosion to

He was a consultant in the clearing of the Suez Canal.

"It could be," Brower says with a "I insisted they insure myself and self-effacing grin, "that in this business, I am a legend. Brower runs the firm of J. S.

Brower and Associates in this suburb on the eastern fringe of Los Angeles County. The company is involved worldwide inexplosives consulting, manufacturing and disposal. Brower is also chairman of the Society of Explosive Engineers.

But working with explosives has not been without its toll. Nine years ago, Brower lost three fingers on his left hand when a "junk-buster" charge for an oil well misfired.

His doctors advised him to take it easy, perhaps even quit the busi-

"But believe me, it did not slow me up," Brower said as he sat in his office, the wall and shelves around him crowded with mementos of the tasks he has performed since the ac-

He still plays golf, shooting in the high '70s.

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