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De Lorean tape shown

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LOS ANGELES — Attorneys for John De Lorean Tuesday played for jurors a videotape showing the chief prosecution witness meeting with a drug supplier and unsuccessfully trying to convince him to sink cocaine profits into De Lorean's troubled car firm.

charge — between De Lorean and the drug supplier, William Morgan Hetrick.

De Lorean, 59, is charged with bankrolling a \$24 million cocaine deal in hopes of pulling his crippled Northern Ireland sports car firm out of receivership.

During the Oct. 18 meeting, James Hoffman, an undercover informant posing as a drug peddler, tried to convince Hetrick to sink the \$1.8 million he was receiving for supplying the cocaine into De Lorean's car firm.

Hoffman and Benedict Tisa, an FBI agent posing as a crooked banker, talked up the merits of De Lorean's car firm as an investment opportunity. Hetrick, however, insisted he wanted to be paid in cash.

On the videotape, Hetrick appeared to be hearing some details of the drug deal for the first time.

Hoffman, 43, who became an informant in January 1982 to avoid going to jail on cocaine smuggling charges, sparked the undercover sting that ended in De Lorean's arrest by telling government agents that the ex-automaker asked him to arrange a multimillion drug deal.

In return, Hoffman has testified, De Lorean was willing to turn over as much as half the stock in his car firm.

The defense claims Hoffman is a habitual liar who framed De Lorean to make himself more valuable as an informant.

The defense Tuesday produced a letter De Lorean sent to Hoffman on July 9, 1982, days after they allegedly discussed doing a drug deal.

The tape of the first 45 minutes of the lengthy, secretly-videotaped meeting on Oct. 18, 1982, was not shown to jurors when the prosecution first played the videotape of the session earlier in the trial. De Lorean was not present at the meeting.

The defense claims the excerpt played Tuesday shows there was no "meeting of the minds" — the element that must be proven to substantiate a criminal conspiracy.

Court won't let Texans sue Mexico

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WASHINGTON — A federal appeals court Tuesday refused to allow 2,500 Texans to sue the Mexican government in U.S. courts to force payment of 19th century land claims that could amount to more than \$1 billion.

The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, voting 3-0, said U.S. courts have no power to mediate a dispute between Mexico and descendants of Mexican-American

cans who were run off their land in south Texas.

The dispute centers on a promise from Mexico to make payments to descendants of farmers and ranchers in south Texas during the 1800s who lost 12 million acres of land they owned.

Mexico has refused to submit itself to the jurisdiction of the federal courts, however, arguing that the matter should be handled through diplomatic channels and that foreign

governments are immune from lawsuits in the United States.

The dispute began just after the U.S.-Mexican War of 1848 when the ancestors of the members of the association were run off their lands during the Indian Wars and by new settlers coming into the state.

The dispute was thought to be settled in 1941 when the United States and Mexico signed a treaty ending disputed claims that had been unresolved since Texas became a state.

Texas' best to write book

Biologists help deer hunters

University News Service
Some of the state's top wildlife biologists have embarked on a project to help landowners, lease hunters and hunting clubs get more out of the hunting season by manipulating white-tailed deer population.

The result of the work will be a book written in lay terms to give Texans who aren't trained biologists a better understanding of information such as the deer's life history, habitat requirements, population dynamics and economic value from the standpoint of leasing and hunting, says Dr. William Sheffield of Texas A&M's Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences.

Sheffield and 25-30 other wildlife experts and biologists from Texas A&M's College of Agriculture, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Depart-

ment, private interests and scientists from the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are contributing to the book.

"There's probably no other game animal that has been written about more than the white-tailed deer," said Sheffield, project coordinator, "but there is a niche that needs filling. That's why we're doing this publication, to pull together the best available information for people — the non-biologists — that they can understand and use."

Although there's not much difference in white-tailed deer as a species in various regions throughout the state, the book will be written on a regional basis because of the differences in vegetation, climates and cir-

cumstances of hunters and landowners, he said.

"The objective is to provide people information to manipulate the deer population to their best advantage," said the wildlife scientist. "In many cases that might mean decreasing certain segments of the deer population instead of increasing it. Sometimes there are too many deer, or too many does for the number of bucks. The book will advocate bringing populations to optimum levels."

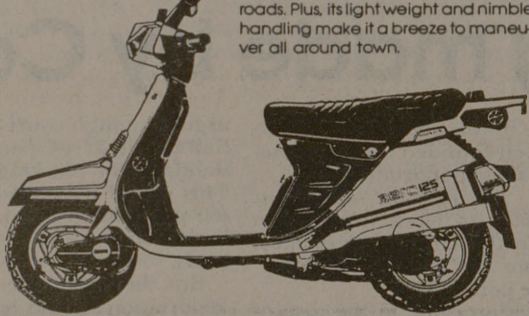
Numbering between 2-3 million, white-tailed deer comprise the largest proportion of all deer in the state and live throughout most of Texas, although populations are limited in the arid portions of West Texas where brush and tree cover is sparse.

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Instructors: James & Helen Curry
Fee: \$11
Meets: Friday, 6:15-7:45 p.m.
Begins: June 15, 1984
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This class will consist of a warm up stretch routine, aerobic dance routines, floor stretches and cool down exercises. Join the fun and get in shape!

Instructor: Susan Leach
Fee: \$17
Meets: Section A: Mon/Wed 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Section B: Tues/Thurs 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Begins: Section A: June 11, 1984
Section B: June 12, 1984
Weeks: Six

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This class is designed to promote total cardiovascular fitness. It will include a warm up with choreographed fitness routines, floor exercises and a warm down period.

Instructor: Paula Blakely
Fee: \$13
Meets: Section A: Mon/Wed 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Section B: Tues/Thurs 8:00-9:00 p.m.
Begins: Section A: June 11, 1984
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Instructor: Lori Cox
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