



Anyone's best friend

photo by Laura Hatch

It took a group effort to pull together about 40 million "dollars" of play money to make the winning bid for the 43 point diamond auctioned off Saturday night at RHA's Casino. Matt Powell, center with the diamond, an accounting major

from Amarillo, said about 50 people pooled their money to make the dynamite diamond buy. What can 50 people do with a sparkling diamond valued at \$1,100? It's easy. "Have an \$1,100 party," Powell said.

## Sports fans may damage Lubbock archaeological site

**United Press International**  
LUBBOCK — An archaeological site containing bones and bone chips may be damaged by sports fans traveling to soccer matches this weekend, the Texas Historical Commission contends.

Despite pleas by the commis-

sion to close an uncompleted access road, which cuts through the site, Mayor Bill McAlester said Friday that common sense dictates the access road be opened for weekend sporting events at the Berl Huffman Athletic Complex.

Curtis Tunnell, executive di-

rector of the historical commission, asked the city earlier this week to halt construction on the access road.

Tunnell said the city would be in violation of federal and state historical and antiquity laws if construction continued or if the access road was used.

## 'Piano man' recovering after injury to hand

**United Press International**  
NEW YORK — "Piano Man" Billy Joel, whose wrist and thumb were broken in a motorcycle accident, was assured he'll be at the keyboard again soon — this time as therapy for the injured hand.

Dr. David Andrews said Friday that rock star Joel, 32, a singer-songwriter whose biggest hit traced his career as an unknown piano player in small clubs, will regain complete use of his wrist and thumb.

In fact, the physician said, the

five-time Grammy winner will have to play the piano as part of his physical therapy.

"He thinks he'll be as good as new. I think he'll be better," said Andrews, an orthopedic surgeon at Manhattan's Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, where Joel was taken by helicopter following the accident Thursday.

Andrews said Joel's right wrist was fractured and his left thumb was broken. He said there was a cast on the wrist and a splint on the thumb.

Andrews said Joel would be discharged from the hospital Monday or Tuesday. He said the cast would be removed in eight weeks and the splint in a month.

Joel was hit by a car that ran a red light in Huntington Station, N.Y., while riding one of his four motorcycles.

Joel's other hits include the 1977 smash "Just the Way You Are," "Only the Good Die Young," "She's Always a Woman," "Big Shot," and "My Life."

## Dallas paper says Brown misused airplane flights

**United Press International**  
DALLAS — Several airplane flights logged on state records as official business by Agriculture Commissioner Reagan Brown included trips in which he conducted campaign business, a Dallas newspaper reported Saturday.

The Dallas Times Herald reported Brown traveled to Beaumont, Texas, Jan. 14 and suggested his challenger was an "elect," and flew to Sherman, Texas, on Jan. 26 where he said opponent Jim Hightower has no qualifications to be commissioner of agriculture.

The newspaper also said Brown traveled at state expense to Wichita Falls where he criticized Hightower's lack of agricultural experience.

The flights were recorded on state airplane logs as official business, the newspaper reported.

Brown has denied allegations of using state aircraft for political purposes, a violation of state law.

"We don't use our airplane on anything but official business," he said. "Using a plane for campaign purposes is against everything I ever believed in."

He said his lawyers had advised him he can make allegations about campaign opponents if reporters bring up the subject first. Brown regularly schedules press conferences in visits to cities.

The agriculture department estimates a cost of \$256 per hour to fly the aircraft.



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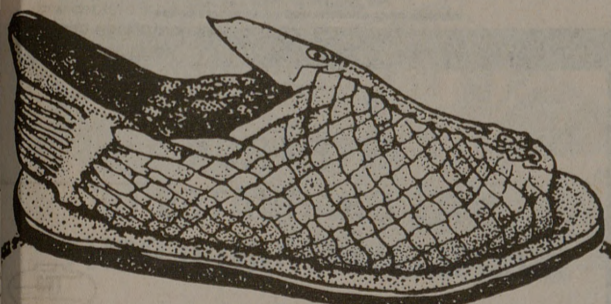
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