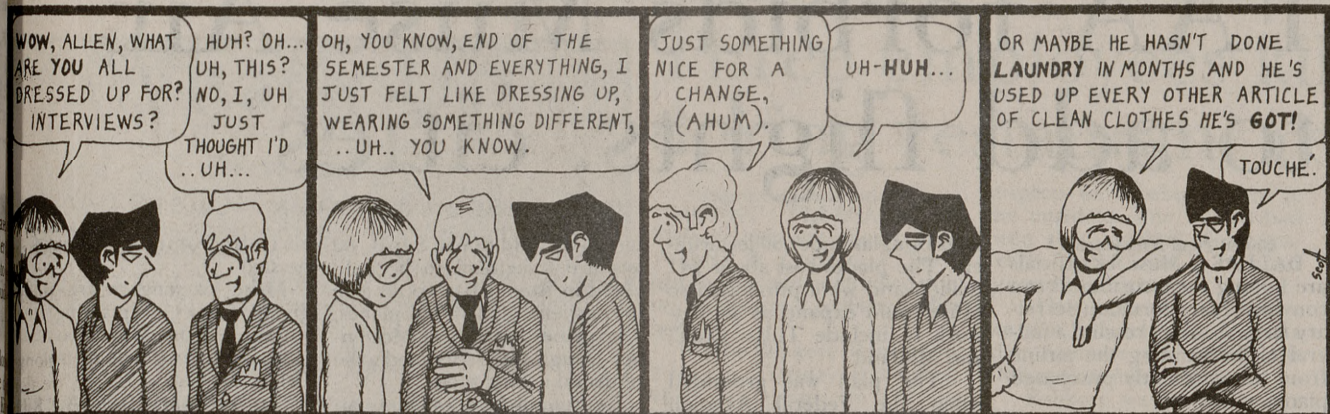


Warped

By Scott McCullar



## Group opposes abolition of state ad valorem taxes

**United Press International**  
AUSTIN — The Texas Association of College Teachers called on the Legislature Tuesday to hold off abolishing the state ad valorem property tax until a permanent method for funding university construction is found.

Gov. William Clements has set a special session of the Legislature for May 24 to abolish constitutional provisions for the property tax. Clements also wants the legislators to provide interim construction funding for the 17 colleges and universities that had depended on the tax for revenue.

Frank Wright, executive director of TACT, said he sent a letter to Clements asking that the special session be opened to formulating a permanent funding solution for the 17 colleges outside the well-financed Texas A&M and University of Texas systems.

He said Clements' plan for interim funding was a "band-aid approach" that could hinder efforts to find a permanent funding solution for the schools.

"What is proposed in the special session may actually deter finding a permanent solution," Wright said.

The property tax, which is set in the constitution at 10 cents for every \$100 of assessed valuation, has not been collected since 1979 when lawmakers reduced the assessment ratio to nearly zero.

Since that time, the 17 colleges have been virtually without building funds.

Midwestern University, one of the schools, has filed suit claiming that by reducing the assessment ratio, the lawmakers amended the constitution without a vote of the people.

Clements is hoping abolition of the tax will nullify the Midwestern suit and ward off any attempt to collect what could be nearly \$1 billion in back taxes should Midwestern win its case.

Wright said his organization does not endorse any particular permanent solution but thinks setting the property tax at an assessment ratio of 3 cents is the

most workable plan. A similar plan was proposed last session by Sen. W.E. Snelson, D-Midland, but drew heavy opposition from Clements and failed in the Senate.

COME GROW WITH US

**ALDRSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
"The Church With A Heart-Warming Touch"

TEMPORARILY MEETING AT  
A&M CONSOLIDATED  
MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
JERSEY ST. AT HOLIK ST., COLLEGE STATION

SUNDAY SERVICES: SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 A.M.  
MORNING WORSHIP 8:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M.  
EVENING WORSHIP 6:30 P.M.

CHURCH OFFICE  
2114 SOUTHWOOD  
696-1376

PASTOR: TERRY TEYKL

## Texas bridges worst in nation

**United Press International**  
AUSTIN — Representatives of a transportation association said Tuesday it will cost more than \$2.7 billion to repair 17,276 substandard bridges in Texas, which has more bad bridges than any state in the nation.

A study by the Washington-based Road Information Program said 37.9 percent of Texas' 45,526 major bridges were substandard. The study was financed by the Texas Good Roads and Transportation Association, a contractors organization.

"Texas ranks No. 1 in a lot of things, but ranking No. 1 in bad bridges is not something to be proud of," Harry Ledbetter of TGRTA said at a news conference Tuesday.

The study recommended a 15-year bridge improvement program that would allot about \$185 million a year to repairing bridges that are too old or too weak for existing traffic.

Ledbetter said the group had not yet decided on a method for financing the program, but the report indicated Texas' 5-cent gasoline tax could be increased to generate more money.

The study pointed out there was no danger of the deficient bridges collapsing, and said the biggest dangers were narrow clearances, dangerous approaches and badly worn surfaces that would increase the chance of accidents.

# SWENSEN'S

TRY OUR TWO NEW SUNDAES AT A SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY PRICE

SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY OFFER  
**\$1.95**

**NEW!**  
HOT APPLE AND CINNAMON WITH WALNUTS.

**NEW!**  
STRAWBERRIES, BANANAS AND CREAM.

**Two New Towering Sundae Sensations**

Swensen's is going bananas! And Apples! With a special introductory price on two deliciously different sundae treats. Our Strawberries, bananas and cream sundae is packed with luscious ripe fruit and topped with whipped cream. Hot apple with walnuts and cinnamon is a hot sundae that's really as American as Apple Pie. Try a new Swensen's sundae sensation today at this special introductory price.

Expires 6/13/82

**SWENSEN'S**  
Culpepper Plaza  
College Station  
693-6948

Open 11:30 a.m. Tues.-Sat.  
Open 12 Noon Sun.  
Close 10:30 p.m. Sun.-Thurs.  
Close 11:00 p.m. Fri. & Sat.  
Closed Mondays

**Keepsake . . . because you only choose once.**

**25% Off**

Trust your love to the exceptional quality of a Keepsake diamond engagement ring, as generations of couples have before you. All Keepsake diamonds are permanently registered, with a lifetime guarantee for clarity, color and precise modern cut. See our collection soon.

**Keepsake**

There is no finer name in diamond rings.

**The New Cowart's**

M-F 9-5:30  
Sat. 9-5

415 University  
846-5816

Rings from \$200 to \$10,000

Trade-Mark Reg.

# Bealls Baby Sale



**Buster Brown Playwear 50% Off**

What a sale, separates for the infant and toddler sizes. The selection is for both boys and girls in tops, shorts, and pants in easy care polyester/cotton.

**ON SALE**  
Easy Rolling, Easy Storing  
Umbrellor Stroller  
**20% Off**



regular 32.95 to 47.95  
Perfect for trips out to do your shopping. Durable nylon, lightweight metal, safety restraint seat straps.

- Carters® Gown Layette Size regular 4.50-4.85 **NOW 20% Off**
- Fitted Crib Sheets reg. 6.00 to 8.00 **NOW 20% Off**
- Crib Blankets reg. 5.99 to 10.00 **NOW 20% Off**
- Receiving Blankets reg. 5.00 to 7.00 **NOW 20% Off**
- Hooded Bath Towels reg. 5.85 **NOW 4.68**
- Diaper Stackers reg. 5.50 to 8.00 **NOW 20% Off**
- Diaper Shirts **20% Off**
- Carter's® Layette Jacket reg. 3.50 **NOW 2.80**
- Diaper Bags **20% Off**
- Carrier Cover reg. 7.00 **NOW 5.60**

**POST OAK MALL ONLY**  
**20% Off Baby Bed**  
with this coupon

**POST OAK MALL ONLY**  
**25% Off Baby Chest**  
with this coupon

**POST OAK MALL ONLY**  
**20% Off Mattress**  
for a baby bed with this coupon

**MANOR EAST MALL** Open 10:00 A.M.-9 P.M. **POST OAK MALL**  
MONDAY-SATURDAY