

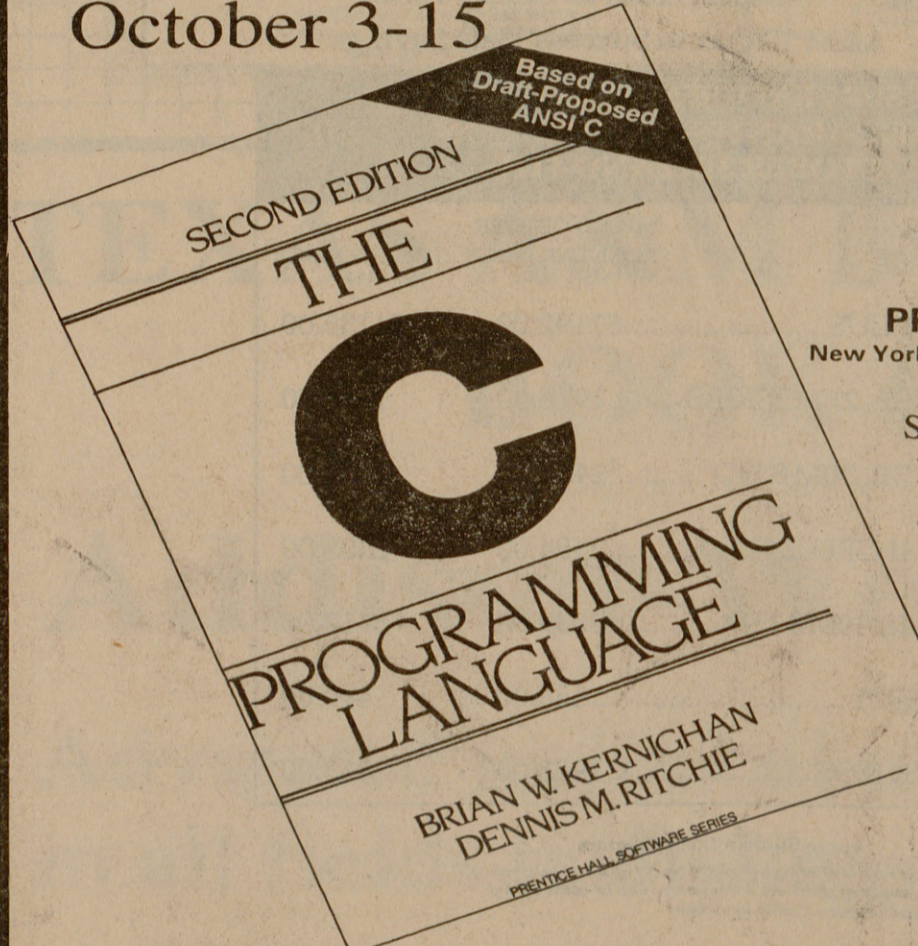
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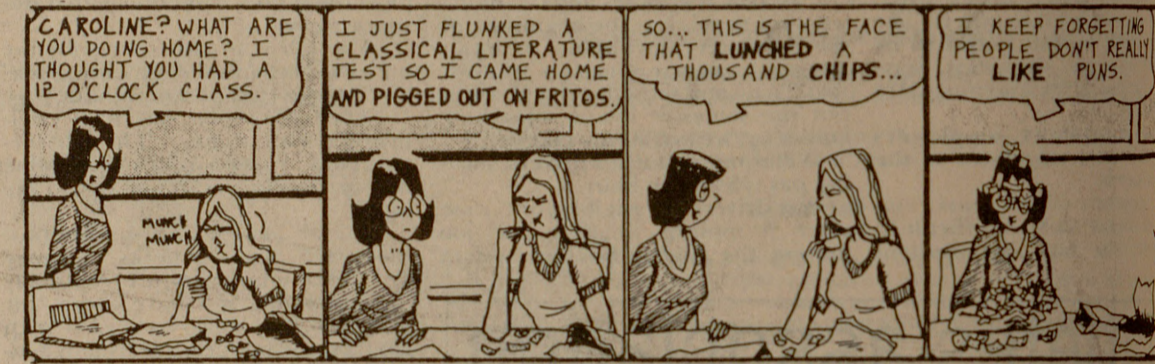
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Dukakis, Bentsen blast Bush's record on crime

DALLAS (AP) — Presidential hopeful Michael Dukakis linked up with running mate Sen. Lloyd Bentsen Thursday night to blast George Bush's record on tackling the nation's drug problem and fighting crime.

Dukakis and Bentsen met with Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas, which has previously endorsed the Democratic ticket.

"The Bush record on drugs and crime is a failure," Dukakis said at a news conference. "It's a failure. There is nothing the vice president can do to change that."

Dukakis accused Bush and the rest of the Reagan administration of being out of touch with state and local law enforcement officials and failing to provide the leadership needed to stem increasing crime, especially drug-related crimes.

"Leaders and officials, educators and law enforcement officers at the state and local level cannot conduct this war when they don't know from one year to the next whether they are going to get the kind of support that Congress has already demonstrated in the work that it has done," Dukakis said.

Before introducing Dukakis, CLEAT members held up a placard announcing the group had issued an "all points bulletin" for Bush, saying he is wanted for slashing support for state and local police, waving the white flag in the national war against drugs, giving criminals access to weapons and dealing with international drug kingpins.

Ron DeLord, CLEAT president, criticized Bush's support for use of the death penalty.

"We have the death penalty in Texas," DeLord said. "Obviously, it won't solve the nation's problems, because it hasn't solved our problems."

"We are not better off the we were eight years ago," DeLord said. "We are at war, a guerrilla war without any resources and if they put Dan Quayle in charge of this — God help us."

Bentsen lauded Dukakis' record on crime, saying the Massachusetts governor increased the number of officers on the police force, lowered the crime rate and attacked drug problems through an education effort in high schools.

"You've seen this administration talk about substantial amounts of money going back to local law enforcement officials to fight the war

against crime and then turn around as soon as the new year started to try to keep those funds from going down to the local enforcement officials," Bentsen said.

A private meeting with Hispanic supporters that followed the news conference was an "opportunity to discuss with him some of our concerns and recommendations," state Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi.

Store celebrates 50th anniversary

PALESTINE (AP) — A downtown landmark in this East Texas town, The Jay Shop, will celebrate its 50th anniversary under the same management next month. That falls nine years short of Hazel Condos' complete history with the clothing store.

"I started with the store in 1929 when it was on Spring Street where Pacific Finance is today," Condos said.

Condos, 78, is part owner of The Jay Shop. When she went to work for the original owners at age 19, she was "salesgirl, janitor and everything else."

Robert Totah, whose father bought The Jay Shop in 1938, refers to Condos as his second mother.

"This place has been her life really," Totah said.

Condos was born in Lebanon. At age 2, she arrived in Texas with her father, mother and a 1-month-old sister.

Her family had relatives in Palestine and her father opened a small store specializing in notions.

In 1929, Wolf and Elke Kelfer opened The Jay Shop at its first location on Spring Street. Jay was the middle name of a relative in the Kelfer family, Condos said.

"The inventory was maybe three dozen dresses, the most expensive of

which was \$16," Condos said. "I was the only employee."

The shop survived the Depression years because of the local oil boom in the Tucker area.

In 1931, the shop moved to the 200 block of West Main Street where, after numerous expansions, it remains today.

In 1938, the Totahs bought the Kelfers "and took me in the bundle," Condos said.

"The Totahs are not my relatives, but Bobby is like my own son," Condos said. "Some relatives don't go along that good."

The Totahs sell ready-to-wear clothing and began offering services such as alterations and fitters, she said.

The secret of The Jay Shop's long-standing success has always been good service, she said.

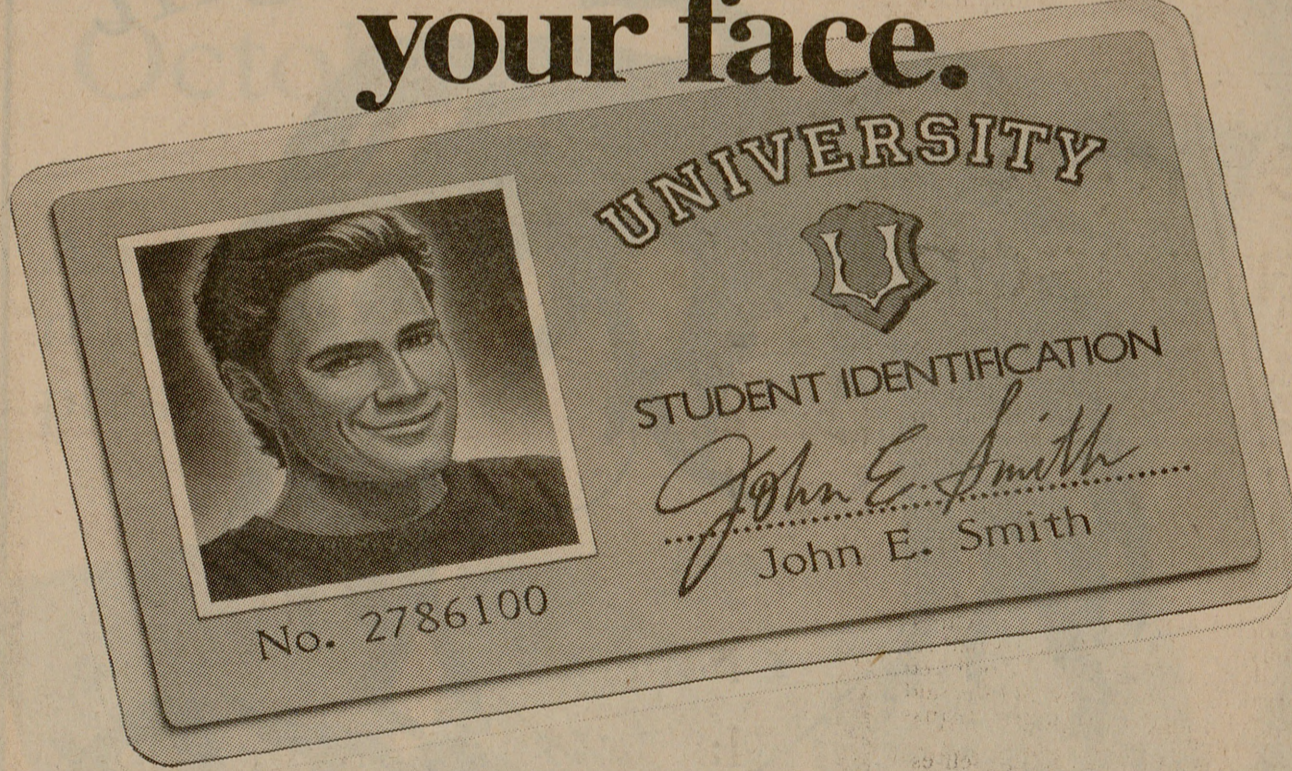
That service has maintained The Jay Shop while other downtown businesses have died out or moved away to shopping centers.

"When customers start coming back, you know that you've accomplished something," Condos said.

Condos always has been the key to The Jay Shop's emphasis on service, Totah said.

"She has a great rapport with customers," Totah said. "She always knows what they want."

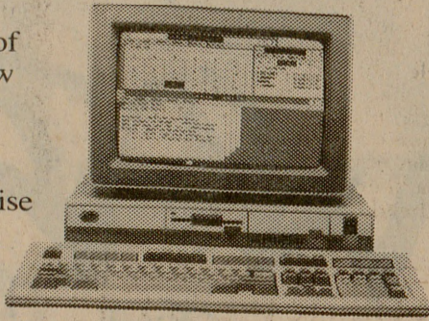
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The TASP test consists of three skills: Math, Reading, and Writing. Students who participate will have an opportunity to judge their mastery of academic skills and help the state of Texas develop the best possible test for colleges and universities.

To participate in the TASP test field trial or for additional information, please call 845-0532.