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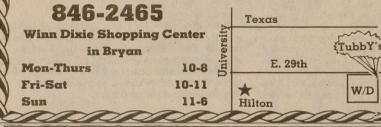
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Bentsen blasts Bush, Quayle as uncaring-toward-poor du

BEAU-MONT (AP) - Demo. cratic vice presidential andidate Lloyd Bentsen blasted Republicans George Bush and Dan Quayle Monday as an uncaring duo willing to maintain a legacy of



poverty for many Americans.

"In the America of George Bush and Dan Quayle, the rich get richer and the poor get poorer," Bentsen told a fiercely Democratic Labor Day rally at a rodeo arena in this East Texas oil city.

"And the vast majority of our people work harder and longer just to stay even," he said. "They need two incomes just to keep from slipping back.

Bentsen began his fall campaign help the Democratic ticket bring home the Lone Star state's 29 electo-ral votes, now within the part of the terms of the basis of the in his native Texas, saying he wanted ral votes, now within the reach of either party.

A poll published Monday in the Dallas Morning News showed the Republican ticket leading 47 percent Bentsen said, standing in

to 44 percent, within a 3 percentage point margin of error.

Bentsen told reporters traveling with him that he expected to take Texas and win the national election, but he acknowledged that the Democrats were revising their tactics. "I think you'll see a more aggressive campaign," he said.

'You can't keep taking the kind of attacks that we saw," such as Bush's claim that Dukakis was unpatriotic because he vetoed a bill mandating the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in the public schools of Mas-sachusetts, he said. On that issue, Bentsen added, Republicans would suffer a voter backlash.

The Texas senator, returning to the trail after a brief vacation in Wyoming, said he had spoken by telephone with John Sasso, the Dukakis campaign's new vice chairman who was returning a year after resigning for what some considered an unfair attack on Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., a Dukakis rival at the time.

Bentsen began his Labor Day at a small business center in Waco, an area struggling economically. He met with local people trying to

his home, had done little for the state.

Poll says Bush leads in Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — The presi-ential race in Texas — a crucial dent, and only 32 percent said dential race in Texas — a crucial state for both candidates — remains tight with Republican George Bush gaining only a slight advantage over Democrat Michael Dukakis, a poll indicates.

Bush and his running mate, Indiana Sen. Dan Quayle, have the support of 47 percent of Texas vot-ers, while Dukakis and Texas Sen. Lloyd Bentsen have 44 percent, according to a poll by the Houston Chronicle and the Dallas Morning News. The remainder were mostly undecided.

But the poll's statistical margin of error is plus or minus 3 percentage points, which could put the race in a virtual dead heat. The poll pub-lished Monday surveyed 1,001 likely voters between Aug. 26 and Friday. Bush had been the heavy favorite

in Texas, which he calls home, but Dukakis' selection of Bentsen as his running mate drastically narrowed that gap, according to a July poll.

The latest poll shows the race re-mains close at the traditional Labor Day campaign kickoff, with Bentsen still providing a big boost to the Democratic ticket.

But Bush appears to be scoring well with his charges that Dukakis, the governor of Massachusetts, is a liberal — a tag that doomed three of the last four Democratic presidential nominees in Texas. highly competitive, among the top four or five most competitive states,' said Richard Murray, the University of Houston political scientist who directed the survey. than 0.5 percent expressed support for Libertarian Party presidential nominee Ron Paul of Lake Jackson. considered critical by both campaigns in a race that appears very close nationally. Bentsen's help for Dukakis in Texas is substantial: 43 percent of the respondents say they are more likely to vote for the Democratic ticket because of Bentsen. In contrast, only 13 percent said they were more likely vote for Republican because Qualye was on the ticket. In addition, 82 percent said

Quayle is.

When asked to rate the candidates philosophically, 45 percent of the poll respondents called Dukakis liberal. Bush was labeled conservative by 57 percent.

Bush has a slight majority of the support of strict independents, but Dukakis has the support of 62 per-cent of identified Democrats who voted for President Reagan in 1984, the poll shows.

Tom Cosgrove, Dukakis' Texas campaign coordinator, said the poll bodes ill for Bush.

"If I were the Republicans, and I had just had my candidate for president in the state four days straight during perhaps his best week ever campaigning and he was in a statistical dead heat, I'd be a little scared,' he said.

shirtsleeves outside the former high school building. The Republicans "have an oil man who's running for president," he said, "but, frankly, I can't remember who is have an oil man who's running for president," he said, "but, frankly, I can't remember who's running for president," he said, "but, frankly, I can't remember anything he's done for the energy industry in the past eight years.' At the Beaumont rally, attended by some 2,000 people, Bentsen said that Quayle was on the wrong side of every energy issue important to Texas — and still George Bush chose him as his running mate.

Bentsen said that Quayle exemplified the Republican attitude with his record opposing health care for pregnant women, immunizations for children and the bill requiring 60 days advance notice for workers fac-

ing plant layoffs. "When it comes to basic issues im-portant to working men and women,

the Republicans say, 'No,'" he said. Bentsen said the Republicans were trying to make ideology and patriotism the issues of the campaign, but, selling Dukakis to Tex-ans, he said the real issues were jobs and opportunity.

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From Associated Press Democratic U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas holds a com-

manding lead in his re-election

bid despite Republican criticism that his dual candidacy for vice

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ber from Amarillo, according to poll by the Houston Chronicle and the Dallas Morning News.

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ducted the survey of 1,001 likely did in a special election in after Texan Lyndon B. John Texas voters from Aug. 26 to last Bentsen had the support of 58 percent and Boulter 28 percent, was elected vice president and elected senator at the same imaccording to the poll, conducted

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WASHINGTON (AP) — High poverty rates for last four Democratic presidential minees in Texas. 'Texas figures are to remain moting the interests of children.

"Our children and our young families are this na-tion's growing edge," Marian Wright Edelman, presi-dent of the Children's Defense Fund, said. "We neglect them at our peril."

The comments came with the release of a study com-Eight percent of the Texas voters surveyed were undecided and less growth of the last few years hasn't benefited young American families the way it has families that are established

America's young families are afflicted by an eco-Texas, with 29 electoral votes, is nomic depression in the middle of our society's more general prosperity," Edelman said in a statement.

In terms of constant dollars, the income of families with children headed by an adult under age 30 fell by about one-fourth between 1973 and 1986, the fund reported.

As a result the poverty rate for such families nearly doubled from 12 percent in 1973 to 22 percent in 1986, the fund said.

Census Bureau figures for 1987 were released last week and, while not identical to the children's fund figures, tend to support the group's assertions. The Census Bureau found that the 1987 poverty rate

for children aged 18 and under was 20 perce from 14.2 percent in 1973.

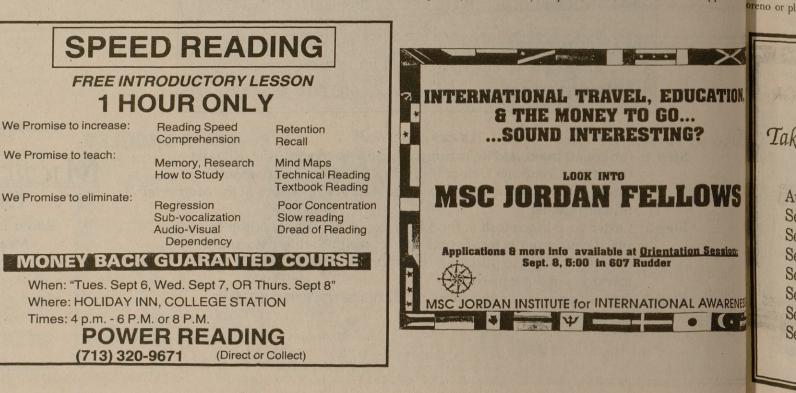
Younger families tended to have higher on a first-con have question rates than older ones, the census figures showed. Poverty rates for children, whether black, with Hispanic, rose between 1973 and 1987, the showed, and were higher than for other families alla dividuals

"These are the children on whom we must re the workers, leaders, parents, taxpayers, solds hope of the 21st century," Edelman said. "Wez

ting them off to the worst possible start." DALLAS (In the short term, the Children's Defens is he realized ile situati called for a higher minimum wage and passage Act for Better Child Care, legislation pending ist as the hig Dallas city a gress to improve services for working parents.

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home-buyer assistance programs. The fund describes itself as a non-profit group Hispanic les ing to draw attention to the needs of children pty Manager ularly the poor, minorities and handicapped. g he show



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