

Kerry Leads Washington

A new poll indicates that Sen. John Kerry, the Democratic presidential nominee, leads President Bush by 8 percentage points in the battle for Washington state's 11 electoral votes.

The CNN, *USA Today*, Gallup poll shows Kerry leading Bush, 52 percent to 44 percent among likely voters, with independent candidate Ralph Nader capturing just 1 percent.

The results among registered voters are similar, with Kerry leading Bush 51 percent to 43 percent.

Nader is supported by 2 percent of registered voters.

The telephone poll of 808 registered Washington state voters was conducted this month just after the Republican National Convention. It has a margin of error of 4 percentage points.

The new poll results are similar to other polls conducted in the state in recent weeks, and indicate that gains made by Bush in other states have not translated to the Democratic-leaning Washington state.

Unemployment Spikes

(AP)—Oregon's unemployment rate has jumped up more than half a point to 7.4 percent in August, the biggest single monthly increase in joblessness since 1983.

The monthly increase marked the first time the statewide jobless rate has moved above 7 percent since March, when the rate was 7.2 percent.

The Oregon Employment Department said the upward figure was cause for concern but it will take at least another two months to

determine if it signals a trend.

Seasonally adjusted payroll employment fell by 900 jobs in August after the state gained 2,000 jobs overall in July.

Trade, transportation, and utilities added only 500 jobs for the month, when a gain of 1,500 would be the normal seasonal change for August. Government also declined, losing 1,700 jobs, or about 500 more than the normal reduction for the month.

Solutions to Violence Sought



Rev. J.W. Friday leads the "senseless violence leads to silence" march Saturday along Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The event honored Asia bell James, a 24-year-old mother who was randomly gunned down in 2002 while sitting on the front porch of her north Portland home. Special remembrance was also paid to Isaiah Strickland, a 17-year-old murdered on the streets of northeast Portland in 2003 and all victims of violence.

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affected neighbors and friends throughout Portland. The person who took her life is still at large. Her husband, Tyrone James was also

shot in the head and is now legally blind.

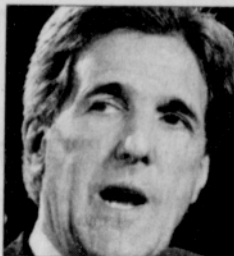
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Strickland, 17, was living life as a

normal teenager when he was murdered on Nov. 2, 2003 on Northeast Seventh and Fremont with about 20 witnesses present. He loved to hang out with his friends, telling jokes and laughing.

Kerry assails Bush for failing America

(AP)—Democratic Sen. John Kerry on Monday accused President Bush of ducking his responsibility to protect the country from crime and terrorism by allowing a national assault weapons ban to expire.



John Kerry

Kerry outlined his own \$5 billion plan to fight crime and picked up the endorsement of the National Association of Police Organizations, a coalition of more than 2,000 police unions and associations.

"Today George Bush made the

job of America's law enforcement officers harder and that's just plain wrong," the Democratic nominee told a Washington audience.

Kerry said, "George Bush made a choice today. He chose his powerful friends in the gun lobby over the police officers and the families he promised to protect."



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