Life Lines

By MELANIE GAYLE

My life has gotten quite busy.

My sister, Karen, gave me a little push a few months ago to sign up for college classes beginning summer term, so I did. I have spent the last couple of months trying to get things finished in preparation for this busy time.

Even last month, I set some goals that would free me up by the first week of school.

Well, it didn't work out. I started the first week of college with two important projects, as well as some smaller, yet still valuable projects, to complete. So much for having it all mapped out.

So while I was in church Sunday, I was praying to the Lord. I wanted to bring all the things to Him that would distract me from worshipping Him, not to mention that I really wanted to spend time with Him and forget the rest of the things in my life.

As I began praying to Him, I let go of everything, and through the tears I asked Him to please, "Help me take your Hand."

You see, I believe that I am right where I am supposed to be. I also believe that even though I am busy, and even stressed, that He makes everything work out in His timing.

When we take God's hand, we give over the control of our lives.

We are no longer leading; we have our hand in His; and He's leading. I need Him to "Help me take His hand" when I need comfort, direction, help with everything that just jumped in my face, deadlines: the list goes on and on, and so does the need.

I need Him to "Help me take His hand" because I want Him to lead. I need Him to get me through my life. He never expected us to have to make this journey, or walk our walk, on our own. He waits for us to put our hand in His. He loves us that much.

He is interested in what we do; how we do it; how our day goes. He wants to comfort us; love us; strengthen us; be with us.

Let's look at the Children of Israel. The Children of Israel were in Egypt busting their butts as slaves. They were miserable. They worked too hard. They got nothing in return. They whined to the Lord for deliverance from such an evil and horrible circumstance. But as soon as they were on their way and they no longer had to work hard under the blazing Sun, they began complaining.

So we'll say that even though they were on their way to something better, they couldn't see past the horrible trip through the wilderness they must take.

Instead of them crying out to the Lord to "Help them take His hand," they only complained about the hardships they must endure. Didn't the Lord only have a short time scheduled for this 40-year trip? And didn't He feed them, water them, sustain them, make sure that their health, youth and even their clothes not wear out?

Where did they go wrong? They didn't take the trip with their hand in the Lord's. They started with Him and then lost their focus. So much so that when they finally reached the Promised Land, they had already worn out their welcome. They had lost their confidence in God's promise, so they were as grasshoppers in their own eyes. Only two out of the entire generation that the Lord delivered would actually possess the Promised Land.

The point is that just as the Children of Israel had quite a walk to walk, we too must endure a narrow but straight road to live for all eternity with Jesus Christ. We can't afford to be swept away by our needs, wants, desires or demands.

We can't lose sight of Jesus when our circumstances aren't what we think they should be; want them to be; or even need them to be.

All you have to do is ask Him to, "Help me take Your hand." There it is that you will find peace, joy, love, hope and contentment -- for sure. **(Editor's Note: Life Lines is a non-profit, Cave Junction-based prison ministry. For more information write Life Lines, POB 1816 Cave Junction OR 97523; or telephone 592-3643.)**

Small-business owners seek reform to health-care system

Alive and well when it left the Oregon House of Representatives last month, a health-care reform measure requested by small-business owners statewide could be laid to rest in a Senate graveyard unless lawmakers work to revive House Bill 2537, according to the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB).

"There are some interest groups that lose out if the state Senate passes HB 2537, no doubt about it," said J.L. Wilson, state director for the 12,000-member Oregon chapter of NFIB. "But the people who stand to gain are infinitely greater, and they are the ones whom legislators see every day of the week in the thousands of small businesses that make up the Main Streets of Oregon."

The bill passed the state House of Representatives 32-25 on June 9, but its fate remains uncertain in the Senate, as opponents have rallied to slow, and possibly kill, its progress, said NFIB.

If passed, House Bill 2537 would allow health insurers to offer a basic, lower-cost, mandate-free health care plan to its small-business customers in Oregon.

Although shorn of some costly procedures, it would put basic health care within reach of thousands of Oregon workers currently without it, said NFIB.

Six years ago, 70 percent of NFIB/Oregon members offered health care for their employees. Today, that percentage is down to 62 and "dropping steadily."

In the same timeframe, the number of Oregonians insured in the small group market has declined from more than 280,000 to less than 240,000.

"Sooner or later, lawmakers will need to address the reality that small employers are being priced out of the health insurance market."

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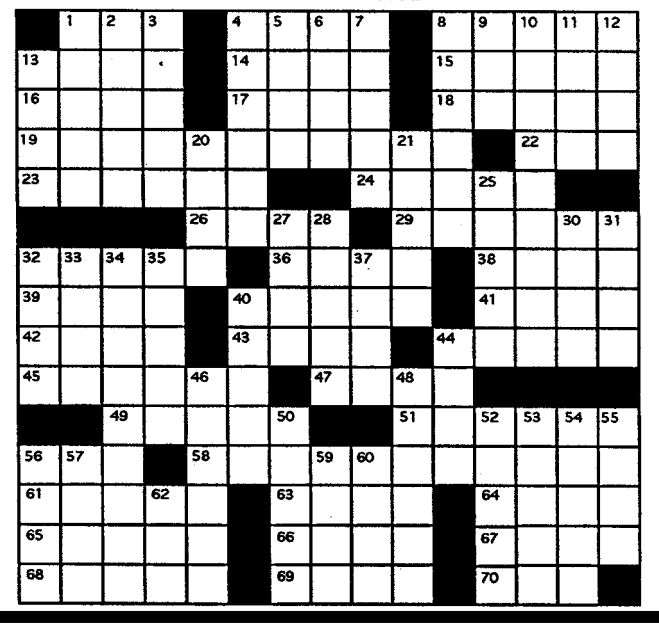

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2 (WTBS)	(4:30) Movie:	Movie: ★½ "The Scarlet Letter" (1995, Drama) (PA) Demi Moore, Gary Oldman. A married Puritan woman has an affair with a minister.						Movie: ★★ "Lost in Space" (1998, Science Fiction) William Hurt. A spy sabotages a family's space mission for humanity.							Movie: ★★★ "Contact" (1997, Science Fiction) Jodie Foster, Matthew McConaughey. A devoted scientist hears a message from outer space.				Movie: ★★★ "The Terminator" (1984, Science Fiction) (PA) Arnold Schwarzenegger.				Movie: ★★★★ "Star Wars" (1977) (PA)
3 (FOXFAM)	Paid Program	Amazing Facts	Medabots	Beyblade	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	Beyblade	Beyblade	Beyblade	Beyblade	Beyblade	Beyblade	Two of a Kind	Raising Dad	Growing Pains	Growing Pains	Step by Step	Step by Step	Movie: ★★ "The Haunting of Sarah Hardy" (1989, Suspense) Sela Ward, Morgan Fairchild.				Movie: "The Haunting of Seacliff Inn" (1994)	
4 (FOX)	Fox News Sunday (In Stereo)		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Stargate SG-1		Outer Limits "Family Values" (In Stereo)		Blind Date (In Stereo)	Blind Date (In Stereo)	Movie: ★★★ "Operation Dumbo Drop" (1995, Comedy) Danny Glover, Ray Liotta, Denis Leary.		Paid Program		Paid Program		Equal Justice		Futurama (N)	Banzai (N)	Simpsons	King of the Hill
5 (KOBI)	This Old House	Home Again	Today Sunburns. (In Stereo)		Meet the Press		Croc Files	Croc Files	Ctdwn-Green	NASCAR Racing: Winston Cup Series -- Sirius at the Glen. Watkins Glen, N.Y. (In Stereo Live)						AVP Volleyball: Manhattan Beach Open -- Men's Final.			Albertson's Golf		Adventure Inc. Mind-altering drug.		That '70s Show	NBC News
6 (ESPN)	SportsCenter (Live)		Sports Reporters	Outside the Lines	SportsCenter (Live)			Baseball Tonight	EXPN 2Day: X Games Preview. (N)		ATP Tennis: Tennis Masters Series Canada -- Final. Montreal. (Live)				WTA Tennis: JPMorgan Chase Open Final. Carson, Calif. (Live)			Strongest Man	SportsCenter (Live)		Baseball Tonight (Live)		MLB Baseball: Braves at Cardinals	
7 (KSYS)	Barney & Friends	Jay Jay the Jet	Angelina Ballerina	Anne of Green	Dragon-flyTV	Redwall	Ayers Rock: "A Naked Planet Special"		Daniel O'Donnell & Friends International singer Daniel O'Donnell. (In Stereo)				Nova "Last Flight of Bomber 31" (In Stereo)		History Detectives		American Experience: Grand Canyon		Nature		Small Business	Louis Rukeyser	European Journal	Steves Europe
8 (TBN)	Jentezen Franklin	Dr. David Jeremiah	Kenneth Hagin Jr.	Winning Walk	Coral Ridge Hour		Love Worth Finding		Bishop Blake	It Is Written	Rod Parsley	Paula White	King Is Coming	Bishop P.	Cornerstone		Bayless Conley	Gregory Dickow	Bishop T.D. Jakes	Life in the Word	McClen-don	Jack Hayford	Lakewood Church	Taking Authority
9 (LIFE)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Nanny	Nanny	Movie: ★★ "Chasing Secrets" (1999, Drama) Della Reese, Ossie Davis, Crystal Bernard.				Movie: "Sex, Lies & Obsession" (2001, Drama) A woman learns that her husband is a sex addict.				Movie: ★★½ "Doing Time on Maple Drive" (1992, Drama) James B. Sikking, Bibi Besch.				Movie: "Deadly Family Secrets" (1995)	
10 (KTVL)	Paid Program	Tony's Chopper	Animal Action (EI)	Critter Gitters	CBS News Sunday Morning (In Stereo)		Face the Nation		Personal Power	Topspin	Superstars (N)		PGA Golf: The International -- Final Round. Castle Rock, Colo. (Live)						Outdoors-man	Red Skelton	Miracle Blade	Gazelle Elite	Access Hollywood (N)	
11 (NICK)	Tiny Toon Adv.	Tiny Toon Adv.	CatDog	CatDog	Rugrats (In Stereo)	Rugrats	Sponge-Bob	Sponge-Bob	Oddpar-ents	Jimmy Neutron	Rocket Power	Rocket Power	Hey Arnold!	Hey Arnold!	Thomber-rys	Thomber-rys	CatDog	Angry Beavers	Rocko's Life	Men in Black	As Told by Ginger Ginger is leaving home.			Oddpar-ents
13 (KDFW)	Rebecca's Garden	Paid Program	Coral Ridge Hour		Believer's Voice	Impe Presents	Animal Advent.	Awesome Adv.	This Week-George Stephanopoulos		To Be Announced		IRL Racing: Gateway Indy 250. Madison, Ill. (Live)				X Games Global Challenge		Hot Ticket (In Stereo)	Paid Program	State Police	Hollywood Squares	Maximum Exposure	
15 (USA)	Martin	Living Single	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	PGA Tour Sunday		Walker, Texas Ranger		Peacemakers "29 Seconds"		Movie: ★★★ "Clueless" (1995) Spoiled Beverly Hills teens careen through the good life.				Movie: "She's All That" (1999) A high-school student wagers he can remake a plain Jane.				Movie: ★★★ "Clueless" (1995) Spoiled Beverly Hills teens careen through the good life.			
17 (A&E)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Treasure! "Hunt for the Sunken Edinburgh"		Breakfast With the Arts Daniel Barenboim conducts the Berliner Philharmoniker. (N)				Movie: ★★½ "The Lost World" (2001, Adventure) Bob Hoskins, James Fox, Tom Ward. Explorers encounter dinosaurs in the Amazon jungle.						Behind Closed Doors		Take This Job... Bounty hunters.		Incurable Collector	House Beautiful	All Year Round	Seasond Travlr	Sell This House	Makeover Mamas
18 (HBO)	(5:05) Movie:	Movie: ★★ "Camp Nowhere" (1994) Misfit children create their own secret summer camp.				Movie: ★★★½ "Minority Report" (2002) Tom Cruise. Psychics predict that a cop will soon commit a murder.					All-Frazier 1: One Nation... Divisible		Movie: ★★ "The Scout" (1994) Albert Brooks. (In Stereo) 'PG-13'		S.W.A.T.: 1st		Movie: ★★ "Men in Black II" (2002) Tommy Lee Jones. 'PG-13'		Movie: ★★½ "Mission: Impossible" (1996, Adventure) Tom Cruise. (In Stereo) 'PG-13'				"Minority Report"	
19 (SHOW2)	(5:55) Movie: ★★½ "In the Shadows" (2001) James Caan.			Quick Flick Mn	Movie: ★ "What's the Worst That Could Happen?" (2001, Comedy) Martin Lawrence.				Movie: ★★★ "The Score" (2001, Suspense) A veteran safecracker is lured into a final heist.				Showtime Extras	Movie: ★★ "Scandalous" (1984, Comedy) Robert Hays.			Movie: ★★ "Kill Me Later" (2001, Comedy-Drama) Selma Blair.		Movie: ★★½ "Legally Blonde" (2001) Reese Witherspoon.				★ "What's the Worst That Could Happen?"	
21 (SHOW)	(5:55) Movie: ★ "Soul Survivors" (2001, Horror) Melissa Sagemiller.			Movie: ★★½ "Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius" (2001, Adventure)			Movie: ★★★ "Spy Kids" (2001, Adventure) Antonio Banderas.		Movie: ★★★ "Moll Flanders" (1996) A strong-willed woman faces a harsh life in 1700s London.				Movie: ★★½ "When a Man Loves a Woman" (1994, Drama) Andy Garcia. iTV. (In Stereo)				Movie: ★★★½ "Green Card" (1990, Comedy) Gerard Depardieu. iTV. (In Stereo)				Movie: ★★★ "Stakeout" (1987, Comedy-Drama) Richard Dreyfuss.		
22 (MAX)	(5:00) Movie: ★★ "Enough" (2002)		Movie: ★★½ "Night of the Comet" (1984) Catherine Mary Stewart.			Movie: "Body Double" (1984) An unemployed actor is implicated in a bizarre murder plot. 'R'				Movie: ★★½ "Trapped" (2002, Suspense) Charlize Theron. 'R'			Movie: ★★ "Star Trek V: The Final Frontier" (1989, Science Fiction) William Shatner. 'PG'			Spider-Man	Movie: ★★½ "XChange" (2000) An executive's physical body is stolen by an assassin. 'R'				Movie: ★★ "The Program" (1993, Drama) James Caan. 'R'		
29 (ESPCL)	SportsCentury Andre Agassi.		SportsCentury		SportsCentury		NHL Hockey: 1998 Eastern Conference Finals -- Capitals at Sabres				Vintage NBA Wes Unseld.		NBA Basketball: 1978 Finals Game 7 -- Washington Bullets at Seattle SuperSonics.			One on One	1982 Redskins		1987 Redskins	1991 Redskins	Seabiscuit -- Making the Movie		Flashing Before My Eyes	
30 (TRAV)	Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Exotic Islands	Vacation Home	Great Hotels	Great Hotels	David Cassidy's Las Vegas		Millionaire Hang-Outs		Donny Osmond's Animal Adventures		Jack Hanna's Top Ten Baby elephants.		Sea World Revealed		Fantasy Lands		World's Best Mummies, skeletons.		World's Best "Spine Chilling Sites"		Dollywood The Smoky Mountain theme-park.	
34 (AMC)	(5:40) Movie: "The Seven Year Itch" (1955) A happily married man meets an attractive blonde.				Movie: "Let's Make Love" (1960) A billionaire is hired to play himself in a stage satire.				Movie: "To Catch a Thief" (1955) A former thief is suspected when crime plagues the Riviera.				Movie: ★★ "Earthquake" (1974, Drama) Charlton Heston, Ava Gardner, George Kennedy. California is torn apart by a cataclysmic quake. 'PG'						Movie: ★★½ "Airport 1975" (1974) A midair collision leaves the crew of a 747 incapacitated.				Movie: "The Usual Suspects" (1995) 'R'	
35 (TNT)	LAPD: On Beat	LAPD: On Beat	Movie: ★★½ "Days of Thunder" (1990) A cocky challenger enters the world of stock-car racing.				Movie: "Second String" (2002) Benchwarmers get a chance to play for Super Bowl glory.				Movie: ★★★★ "Rocky" (1976, Drama) Sylvester Stallone. A boxer faces the odds to make something of himself.					Movie: ★★★ "Rocky II" (1979, Drama) Sylvester Stallone. Rocky stages a rematch with champion Apollo Creed.					Movie: ★★★ "Rocky III" (1982) A merciless contender forces Rocky into a title match.			
38 (DISN)	Bear in House	Book of Pooh	Wiggles	Out of the Box	PB&J Otter	Wiggles	Rolie Polie Olie	Rolie Polie Olie	Stanley	House of Mouse	Movie: "D3: The Mighty Ducks" (1996) Hockey misfits skate on thin ice at a private academy.			Proud Family	Kim Possible	That's So Raven	Lizzie McGuire	Boy Meets World	Sister, Sister	Even Stevens	Even Stevens	Boy Meets World	Sister, Sister	
39 (SCIFI)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Star Trek "Spectre of the Gun" (In Stereo)		Star Trek		Movie: "Deathlands: Homeward Bound" (2003, Science Fiction) Vincent Spano.			Movie: "Terminal Invasion" (2002) Malevolent aliens take control of stranded travelers.				Movie: "Encrypt" (2003), Vivian Wu The world's fate rests on an ex-Army captain's shoulders.				Movie: "Webs" (2003) Richard Grieco.		
45 (DISC)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Tested to Destruction Crash tests.		Most Dangerous Jobs in the World		Murder Reopened: The Alphabet Killer		Code of Silence Gang robs New England banks.				American Chopper Old-school bike.		American Chopper "Comanche 2"		American Chopper "Comanche 3"		Blue Planet "The Deep"	
46 (ANPL)	Breed: All About It	Breed: All About It	K-9 to 5	K-9 to 5	Funniest Animals	Funniest Animals	Amazing Animal Videos		Ultimate Animals		Ultimate Killers: Defenders and Venom		Killers: Packhunters and Maneaters		Ultimate Animals "Cold and Hot"		Animal Cops "The Raid -- Detroit"		Animal Precinct		Pet Star		Most Extreme: Survivors	
47 (COM)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Beat the Geeks	Roast-Scenes	Last Comic Standing The winner is announced. (In Stereo)				Saturday Night Live		Movie: ★★½ "The Original Kings of Comedy" (2000, Comedy) Steve Harvey, D.L. Hughley.			Saturday Night Live (In Stereo)			Saturday Night Live (In Stereo)		Saturday Night Live (In Stereo)		Saturday Night Live (In Stereo)		Saturday Night Live Jamie Foxx, Blink 182.	
48 (CRT)	Euro Pro Shark	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Share Cam	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	NYPD Blue "Boxer Rebellion" (In Stereo)		Movie: "Billionaire Boys Club" (1987) Get-rich-quick schemes lead to a con man's murder.			