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Canadians feeling flush in Washington

CURRENCIES EQUAL FOR FIRST TIME SINCE '76

Shops here relish new influx from the north

BY DREW DESILVER
Seattle Times business reporter

Kim Stark and Mark Crittenden of Burnaby, B.C., had just finished shopping at the Gap and Banana Republic outlet stores in Snohomish County's

Quil Ceda Village — a rest stop on their trip to Nordstrom in Seattle — when they paused to consider the rise of the Canadian dollar against its U.S. cousin. "Isn't it great!" Stark exulted. Nearby, a trio of women from

Vancouver, B.C., barely paused as they headed toward the sprawling outlet mall alongside Interstate 5. How did they feel about the high-flying loonie? "That's why we're running — because the shopping is so good," one called out over her shoulder.

Americans who remember a few years back when one U.S. dollar could buy \$1.40 or \$1.50

in Canadian goods had better get used to some new math.

For the first time since 1976, the Canadian dollar — nicknamed the "loonie" because of the loon depicted on the \$1 coin — is worth as much as a green-

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Real-estate agent Mike Kent shows a Blaine property to Sue Walker, 54, right, of Langley, B.C., and daughter Wendy Thompson, 29. Walker is ready to pay cash for a second home.

Hague OK'd bio that said she had degree

SIGNED PROFILE

She'd blamed past inaccurate reports on errors by her staff

BY KEITH ERVIN
Seattle Times staff reporter

King County Councilwoman Jane Hague was adamant last week.

She repeatedly denied that she had inflated her résumé by falsely claiming to be a university graduate. When asked by a Seattle Times reporter about published reports in past years that stated she had a degree, Hague shot back, "Are you trying to call me a liar?"

Now a document from the files of the Municipal League of King County shows she signed and then submitted a biographical sketch in 1993 that stated she had earned a bachelor of science degree in business and economics from Western Michigan University.

Hague attended the university 1964-68, but the school says she

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The Municipal League sent a letter to Hague in 1993 asking her to proofread the biography she had submitted: "Please review this information for accuracy and sign your name at the bottom of this page to indicate that you have approved the information ..."

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RACE AND CRIME | Case of "Jena Six" draws thousands into streets

Rally puts justice system on trial



SHARON STEINMANN / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Protesters from Missouri join others Thursday in Jena, La., to demonstrate in support of six black teenagers known as the Jena Six. The Jena case involves the charging of the teens in the beating of a white student and has grown into a debate over how whites and blacks are treated in the justice system.

"IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT JENA"

One of biggest civil-rights demonstrations in years centers on a nationwide issue

BY MARY FOSTER
The Associated Press

JENA, La. — Drawn by a case tinged by one of the most-hat-

ed symbols of Old South racism — a hangman's noose tied to an oak tree — tens of thousands of protesters rallied

Thursday against what they see as a double standard of prosecution.

The plight of the "Jena Six" became a flashpoint for one of the biggest civil-rights demonstrations in years. Five of the black teens were initially charged with attempted murder in the beating of a white classmate. The sixth was

booked as a juvenile on sealed charges.

Old-guard civil-rights lions such as the Revs. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton joined scores of college students bused in from across the nation who said they wanted to make a stand for racial equality just as their parents did in the 1950s and '60s.

Many participants said they also wanted to make a statement about what they think is unequal treatment blacks receive from the criminal-justice system everywhere.

"There's Jenas in Atlanta, there's Jenas in New York, there's Jenas in Florida and there are Jenas all over Texas,"

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Bunny: Puyallup Fair officials are puzzled by the unusual theft of a teen's prize-winning rabbit from a 4-H barn. > Local B1

Secrets: An unknown Republican senator is blocking a bill regarding presidential records. > A6

Fundraiser: Norman Hsu was charged with defrauding investors while pressing many to make campaign contributions. > A8

Ground Zero: Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's request to visit the site was denied. > A11

Casa Latina: A D.C. watchdog group is targeting Seattle with allegations that a day-labor center encourages illegal

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Tour de France: U.S. rider Floyd Landis was stripped of his title and banned for two years after losing his doping case. > Sports C4

Forbes list: For the first time, it takes more

than \$1 billion to join the elite club of the 400 richest Americans. > Business D1

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