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Price of Boeing scandals: \$615 million U.S. penalty



Fired Boeing executives Darleen Druyun and Mike Sears served time in federal prison.

PAYMENT WOULD END 2 FEDERAL INVESTIGATIONS Deal includes no criminal charges against company

Seattle Times staff

Boeing has agreed to pay \$615 million to settle the federal investigations into contracting scandals at the company, The Wall Street Journal reported online Sunday night.

Details in The Journal story were confirmed to The Seattle Times by a person familiar with the proposed settlement. A Boeing spokesperson declined to comment.

Boeing will pay what The Journal termed "the largest financial pen-

alty ever imposed on a military contractor for weapons-program improprieties," but it will not face criminal charges or make any admission of wrongdoing.

The deal would bring to a close government investigations the company has faced on two fronts.

One involves contracts tainted by the illegal recruitment of Air Force procurement official Darleen Druyun. Please see > BOEING, A9

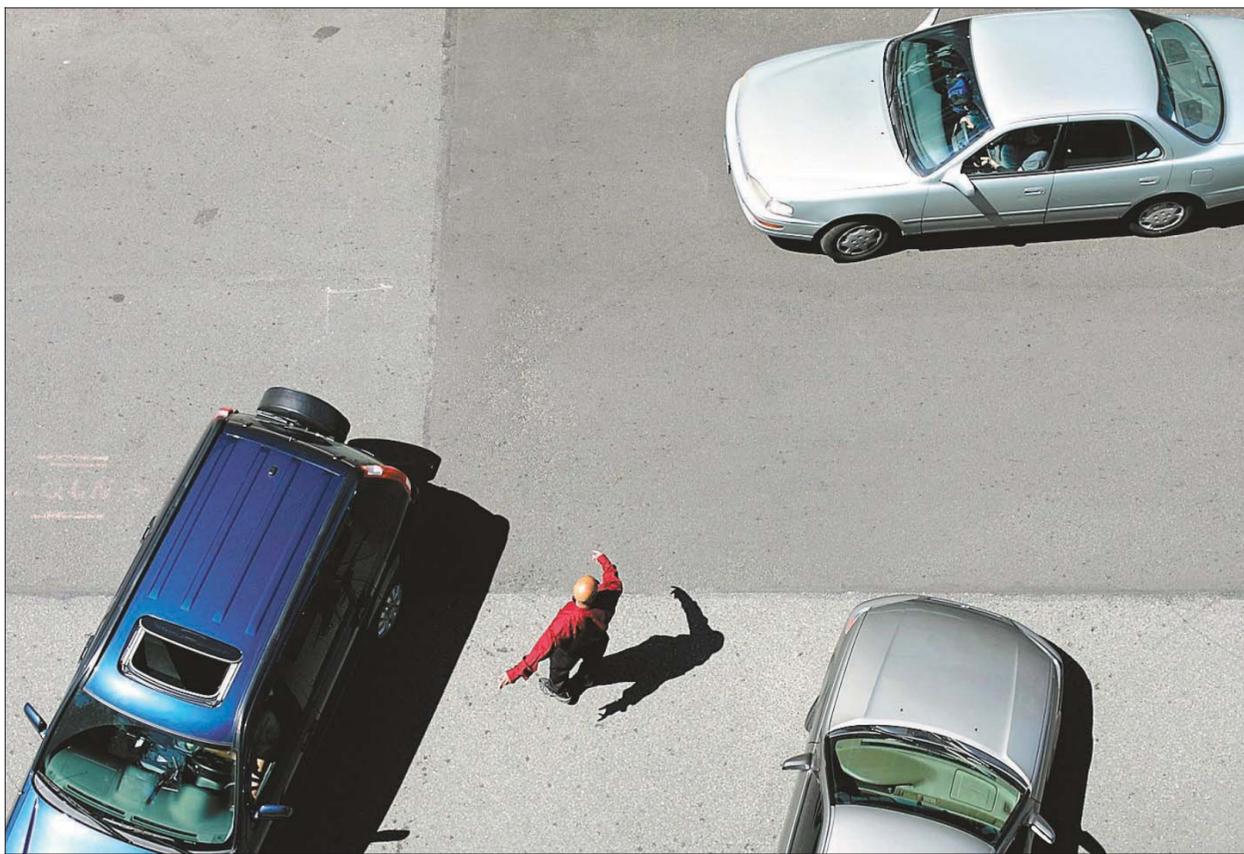
Asian peak unleashes warning shot



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Indonesia's Mount Merapi volcano spews lava and hot gases on the island of Java early today. Activity intensified, with one discharge sending ash, rock and gases more than 2 miles down the slope. Thousands have evacuated.

REI lowers the boom on free parking



KEN LAMBERT / THE SEATTLE TIMES

A parking-management-company worker directs traffic at REI in Seattle Sunday. Starting today, fees will be charged for those who park longer than an hour. "The fee structure is designed to deter people from using the lot who are not customers," said Randy Hurlow, REI spokesman.

Free parking, after the first hour, ends at the store's lot in the rapidly growing South Lake Union area. The store says some were grossly abusing the service.

BY STUART ESKENAZI Seattle Times staff reporter

REI today starts charging for parking beyond one hour at its Seattle flagship store, proving once again that as a city grows, fewer things in life are free.

REI's 366-space underground lot had been unregulated ever

since the store at 222 Yale Ave. N. opened 10 years ago. For most of those years, the outdoor-gear co-op was pretty much the neighborhood's only bait to draw shoppers. But as South Lake Union's skyline rapidly changed, bringing in more and more workers, visitors and resi-

dents, REI has had to rethink its charitable ways.

The new policy targets those in the neighborhood who have abused that generosity, stashing their cars in the lot for free, hour after hour, day after day. The REI lot proved a cheap substitute to parking at a pay lot and a con-

venient alternative to scouting for free parking along the street, Please see > REI, A11



Tough border enforcement has backfired, experts say

"CATCH AND RELEASE" PROCESS

Detention facilities, courts can't keep pace with spike in arrests of illegal immigrants since 2001

BY SPENCER S. HSU / The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Beefed-up enforcement at the U.S.-Mexico border since Sept. 11, 2001, has substantially increased the number of arrests of illegal immigrants, but tens of thousands of captured non-Mexicans continue to be released into the United States because there is no place to hold them, according to experts and immigration officials.

The vast majority simply slip away inside the country after being issued "Notices to Appear" for a deportation hearing — documents known to Border Patrol agents as "Notices to Disappear." As Washington debates the overhaul of the nation's immigration laws and President Bush prepares to address the nation on border protection today, the "catch-and-release" problem is a reminder of costly and unintended consequences of past enforcement efforts.

In a dozen speeches since October, Bush has vowed to replace catch-and-release with the "catch-and-return" of 160,000 "other than Mexican" (OTM) immigrants arrested each year. Please see > BORDER, A11



President Bush is to address the nation tonight.

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PROFILE | Darcy Burner, congressional candidate

Political novice takes on GOP's Reichert

BY JONATHAN MARTIN Seattle Times staff reporter

Darcy Burner clasped her hands and beamed as the second-ranking Democrat in the U.S. House gave her a glowing endorsement to a room of wealthy donors sipping French wine in Belltown.

A year ago, who would have thought she'd be the toast of such a swanky fundraiser? The former Microsoft manager and law-school student had never run for anything bigger than her neighborhood association.

She was unknown even in her own precinct.

But here she was last month, being introduced by U.S. Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, the House Democratic whip, in her campaign to unseat freshman Congressman Dave Reichert.

Asked by a potential contributor about her stand on stem-cell research, Burner, who talks with her hands, cupped her palms as if she were holding an egg and explained her support of the controversial technology.

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MARK HARRISON / THE SEATTLE TIMES

Darcy Burner, Democratic candidate for the 8th Congressional District seat held by Dave Reichert, talks with Seattle resident Paul Abrams at an April fundraiser.

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