

TESLA RECALLS MOST VEHICLES

Software update will address inattentive Autopilot use. Critics say it doesn't remedy underlying problems.

By Tom Krisher

DETROIT — Tesla is recalling nearly all of the vehicles it sold in the U.S. — more than 2 million across its model lineup — to update software and fix a defective system that's supposed to ensure drivers are paying attention when they use Autopilot.

Documents posted Wednesday by U.S. safety regulators say the update will increase warnings and alerts to drivers and even limit the areas where basic versions of Autopilot can operate.

The recall comes after a two-year investigation by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration into a series of crashes that happened while the Autopilot partially automated driving system was in use. Some were deadly.

The agency says its investigation found Autopilot's method of ensuring that drivers are paying attention can be inadequate and can lead to "foreseeable misuse of the system."

The added controls and alerts will "further encourage the driver to adhere to their continuous driving responsibility," the documents said.

But safety experts said that, although the recall is a good step, it doesn't fix the underlying problem that Tesla's automated systems have trouble spotting and stopping for obstacles in their path.

The recall covers Models Y, S, 3 and X produced [See Recall, A9]



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BLANCA RUIZ is being forced to move as her two-bedroom home is getting demolished to make way for an affordable housing project under Executive Directive 1, one of L.A.'s strategies to address the housing crisis.

Fast-tracked affordable housing is pushing some Angelenos out

For the past seven years, Blanca Ruiz has tended each day to the lush garden outside the home that she rents on a noisy stretch of Figueroa Street in South Los Angeles.

The modest back house has been home not just to Ruiz but her husband and son, the couple's four dogs and two tropical birds — Ludina the macaw and Sofia, a white cockatoo.

But that domestic setting was shattered earlier this year when Ruiz, 75, was notified that her home was slated for demolition to make way for an affordable housing project.

Because she is low-income and over 62, her family is eligible for nearly \$25,000 in relocation payments. Still, rents are now so high, the prospect of finding another home is causing her restless nights and headaches.

So far, they have found that the apartments being listed either are too

Scores of residents face displacement in the wake of Executive Directive 1, Mayor Karen Bass' strategy to speed up the approval of construction

By David Zahniser and Dorany Pineda

expensive or don't allow dogs.

"I don't sleep at night. I stay up thinking, 'What am I going to do? Where do I go?'" Ruiz said in Spanish, her voice cracking.

Ruiz is among the scores of residents who are having to relocate in the wake of Executive Directive 1, Mayor Karen Bass' initiative to speed up the construction of affordable housing. Her apartment, along with two others nearby, is set to be replaced by a 157-unit affordable housing project, the kind Bass has pushed for aggressively as she seeks to combat the city's homelessness crisis.

The fast-track approval process created under Executive Directive 1 is being credited with speeding up the review of more than 9,000 new apartments classified as "affordable" — where rents cannot exceed a certain [See Fast-track, A12]

Cannabis magnate linked to illegal dispensaries

Tony Huang, who's being sued by Compton, denies knowledge of unlawful sales



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THE building at 124 E. Rosecrans Ave. in Compton housed an illegal dispensary.

By Matthew Ormseth

The sign on the building said Jerry's Liquor, but inside, Compton code enforcement inspectors found a cannabis dispensary called Fly High 20 Collective.

The discovery of the black market dispensary in 2019 wasn't unusual in a city plagued with them. But when authorities looked deeper into the property on Rosecrans Avenue, they found something startling: It was owned by Tony Huang, the man behind one of the cannabis industry's biggest and most successful companies.

After co-founding Stiiizy in 2017, the San Gabriel Val-

ley native and his partners created a vertical enterprise that grows, distributes and sells marijuana legally throughout California. More than just a company, Stiiizy markets itself as a "lifestyle brand" that sells clothing, hosts live events and donates money to social justice causes.

But in a pending abatement suit, Compton's lawyers claimed Stiiizy's co-founder "is also known for his serial operations of various illegal cannabis dispensaries." The city said in the lawsuit it believes that Huang, as the landlord, "controlled the illegal sale of marijuana from the property."

[See Cannabis, A6]

ANALYSIS

Netanyahu unmoved by Biden rebuke over war

Israel will continue 'until victory,' leader says despite U.S. push to end the fighting.

By Laura King and Tracy Wilkinson

JERUSALEM — When President Biden touched down in Israel 10 days after Prime Minister Benjamin

Netanyahu's Cabinet formally declared war on the Palestinian militant group Hamas, the two leaders shared a warm embrace.

That tight bear hug eight weeks ago is now entwined with some of the most hellish aspects of this war.

Those include the immense suffering of Palestinian civilians trapped in the Gaza Strip and the unresolved fate of dozens of hostages seized during Hamas'

bloody Oct. 7 rampage in Israel — and increasing world isolation faced not only by Israel, but also by its closest ally, the United States.

By declaring unwavering support for Israel, Biden hoped to rally international backing in the face of the worst mass killing of Jews since the Holocaust — but also to maintain some U.S. influence over the course of action chosen by the embattled prime minister.

Both those efforts have faltered.

Israel is confronting some of the fiercest worldwide blowback in decades. It faces outrage over its relentless bombardment and ground attacks in Gaza, which have killed more than 18,000 Palestinians, about two-thirds of them women and children, and set off a far-reaching humanitarian crisis. Hunger and disease [See War, A4]

Justices to review abortion pill suit

High court takes up Texas case seeking to limit use of mifepristone, now available via mail. **PERSPECTIVES, A2**

Republicans back Biden inquiry

House members formalize an impeachment effort against the president. **NATION, A5**

Weather

Mostly sunny. L.A. Basin: 75/49. **B6**

Andre Braugher dies at age 61

Emmy-winning actor notably played policemen in both "Homicide" and "Brooklyn Nine-Nine." **CALENDAR, E1**

Teens and social media

Experts take a measured stance on limiting access. **BUSINESS, A8**



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