## 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

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



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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 shat-

tered 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

restless nights and headaches.

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

finding another home is causing her

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

By David Zahniser and Dorany Pineda

Cannabis magnate linked to illegal dispensaries

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

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]

ley native and his partners

created a vertical enterprise

that grows, distributes and

throughout California. More

than just a company, Stiiizy

markets itself as a "lifestyle

brand" that sells clothing,

hosts live events and do-

nates money to social justice

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Huang, as the landlord,

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# LAPD overuses copters, review suggests

Police say \$50-million program is justified for fighting crime. Audit questions aircrafts' effects, effectiveness.

By Libor Jany

A city audit has found that Los Angeles Police Department helicopters spend less than half of their flight time responding to "high priority" crimes, with the rest used for patrolling, responding to lower-level 911 calls, performing ceremonial flybys and ferrying around VIPs.

The review, which Los Angeles City Controller Kenneth Mejia's office said was the first of its kind, was based on a months-long evaluation of the LAPD's helicopter operations. The report said that limited data were available, and that without more information it was difficult to determine "whether the LAPD has justified the need for the program's current size and scope."

The department maintains that helicopters are an important crime-fighting tool. Chief Michel Moore told the Police Commission on Tuesday that the LAPD would provide its own "comprehensive written report" in the coming months.

In a statement after the audit's release, Moore said operations by the Air Support Division help "to detect and prevent crimes including residential burglaries while also responding to officer's assistance calls involving violent and highly dangerous situations."

Dinah M. Manning, director of public safety in the controller's office, said at a news conference Monday that the findings raise questions about the justification for spending about \$50 million a year on police helicopters — more than the annual budgets of at least 14 city agencies, including the Civil and Human Rights and Equity Department and the city clerk's office.

"We hope that this isn't another report that goes into the filing cabinet," Manning said.

Manning, who said she's a native Angeleno, called the whirring of a helicopter's rotors overhead an inescapable part of the city's soundtrack. Like many who grew up here, she never questioned whether the aircraft were necessary.

"I went to sleep with helicopters; I woke up to helicopters. Helicopters were a part of my daily experience," Manning said.

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The audit, which relied on flight data from the 2018-

22 fiscal years, also found [See **Helicopters**, A7]

[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.

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

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.

By Matthew Ormseth

The sign on the building

The discovery of the

said Jerry's Liquor, but inside, Compton code enforce-

ment inspectors found a cannabis dispensary called

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

in 2017, the San Gabriel Val-

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companies.

Fly High 20 Collective.

Israel is confronting some of the fiercest world-wide 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

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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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