MONDAY MORNING: FAIR OF FACE



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Eh. Not so much. I can't think of many working folks who greet Monday morning with joy, finding it a beautiful thing. But according to old English folk tales, a Monday birthday was supposed to bring better luck.
What good luck will today bring?

Dripping blood tips off discovery of dead body and millions in currency on plane
Reads like a murder-mystery novel, right? Except that this happened Sunday in Zimbabwe at Harare International Airport. Airport staff noticed blood leaking from the plane during refueling, after which an investigation began, revealing a dead body inside the plane and millions in South African rand on board. The plane was registered to Western Global Airlines of Florida and had been flying from Germany to South Africa. What are the odds we never hear of this plane, the body, or the currency again?

Volkswagen chief knew in 2014 U.S. would investigate; Germany wants spot checks
From scandals like Watergate, the U.S. knows the coverup is often worse than the crime. Looks like Volkswagen will learn this, too. Martin Winterkorn, VW's former CEO, knew in May 2014 that U.S. officials suspected emissions controls

defeat devices in VW's diesel passenger vehicles. BUT…this is not quite news, as the study revealing VW's non-compliant emissions were reported in May 2014, in a public forum, where VW asked about the results. What did Winterkorn know, and when did he know it?

Germany's Transport Minister Alexander Dobrindt said yesterday, "There will be controls on vehicles in the style of doping tests (for athletes), …Unannounced and every year." Dude. Come on. The defeat device evaded random tests in U.S. states like California. Random spot checks will NOT ensure emissions controls work. Only random road tests capturing real world driving outputs will do that. Dobrindt said a draft proposal outlining the test measures would be submitted to the Bundestag on Thursday. Will the lower parliament get wise to this problem?

British teen arrested for the hack on FBI, DHS, CIA director's email, more

"I am innocent until proven guilty so I have nothing to be worried about…They are trying to ruin my life," the 16-year-old said after his arrest last week. The most recent hack the teen is accused of included the "leak" of 30,000 FBI and DHS personnel contact information. He's accused of being a member of Crackas With Attitude (CWA); CWA has said the hacking of CIA director Brennan's email was "so easy to hack Brennan that 'a 5-year old' could have done it." Doesn't sound like mad hacking skillz required to pose a threat to law enforcement.

UK's Investigatory Powers Tribunal said hacking devices by intelligence doesn't violate human rights

British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond believes the IPT's ruling last week is fair, but of course, he would. The case pressed by Privacy International forced the UK's intelligence agency GCHQ to reveal the use of mass surveillance using computer network exploits (CNE). The case can't go any further in the UK, but could be reviewed in the EU. Wonder if these same CNE were deployed to identify the 16-year-

old teenager charged with hacking Brennan?

From Department of Creepy Spouses: Man + Wife's FitBit Data + Reddit = PG

A man asked a Reddit forum about wife's unusual FitBit data and learned she's pregnant. I would kick this butthead to the curb so fast if he'd been my spouse. Talk about a violation of privacy, let alone a breach of intimacy between married partners. I can only imagine how this discovery will influence hackers snooping wearable devices.

Not looking like good luck today after all. Perhaps better luck tomorrow?