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Walking, cycling in Houston region can be risky

By St. John Barned-Smith and Dug Begley

The carnage cuts across age and class, gender and ethnicity, though men and minorities seem to be overrepresented in the deaths. It impacts able-bodied pedestrians as well as those in wheelchairs or who are unable to walk safely on their own. People bleed or die on city sidewalks, along rural county roads and on suburban streets. Those who survive often spend months or years rehabilitating injuries that leave lifelong pain and rob them of passions such as cycling. The memories leave them anxious every time they traverse the region's streets.

The Houston area averages 150 pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities annually and more than 350 serious injuries

AROUND THE STATE

Police seek man in scare at mall

Houston police have released a surveillance image of a person they want to question in the weekend public scare at Memorial City Mall.

Panic ensued at the mall Sunday when a man



Police are looking for this man in regard to the scare at Memorial City Mall.

jumped on a food court table, threatened to kill himself and threw an unknown object on the ground. The man in the

image is a person of interest in the case, police said.

The incident prompted rumors of an active shooter and sent shoppers and employees running for exits. No shots were fired in the incident, but two people sustained minor injuries from the rushing crowds.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the man in the photo is urged to call Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

2 men ID'd from rush-hour killings

The two men who were gunned down last week during rush hour on the East Freeway have been identified as Louisiana residents, according to the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

Binel Gasery, 33, and Bradley James Barker, 25, were both killed last Thursday when a gunman opened fire in the middle of rush hour traffic on the

East Freeway near John Ralston Road, police said. The suspect has yet to be apprehended.

Gasery reportedly lived with his wife in Gray, La., according to the a spokesperson for the institute. Barker's address was listed in Zachary, La., the spokesperson said.

It's unclear what led to the shooting, though police said it is most likely related to drugs. Police said ~~paragettes~~ were found in the victims' sedan.

1 dead after 3rd fatal bike crash

One person is dead in what appears to be the third fatal crash involving a bicyclist in Houston in two days.

The victim's body was found in the 4800 block of Belvedere near the damaged bicycle. The crash was initially reported at 3:30 p.m., police said.

No other information was immediately available

Tuesday afternoon. It's unclear whether the incident was a hit-and-run.

Houston police previously responded to a fatal crash involving a bicyclist around 5:20 a.m. Monday in the 1700 block of Barker Cypress. In that case, the driver of a Chevrolet Silverado remained on the scene after he struck the 50-year-old cyclist.

Police responded to another collision involving a bicyclist later that night around 10 p.m. at the inbound service road of the Katy Freeway at Beltway 8.

Officers think the bicyclist was traveling north on the Beltway 8 service road while the vehicle was headed eastbound on the Katy Freeway service road, police said. The bicyclist did not stop at the red light, police said Tuesday.

3 bodies found near border

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Border Patrol says it suspects 3 people found dead in the South Texas Brush over the past week were migrants abandoned by smugglers.

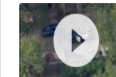
In a statement Tuesday, the patrol says the Texas Department of Public Safety reported Thursday the body of a person was found in remote brush near Sullivan City, about 70 miles west of Brownsville. The body was taken to the Hidalgo County morgue.

The patrol statement says agents at a checkpoint in Sarita, about 93 miles north of Brownsville, were told Friday of a Mexican national abandoned by smugglers in a nearby ranch. Agents dispatched to the scene found the man dead home.

On Saturday, agents found a body in the brush near La Grulla, about 75 miles west of Brownsville home.

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Houston Police officers responded around 10 p.m. Monday to reports of a major accident night involving a bicycle and a vehicle in the street at the inbound service road of the Katy Freeway at Beltway 8, said Houston Police Lt. Larry Crowson.

- There is no such thing as an “accident” when we write about traffic fatalities.
- Too often, sentences are structured as if the objects are in control.

Investigation Into Fatal Crash At 200 Cavalcade

August 2, 2019 - Houston police are investigating a fatal crash at 200 Cavalcade Street about 7 p.m. on Thursday (Aug. 1).

The identity of the male victim is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant D. Rodriguez and Central Patrol Division officers reported:

The victim, a pedestrian, was crossing the street at the above address - not at a crosswalk - when he was struck by a black Ford Expedition traveling westbound on Cavalcade. Paramedics transported the victim to Memorial Hermann Greater Heights Hospital where he was later pronounced deceased. The male driver, 36, did not show visible signs of intoxication and was questioned and released.

Why we need to change the way we talk about traffic deaths

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It's easy to look for ways that a victim could have prevented a crash. But this distracts from placing the onus on drivers who are operating potentially deadly machines and city engineers who are responsible for designing safe roadways.

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Across the United States, more than 30,000 people a year are being killed in traffic, and this number is rising. Houston itself sees nearly the highest number of traffic deaths per capita in the country, and so many of these victims are children — traffic being the most common cause of death for people under 18. And this doesn't even account for the 2.5 million people who will be seriously injured (meaning a life-altering injury, such as brain damage or paralysis).

- Crash not “accident”
- More personalization and less object
- Equally point out conditions and focus as equally on the unknown factors of drivers are the unknown factor of pedestrians and cyclists.
- Point out a lack of conditions instead of a failure of the pedestrian or cyclist.

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Houston's roads, drivers are country's most deadly

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