# Car barrels into apartment

BY WILLIAM COUTANT

ASUNDAY WATER

A Sunday accident where a car struck two
gas lines resulted in no more than a broken
nose and minor injuries to the driver.

Annie Zelasko, 76, was treated and
released from Botsford General Hospital
after her ear traveled about 100 yards,
avoiding trees, before striking two gas lines
near meters at the Carrington Place Apartments on Freedom in Farmington Hills at
1:36 p.m. Sunday.
Residents of the apartment complex and
the neighboring Detroit Baptist Manor were
evacuated, with some delety residents complaining of the heat. But there were no serious injuries.

The lady missed the driveway to the Bap-tist manor, put it in reverse and backed into

another car," said Hills Fire Chief Rich Mar-inucci. "We still don't know why it accelerat-ed and dravs for 100 yards." Marinucci said a trail between several trees showed that the car could have easily hit a tree, causing more serious injuries. Instead, the car wound up hitting the gas lines.

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Shirley Walsh, a friend of Zelasko, said she did not see the crash, but heard it.

"When I heard it, I got to her as soon as I could," she said. "Her nose and face was bleeding."

Walsh said she ordinarily would have waited for medical professionals to treat her friend, but smelled the gas.

"I told her that we had to get her out of there." Walsh said, and then helped her clear of the accident.

was treated and released.

Firefighters had to evacuate Carrington Place and a wing of Baptist Manor for about three hours.

"They (firefighters) did such a tremendous job." said Carrington resident Virginia Kurpiewaki who was put out of her home for three hours because of the gas leak. They treated the senior citizens with such dignity and respect. They treated us all to cold drinks. People here should know that their tax dollars are being well-spont."

Sgt. Dennis Green, Hills police traffic supervisor, said the Ford Taurus was not going fast enough to deploy the air bag on impact. The driver was ticksted for esteless driving.

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Quick thinking: Shirley Walsh, a friend of the driver, helped remove the woman from the vehicle after the crash which ruptured a natural gas line.

## Police calls from page A6

In Farmington Hills:
A Hills man told police that a dark hlue elevoit man, 21, threatened to shoot him and bumped him before leaving State Fabricators, and a large line. on Eight Mile at 10 a.m. July 26. The Detroit man had been fired.

### ARMED ROBBERY

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In Farmington Hills:
A clerk at the Huntington
Bank on 12 Mile told Hills police
that a man rushed up to her
window at 2:31 p.m. July 25,
pointed a pistol at her and
demanded all of the money in
the 'top drawer.' The woman
handed over an unknown
amount of money. The man apologized for scaring the woman
and then field the bank before
police could arrive. The robber is

described as white, 25, wearing dark blue sweat pants and a white sweat shirt, 6 feet 1, 210 pounds with short brown hair and a large build.

In Farmington Hills: A \$30,000, white 1994 BMW 525i was stolen from the Leg-ends Condos on Legends Trail

ends Condos on Legends Trait July 26. An \$8,000 1993 gold Mercury Cougar was stolen from Sun-shine Acura on Grand River July 20-23.

A \$600 1987 silver Cadillac Deville was stolen from the Best Western Hotel on 12 Mile July 30.

CONCEALED WEAPON

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Hills police arrested a Sidney,
Ohio man, 89, for carrying a .22caliber pistol and ammunition in
in 1984 Oldsmobile on westbound 1-696 at the 1-276 ramp at
2-43 a.m. July 27. The car was
weaving. The man did not have
permit. He was also tested for
blood alcohol and had a level of
2-5 percent, considered too
drunk to drive in Michigan.

FRAUD
In Farmington Hills:
An American Express credit
card had been used to make
\$3,682.58 in charges without the
owner's permission. The card
number was found on a bill from
Discount Tire on 12 Mile with a
bill charged to an Oak Park
man, 19.

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In Farmington Hills:
Hills police arrested a Reddord man, 40, for driving a tan 1988
Chevy van east on Grand River at Tuck at 11:47 pm. July 27 while drunk. Another motorish had called police from a ceilular phone. The driver had a level alcohol level of .2 percent. A level of .1 percent is considered too drunk to drive in Michigan.
Hills police arrested a New Hudson man, 22, for thiving a white Chevy Corvette east, and the considered to the contract of the

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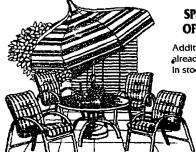
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1982 Chery Camaro cast on M-5
west of Orchard Lake at 6:10
pm. July 28 while drunk. Police
stopped the car for a L.d plate.
The driver had a blood alcohol

car fishtailed while turning and the tires aquealed. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .19 percent.

Hills police arrested a Walled Lake man, 22, for driving a red 1882 Chevy Camar cast on M-5 west of Orchard Lake at 6:10 pm. July 28 while drunk. Police stopped the car for a L.d plate.



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