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Sun's glare may have been factor in pedestrian accident

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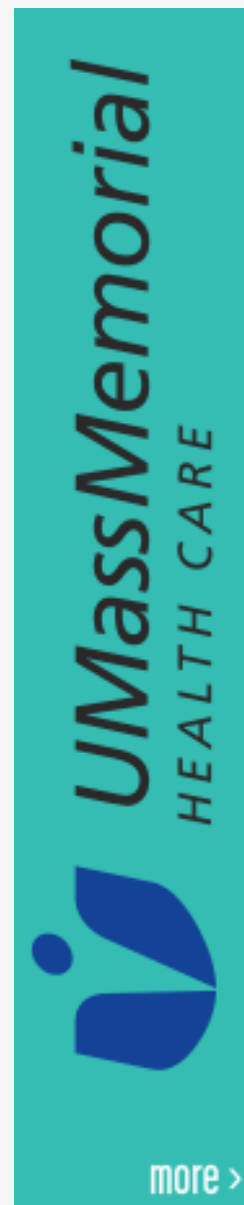
HOLDEN— Police investigators this morning were out at the same time and place where an 81-year-old woman was struck by a car yesterday, in an effort to analyze the angle of the sun at the curve in the road.

Pauline Hall of Holden, who had been walking her dog, was hospitalized after a car driven by Marilyn Franklin, 76 of Holden, struck her around 9:15 a.m. on Redgate Lane, according to police.

Police Chief George R. Sherrill said speed was not a factor in the incident, but authorities have not dismissed the possibility that solar glare played a part. Officers returned to the scene shortly after 9 this morning and studied the effect of the sun. There is no sidewalk where the accident occurred.

Ms. Hall suffered serious head injuries and was flown by medical helicopter to UMass Memorial Medical Center — University Campus in Worcester.

A nursing supervisor today said Ms. Hall is in fair condition.



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