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him, there were so many bandages," she said. "It was difficult for him to speak. His face was unbelievable."

The Rotzes were listed in stable condition, said Brad Korn, the hospital's director of community affairs.

The couple have lived in their building since five brownstones were combined into a co-op in 1969, neighbors said. Wanda Rotz, a retired film editor, loves to plant flowers in the building's common garden.

"She's head of our gardening committee, and if we don't know if a plant is weed or a flower, she teaches us," said Harvey.

Nicholas Rotz is more of a homebody and rarely ventures outside his apartment, said residents.

After the attack, members of the co-op board were trying to determine how much it would cost to put security bars on the second-floor windows, which are 7 feet from the sidewalk. First-floor windows have the bars, but only one on the second floor does.

"It's very frightening; this is not the kind of building where that has happened before. This is a very safe building," said fourth-floor resident Marsha Taubenhaus, 50, an attorney.

In the upper West Side police precinct where the attack occurred, robberies rose 2% while burglaries dropped 20% from Jan. 1 to July 16, compared with the same period last year.

Anyone with information is asked to call (800) 577-TIPS.

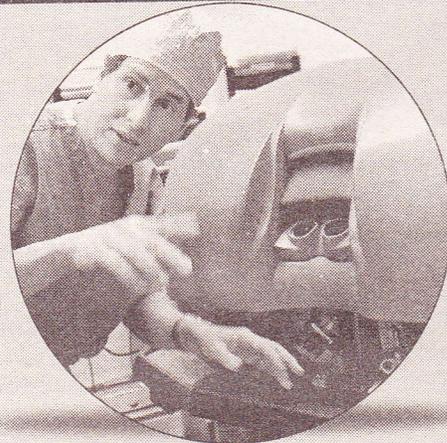
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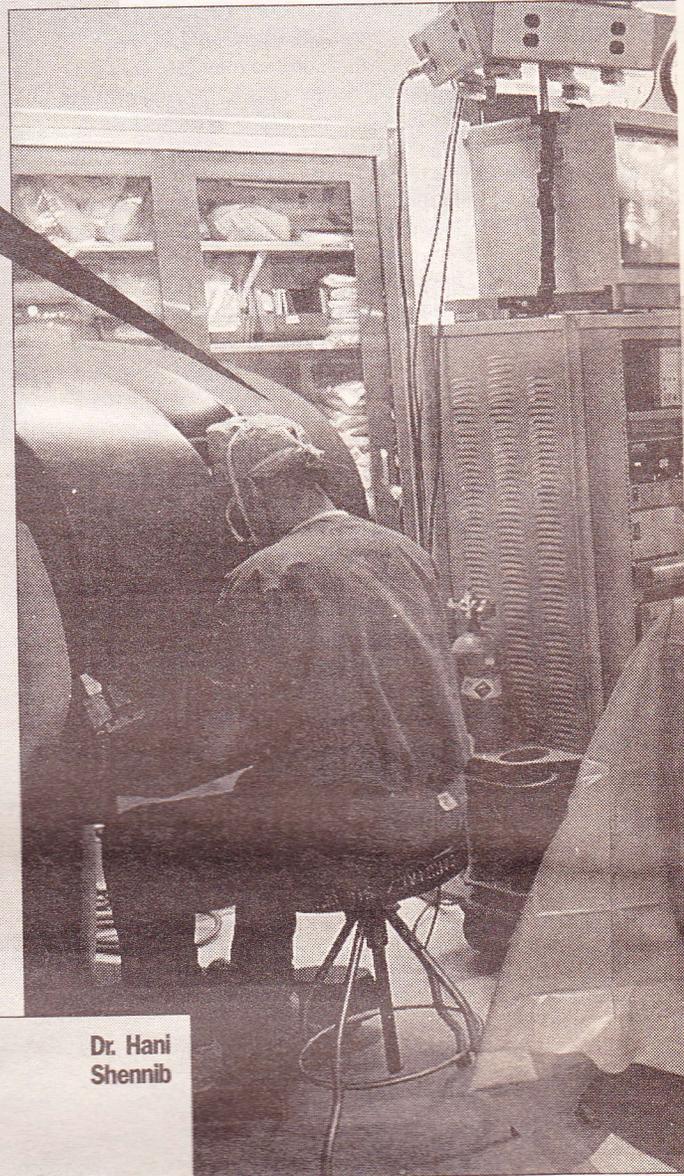
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