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Prosecutor's office is hedging." Lian Tomko, chief of the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office juvenile division, said Friday she had not received the case file yet but would review it and make a final decision on charges as soon as possible. "It's still possible he will be tried as an adult. I could petition that he be tried in adult court or, under a new law, he could be tried in juvenile court as an adult," Tomko said.

Radzinski said she and her ex-husband were called to Botsford hospital about 11:30 p.m. Aug. 13 and spent the next several hours with their battered son. "His head was the size of a melon. Luckily, there was no spinal or brain damage but he was told to take it easy. He is still suffering headaches and psychologically, he's a wreck. We can't talk about the beating in front of him because he starts shaking uncontrollably."

Jay's friends gave Farmington Hills police the Jeep's license plate number and the vehicle was stopped later that night by West Bloomfield police. The suspect was arrested on a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm and released the same night.

Radzinski described her son as a passive teen who enjoys computers, tennis and golf. "He will go to college, probably in a business. He is not aggressive at all," she said. "He is not one to fight, he would rather walk away. The police told him he did everything right that night."

The North Farmington High junior has a summer job in a local bakery. "His friends are scared to death. They were all traumatized by what happened. I just hope that there is enough outrage here to charge this person as an adult," Radzinski said.

An adult conviction of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, a felony, could bring a penalty of up to 10 years in jail.

Dentistry in the 90s
by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S. & Martha P. Zinderman, R.N., D.D.S.

TREATING PERIODONTAL DISEASE
The object of treatment for periodontal (gum) disease is to remove plaque, calculus, and other products associated with plaque accumulation that have the potential to destroy gums, bone, and supporting structures around the teeth. This is accomplished by scaling (scraping) the teeth to remove sticky plaque and calculus (hardened plaque) from all accessible surfaces, as well as by lifetime accessible root surfaces to make them smooth. As a result of these efforts, bacteria are removed and find it difficult to reattach to tooth surfaces. This, in turn, fosters the reattachment of connective tissue to the tooth. Thus, the treatment improves tooth retention.

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"The blood supply is lower than ever before because of the UPS (United Postal Service) strike," Reboty said. "The Red Cross is concerned about the upcoming Labor Day holiday. People don't give blood, they're too busy."

Concurring was Farmington Hills resident Risko, who estimated only 6 percent of the population donate blood. "We import blood from Cleveland and Lansing because we can't find enough blood here in southeastern Michigan."

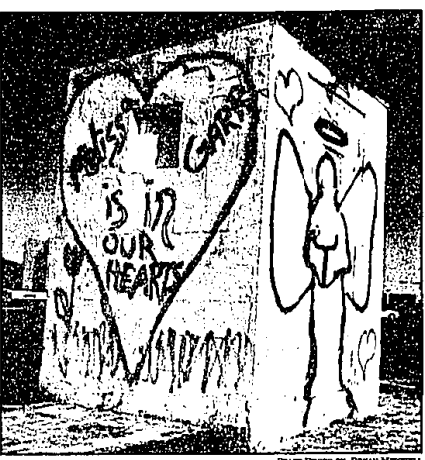
And currently, available blood supplies from those cities also is alarmingly low, she said.

Both saw the outpouring of support for Melissa during a recent tribute concert at Heritage Park and thought there would be great interest in a blood drive if one was organized.

"I thought it might be a good way for people to do something good in Melissa's name," said Risko. "And people have been calling over to the fire department wanting to know what they could do to help. . . Each pint of blood saves three lives."

Risko stressed, however, that people make an appointment to donate, and not merely show up during the blood drive — although all efforts will be made to accommodate walk-ins.

"We're urging them to please make reservations," Risko said. "This is right on the heels of a



Hearts for Melissa: This painted ticket booth outside Farmington High School says it all about how Melissa Garr's classmates feel about her.

her name."

(The new Farmington Hills Fire Department headquarters is located on 11 Mile at Orchard Lake Road. To make an appointment to donate blood, call 248-426-4400, preferably by Wednesday.)

SPOTLIGHT ON

Orthodontics
by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.

GOOD REASON TO GET STRAIGHTENED OUT

The biggest threat to adult teeth comes from gum disease. According to the American Dental Association, three out of four adults have some form of periodontal (gum) disease by age 35. This is significant because periodontitis can damage the underlying support structures that hold teeth in place. When gums and bones become weakened, teeth begin to shift, sometimes falling out for lack of support. What does all this have to do with orthodontics? Gum disease is caused by build-ups of bacteria-laden plaque. Because crooked teeth make it difficult to brush and floss properly, they can lead to plaque build-up, which can lead to gum disease, which can lead to tooth loss—reasons enough to have adult teeth straightened.

The key to the successful treatment of gum disease is early detection. Taking the proper care of your teeth and gums now is good investment against the larger cost and discomfort of having to take care of the problems later.

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MILITARY NEWS

BASIC TRAINING
Army Private Michael L. Debot has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Debot is the son of James M. Debot of Farmington Hills and stepson of Ruth Debot of Livonia. His wife is

Army Private Anissa M. Debot.

HEAVY-WHEEL GRAD
Army Reserve Private Gjoka Ljucanj has graduated from the heavy-wheel vehicle mechanic course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He's the son of Diela and Prenka Ljucanj.

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I'M TOO OLD

Examination of a painful hip and knee in someone in their late seventies or over age 60 may uncover a joint that needs replacement. When told that the treatment of choice is a new knee or hip, the elderly individual may well say: "I'm too old for that," or "I won't last long enough," or "my health won't take an operation!"

Those arguments have limited validity. Advances in surgical technique permit a short operation, exposing the elderly person to minimal stresses on the heart and lungs. An individual may have such severe disease as to preclude operating, but generally, if health allows self-sufficiency, that person has enough reserve to withstand a hip or knee operation. Often, an individual's argument against an operation is a reflection of depression rather than an assessment of the effects of aging and the attendant risks of surgery.

People in their late 70's and into their eighties likely have 5 or more years to live. Recuperation from a joint replacement operation takes 6-8 weeks. After that time, the person will obtain the benefits that accrue from freedom from pain, decreased hazard of a fall, and improved ability to walk.

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