—$1½ million suit

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She went to visit Dr. Manu Thimatariga, a native of Thailand, now practicing in Baltimore on Dec. 21, 1975 with complaints of gynecological difficulty. Dr. Thimatariga is a gynecologist and obstetrician.

The doctor examined the patient and advised her that through laboratory testing she was pregnant.

Her attorneys alleged that the doctor neglected to provide a complete pregnancy examination on the patient while attempting a dilation and curettage abortion. However, Ms. Chambers was experiencing an ectopic pregnancy (a tubular pregnancy) rather than a normal one in the uterus.

Ms. Chambers agreed to the abortion after she was informed that she was only six to eight weeks pregnant. After this, she began to have severe abdominal pains and informed her doctor who told her the pain was due to a cyst present on her left ovary and that this would require later surgery for removal of the cyst.

Following the abortion, she was informed that her pregnancy had ended.

She was discharged and told to contact Dr. Thimatariga several days prior to Jan. 6, 1976 to be scheduled for surgery for the removal of the cyst on her left ovary. The operation was to be performed at Lutheran Hospital.

While at home, Ms. Chambers began to have excruciating abdominal pains and thought her pain was due to the cyst. When the pain did not decrease and became unbearable, she called her doctor pleading for relief.

The doctor advised her that he would see her and on Dec. 29, 1975, Ms. Chambers went to visit her physician. After a pelvic examination Dr. Thimatariga advised her that she was suffering from an infection and he prescribed an antibiotic and discharged her to return home where she would be confined on Jan. 6, 1976 for surgery to remove the ovarian cyst.

Ms. Chambers told the jury after her second visit to the gynecologist, she continued to have the excruciating pain and by Jan. 4, her condition had deteriorated to such an extent that she was forced to make numerous telephone calls trying to contact her doctor.

Finally, Ms. Chambers contacted Dr. Thimatariga around 1 a.m. Jan. 4 at his home. After pleading with him to do something to alleviate her pain and deteriorating condition, he advised her to go to Lutheran Hospital immediately where he would examine her.

Within an hour after talking with her doctor, Ms. Chambers was taken to Lutheran Hospital emergency room and was admitted to the hospital at 3:30 a.m. with an admitting diagnosis of "ectopic pregnancy" (pregnancy within the fallopian tube instead of the uterus).

The jury was told the doctor did not arrive at the hospital until 9:15 a.m. Jan. 5, nearly eight hours after he had talked with the patient.

She was finally anesthetized as an emergency surgical patient and it was discovered that the left fallopian tube had ruptured due to the tubal pregnancy negligently permitted to progress.

Drs. Marshall Klavan of Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia and John W. Combs of Penn State Medical School said medical records and tissues taken from the woman during the surgery indicated her right ovary, fallopian tube and uterus were still capable of allowing childbirth.

However, without prior consent or knowledge on her part, Ms. Chambers, Dr. Thimatariga performed a total abdominal hysterectomy removing a perfectly normal right ovary.

Attorneys Ellin and Murphy told the court that Ms. Chambers attempted suicide in 1977 because of the emotional damage caused by the hysterectomy. Because of the operation Ms. Chambers has to take estrogen 21 days a month for the balance of her life.

Payment of damages awarded Ms. Chambers must be made good by the insurance company which holds a malpractice policy for the physician.

—100-year volunteer

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"The students didn't mind spending the extra time with Mr. Douglass, some went to his home on Saturdays. So that tells you how interested they were," pointed out Margaret Doyle, who is working on the project and is the school's English department head.

Also through his discussions, a filmstrip is being recorded to be used in schools throughout the city. Part of the filmstrip was shown at Mr. Mr. Douglass' first party celebration held during a School Board meeting in May where he was honored as the school system's "oldest volunteer."

During the Wednesday afternoon ceremonies at Robert Poole, Mr. Douglass who sat with a pleasant smile, received several gifts.

He was presented by the school with a money tree with 101 leaves on it. The leaves which were actually dollar bills signified his 100 years and the other one was to grow on.

On behalf of the school and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Mr. Douglass received a plaque from Ray Clark which included an inscription on one side and a clock on the other.

When brought on stage for comments, Mr. Douglass said in a very soft humble way to the audience of nearly 100, "Thank you all so much for this today. I never dreamed of this. God bless every one of you."

—He still won't tell

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"I'm holding up pretty well," she added, "but it takes everything I got to keep from breaking down and crying."

The children — the girl, 2-years-old, the boy, one-year-old — vanished from their home in the 2500 block of Queen Anne Road on Sept. 27, 1978 while Mrs. Turner was visiting her mother in East Baltimore.

She stated that when she returned home she found her oldest child standing in an empty apartment and the younger children gone.

She was to learn later that their father, Henry James, with whom she had broken up earlier that month, had taken them.

She saw them only one other time after that, on Oct. 31, 1978, at James' furniture warehouse. She later appeared at a hearing before Circuit Court Judge Robert Watts on Dec. 4, 1978 to try to win custody of the children.

It was at this hearing that the father convinced the judge that she was not qualified to take care of the children financially and Ms. Turner was awarded joint custody of the children from Friday to Sunday evening while James had custody of the children the rest of the time.

But James never turned the children over to Ms. Turner at the times specified and on Dec. 22, 1978, Judge Watts found James in contempt of court and imprisoned him in City Jail until he produced the children.

Five months later on May 23, James was back before Judge Watts.

"He showed up in court 30 pounds lighter and with a beard," said Ms. Turner. "But he still refused to say where the children were."

Watts declared that in all his years on the bench he had never seen anything like this (incident) and told James he would stay in jail until he tells what happened to the children.

The judge then ordered that a psychiatric evaluation be performed on James. But not before James requested a custody hearing.

"I went back to the office and sat down for a few moments until the full force of the entire hearing hit," she said. "I sat and I cried for a while then dried my tears and went back to work. I try to do all my crying at home but even with my oldest child there I have to keep up a brave front."

Prior to the May 23 hearing, Ms. Turner moved to Essex because the house on Queen Anne Road "held too many reminders."

She has also filed a kidnapping report with the FBI but at this stage has heard nothing. Her attorney, Edward Smith, who came into the case on March said he has reason to believe the children are in New York.

But he has no way of knowing for sure. James and his relatives refuse to talk.

So the mother's wait continues.

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Longshoreman found dead

A 36-year-old longshoreman was found dead in the hallway of a Northwest Baltimore apartment house on June 5, after neighbors heard gunshots.

Charles W. Henson Jr., who lived in the Village of Purnell Apartments in the 2300 block of Gatehouse Drive for seven years, had been shot twice in the head, according to police.

Police believe the shooting was drug related and homicide detectives report neighbors state they saw two men running from the apartment building and east on Garrison Boulevard.

For 15 years, Henson had been employed as a longshoreman and lived with his mother. The family will receive friends today, Friday, 6:30 p.m. at William C. March Funeral Home, 1101 North Ave. with last rites 1:00 p.m.

Recovered for the victim's pocket by police was a bag containing a leafy green substance, aluminum packets containing a white powder and $13.

—Dennis Holly

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He also said there was no date as to when Holly would return to the air.

Meanwhile, Holly's attorneys are taking pre-trial depositions in his $1 million slander suit against WFBR radio station announcer Johnny Walker and the station's owners the Baltimore Radio Show Inc.

Marvin Ellin, of Ellin and Baker, attorneys for Holly told the AFRO that he is hopeful some sort of trial date can be set for this fall.

He added there has been no discussion of an out-of-court settlement and pointed out it is "highly unlikely" that there will be one.

The suit was filed on March 6 and charges that Walker, whose legal name is James Embrey, did "knowingly, maliciously and deliberately defame" Holly by slander: allegedly stating that Holly damaged his knee while a participant in the looting which occurred after the February blizzard.

The alleged statement was said to have been made on Feb. 28 at 6:15 a.m. and again at 6:25 a.m. during Walker's early morning talk and music show.

The brief filed by Holly's attorneys stated that an WFBR employee allegedly asked Walker how Holly hurt his leg and Walker said "he tore a ligament running down the street carrying a color television set during the '79 blizzard."

The brief also alleged that Walker's remarks accused Holly of committing a felony and holding him up to ridicule thereby "injuring his professional career as a television personality."

—Black assembly

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According to Jerry Lymus, assembly Coordinator and side to Rep. Mitchell, the recommendations obtained on June 16 will be examined by a core group that will make sure each recommendation is [illegible] by the [illegible] city, state or [illegible] executive.

[illegible] suggested that the Congressional Black Caucus [illegible] would like the [illegible] to adopt it should they be elected [illegible] office.

He would not elaborate, however, on the possibly of a nation-wide peoples assembly.

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—Reunited

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"Maybe.

If these two arch-rivals kiss and make up after a decade-long feud, it could lead to one of the most important political alliances in this election year.

It seems as if the Fourth District Democratic Organization, headed by Sen. Verda Welcome, and the Metro Democratic Organization, headed by William L. "Little Willie" Adams, are going to sit down and discuss the possibility of joining forces to establish a joint ticket in the upcoming 4th District councilmanic race.

As Welcome and Adams move toward accord, the interests of the equally powerful Peoples Democratic Action group headed by Sen. Clarence Mitchell must also be taken into account.

The efforts to bring the organizations together began recently with a letter from Sen. Welcome to Councilwoman Victorine Adams.

The letter, according to reports, was addressed to "Vic" (Mrs. Adams) and "Willie" (Adams) and stated "I feel that the time has come when we must discard our petty differences and work in the interest of the total community."

Sen. Welcome admitted sending the letter pointing out that she is "trying to do something that should have been done along time ago "adding that this sort of alliance should have been suggested back in 1970.

"It was done in good faith and the other side (Metro) is activing responsively," she said. "I understand Willie has [illegible] about the proposal but I haven't had a chance to talk to him."

Adams could not be reached for comment, but Del. Frank Conaway, chairman of the board for Metro, said his organization intends to "sit down and look at the entire situation" possibly appointing, according to sources, former Delegate Lloyal Randolph, Ethel Rich, former Metro president and himself to study the idea.

On the other side of the coin Sen. Welcome could be joined by John Thornton, her organization's president, and Delegate Howard "Pete" Rawlings in on the peace talks.

What both sides will be attempting to decide will be composition of a joint ticket for the 4th District councilmanic race.

Already proposed by Sen. Welcome is a ticket including Councilman Michael Mitchell, Victorine Adams and Kweisi Mfume, program director for WEAA - FM, who officially went off the airwaves Wednesday night to concentrate on his candidacy and avoid controversy concerning equal time.

"Conaway said his group will be looking at all the candidates which include incumbent Emerson Julian Jr., Agnes Welch, Irving Conway, Joseph Johnson, John T. Bailey and Kenneth Webster.

Other matters are also expected to be discussed by the six-member negotiating team.

Hovering over the good faith efforts by both parties is speculation as to possible other reasons for the proposed alliance.

According to some political sources, Sen. Welcome was not enthusiastic about Mfume candidacy several months ago. His name as a compromise candidate replacing Dr. Emerson Julian was said to be recently have been proposed by two of Sen. Welcome's key organization officials who belongs to a new and unofficial organization called The Committee.

The Committee is made up of mostly younger politicians hoping to lay the foundation to assume political power in the city when the older politicians retire.

Some of the members include Rosetta Kerr, Mfume's campaign manager; Delegate Rawlings, Common Pleas Clerk, Saundra Banks, and Selima Marriott.

If The Committee can deliver Mfume in this election, according to reports, it would mean a feather in their cap when the 1982 campaign gets underway, especially in the 40th District.

Sen. Welcome said she has proposed Mfume because he has no alliances to any organization and Mfume confirms this statement.

Sen. Welcome also said her organization can deliver the votes and has enough power to mount an election committee.

On the other side of the coin, it is said that Metro [illegible] it cannot deliver the vote and wants an opportunity to concentrate on its satellite districts, knowing everything is peaceful in the fourth.

Mitchell's group, according to sources, is waiting to see who files for the 4th District race and is cautious about taking part in the alliance negotiations.

Councilman Mitchell said the Mitchells are a major part of the district unity and it was important of the future direction of district politics and that we do not compromise service to the people for unity."

Del. Larry Young, head of the Citizens Action Democratic Organization said he would hold off endorsement until after his scheduled candidate's night set for June 28.

As for Emerson Julian, he said he's not worried that he's been left out.

"People are going to make a choice on rational thought," he said. "I don't feel left out. We have diversity of opinions and each person has the right to speak his own mind."

Sources close to Julian, however, said the 29-year University of Maryland Hospital resident would be seeking re-election and is expected to announce sometime next week.

The Avenue explodes!

Fire, Mass Transit Administration and Baltimore Gas and Electric Company investigators are still trying to pin down what caused the explosion and fire that destroyed four small shops and seriously damaged six others in the 1700 block of Pennsylvania Ave. Wednesday night.

Although at AFRO presstime the exact cause of the explosion was not yet known investigators had traced it to a ruptured natural gas line somehow damaged during subway construction in the area.

Destroyed by the blast and blaze were Cookie's at 1725; the Beverly Shop at 1723 and later condemned; Gibson's at 1727 and Lorddz Ltd. at 1729.

Damaged were Cookie's Connection at 1731, Kelley's Men's Shop at 1719, Avenue Male Fashions, Sun Mart Discount Store, Lafayette Liquors, which was later condemned and Glass Hardware Store.

There was no estimate of the cost of the damage but MTA community relation and insurance personnel have set up shop in the areas to assist the businessmen and residents affected by the incident.

The incident began shortly after 11 p.m. when subway construction workers smelled gas. According to reports they notified the gas company and a short time later about 11:35 p.m. there was an explosion in the subway excavation at what was supposed to be the Laurens Station.

Around 12:30 a.m. Thursday morning a BG & E team arrived to try to shut off the gas while firefighters tried to battle the blaze. Before long 35 pieces of equipment were sent to the scene and 120 men were battling the blaze.

A subway foreman for MTA said there did not appear to be any damage to the tunnel but it could take as much as a week to investigate the accident and check the excavation. Work on that tunnel would have to be delayed although all work north of Laurens Street would continue.

Aaron Ely, owner of Cookie's said he knows the subway caused the explosion pointing out "they were digging under here when a building collapsed, then a gas main must have been damaged."

A spokesman for Kelley's said there was no way to determine the damage to his shop and said the store would be closed until maybe the middle of next week.

He did say though that they would continue their lottery sales.

Michael Peters, of the 300 block Gold Street was upset because he had a pair of pants on lay-away at Cookie's. One resident on Pitcher street said the blast shock had him out of a sound sleep.

But a woman observer summed it all up.

"Thank God no one was riding by in a bus or walking or driving by," she said. "I'm really glad nobody got hurt."

COLLAPSE — Little remains of several stores in the 1700 block of Pennsylvania Ave. after a gas explosion and fire June 7. Firefighters were still on the scene the next morning.

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