—Husband to sue

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John H. Dunkirk and Associates from such accidents as anesthesia during elective surgery are "very uncommon," Dr. Brown said, "it is common. This is why we have to indicate this to patients in the full disclosure rules."

He explained that anesthesia patient losses do occur because (1) some patients are hypersensitive to the anesthesia, and (2) sometimes its due to absolute fear on the part of the patient.

"They almost frigthen themselves to death," he said.

Brown observed that changes in health care delivery could also contribute to an increase in therapeutic mis-adventures.

"We are in a difficult time. At one time, we were able to bring patients in the night before their procedure for a pre-op evaluation where they would be constantly monitored by hospital personnel. Sometimes, there'd be cancellations," he said.

"I'm afraid these therapeutic misadventures are going to increase if the physicians have to bring patients off the street," he said grimly.

When asked why there are no more Pre-Op evaluation for some procedures, Brown replied, "there are rules set down by the state which prohibit certain cases in the hospital as in-patients—as a cost-cutting measure."

Brown said the change in classification of those procedures decreases the cost to the insurance company and the state—but increase the risk to the patient.

Combined with the emphasis on shorter hospital stays, Brown said patients often leave hospitals, "quicker and sicker."

When asked what impact Reid's death might have on the hospital and its quest for additional state aid, Brown said Provident's future might be altered by "things other than this accident."

"Patients shouldn't develop a dread of Provident," cautioned Brown. "It's not a case which they can run from one hospital to another—and be safe from this."

"During the past year every hospital in this city has had a misadventure of this type or another."

That knowledge is not certain to comfort Mrs. Reid's husband Kirby, nor the two children she's left behind.

It's not likely to comfort the number of legislators who have been working hard, trying to secure the necessary funds to keep the hospital afloat.

It's not likely either to comfort Gov. Hughes, who has committed and who continues to pledge, $2.5 million in state aid.

—She's blind

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don't want to live with people I know nothing about," she said.

Her's was the only clean room in the house. She sat flanking her Queen-size bed, the matriarch of a decaying dynasty.

"Her room was as dirty as the rest of the house, but I couldn't work likethat," said Linda Hall, a geriatric/nursing assistant employed by Constant Care Medical Center.

Hall contacted the AFRO to focus attention on the pair and to see if something could be done.

Initially reluctant to talk with the AFRO, they relaxed when Hall insisted that they need help.

"We need a better place. A place where things are more convenient for us.

"Everything was fine until I had to go to the hospital.

"We got other family, but they stay to themselves on the east side," he said.

There are other problems as well.

The Jenkinses rent the house just off of Pennsylvania Avenue for $192 a month. They also pay water and sewer bills, a responsibility that is usually the landlord's.

Jacob Dackman and Sons, of 221 Maryland Avenue, is the Jenkinses' landlord. They've been tenants since 1976.

"The water and sewer bills go to him in his name. He scratches his name out and writes mine in," said Jenkins.

The AFRO contacted the Dackman offices to solicit a response to the charge that the Jenkinses are paying bills that the landlord should be paying. The AFRO was told that the firm's officers were at lunch and would return calls.

They did not respond by AFRO press time.

Additionally, in 1976, the Jenkinses had been uprooted from 1209 Argyle Ave. as part of the Upton Urban Renewal Program. The city had bought the dilapidated housing, razed, and renewed it.

"They promised us that we would be among the first to move back into the houses, once they were finished," he said pointing out of the window to the relatively new developments across the street.

He produced a Certificate of priority from the Department of Housing and Community Development.

"We should have been among the first to move in," he said.

Hall said that she would like to see the pair in an apartment — a space that they could handle.

Told that he'd have to throw away much of what had been accumulated over the years, he said: "Well how about a small house."

Constant Care Medical Center offers a wide range of coordinated health services under one roof. One of the programs provides in-house care, said Linda Hall, who is supervised by a nurse.

"I just got here Monday. I work here five days for two hours a day.

Hall, who decided to become a nurse when her grandmother died, currently attends Coppin State College's nursing program.

As a radio echoed through the house, Mrs. Jenkins said that she only listens to spiritual songs and hymns.

"I don't listen to much else."

"Just don't take my son from me. He cooks and cleans for me. He's all I have. He even cleans this room," she said.

—Sess's to reopen

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Murrell said he decided to purchase the restaurant after seeing a "For Sale" sign in the window last year. He said he used to be a regular customer and wanted to see the restaurant opened once again.

"My acquiring this place reminds me of the man who after he used the razor blade decided to buy the company. We will make changes in the menu to update it, but it (menu) will remain basically the same," he said.

He estimates that it will cost about $100,000 to renovate the entire interior and exterior structure. The restaurant will keep its original name and its unique decor.

Sess's Restaurant enjoyed tremendous success in its heyday, during the mid-1940's and well into the late 1960's, with its serving of "downhome" cuisine including such favorites as grits and gravy, smothered pork chops and kidneys and waffles.

Boxing legend Joe Louis was said to have always stopped their for a plate of home-cooked food whenever he was in town.

—11 appointments

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like a judge to hear workmen's compensation cases throughout the state.

In addition to Dr. Emery, those persons awaiting Senator Mitchell's committee's confirmation are Joseph A. Boston, Jr., who has been named to the Apprenticeship and Training Council; Ms. Dorothy Hunt, the State Board of Chiropractice Examiners; Ms. Marie C. Henderson, Commission on Correctional Standards; George Burton, Assistant Director of Juvenile Probationary School for Baltimore County;

Also, Harry E. Smith, Sr., State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; Atty. Alice G. Pinderhughes, Board of Directors of the Rental Resource Corp.; William H. Kiah and Ms. Elizabeth Murphy Oliver, Maryland Commission on Afro-American History and Culture; Ms. Evelyn T. Beasley, Board of Directors of the Rental Resource Corp. and Thomas H. Bland Maryland Veterans Home Commission.

—Urban Services

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while some other people do one or two. Those with clout are living off the fat of the land, they stay. I'm just a poor working woman who tried to help some people. So I'm laid-off."

The way the layoffs were done has left a bitter taste in the mouths of the workers at the agency. Three or four years ago we were told that we would be placed with the city if layoffs came. When it happened I was just told to report to headquarters and given a letter by Wendell Wright one of the administrators that told me I was laid off due to budget cuts. Nothing was said about being placed with other city agencies," said Johnson.

Other laid-off workers marched in the picket line and expressed their dismay with the cuts in neighborhood services staffs. One said, "It seems that the people who built the agency are ones getting put out of what they built. Where's the justice in that? If everybody had to suffer, that's one thing but when they put it all on us it just isn't fair."

(To be continued)

Recipe contest pays $1,000 for best original cooking

Recently Campbell Soup, in recognition of the part black cooking plays in American taste, ran an ad in the AFRO offering readers a chance to contribute recipes.

The ad announced a Creative Cooks' Recipe contest where blacks are invited to submit original recipes. The grand prize winner will receive $1,000 plus a year's supply of Campbell's Soup.

Also, there will be a prize of $250 plus a year's supply of soups to the winners of four different recipe categories. In addition, runners-up will win a Campbell's Creative Cooking with Soup Cookbook. The ad also offered a 10¢ off coupon for Campbell's Condensed or Low-Sodium Soups.

Recipes must be received by May 24 and winners will be notified by July 31. Readers who missed the ad may contact AFRO's advertising department and request a copy.

AFDC is under fire

The Maryland State Department of Human Resources (DHR) has filed suit against the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) challenging the legality of a rule of the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program.

Under a Mandatory Filing Unit Rule, states are required to include all children on AFDC in a household, even if one or more of the children are independently supported.

As a result of this rule, Maryland added 3,000 children to its AFDC roll between Nov. 1 and Dec. 1985, at a cost of $95,000 to the state. Over a twelve-month period, DHR Secretary Roth Massinga, estimates 9,000 children will be added to AFDC rolls at a cost of $980,000.

"Children are clearly harmed by this rule which makes non-needy children forced to apply for welfare because there are needy siblings in the household," says Secretary Massinga.

Similar suits have been filed in nine other states. Maryland is being joined in this effort by Legal Aid who sued the state in a separate action on behalf of the recipients.

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Poet Gwendolyn Brooks is shown during her Mar. 9 appearance at Pratt Library

Gwendolyn Brooks at Pratt Library

By Paula Wagner

In her powerfully distinguished voice, Pulitzer-Prize-winning poet Gwendolyn Brooks uttered verses in authentic rhythms at Pratt Library's central branch, Sunday, Mar. 9.

With her readings of "kitchenette building," "when you have forgotten Sunday: the love story," "the mother," and others, Ms. Brooks created airs of overwhelming measures.

A feeling of "yes, I understand" was outstanding among the predominantly black audience. Throughout her reading, the Wheeler Auditorium transgressed from outbursts of laughter to quietness and even restless silence.

"A black boy near Johannesburg," one of Ms. Brooks' newer poems particularly appealed to the audience; and attentiveness was at its highest.

In the preamble of this poem, Ms. Brooks shared that it was written after having read that black boys in South Africa were now asking each other (in tones as would be expected in speaking of boys' play), if they had been "detained" yet.

In refering to the style of "A black boy...," Ms. Brooks said, "There is no punctuation, cause there is no punction in the situation."

When asked about her opinion on the controversial movie, "The Color Purple," she had no opinion.

In responding to a question on the negative coverage black men have been getting, from magazine articles, in particular, she said, "We have some wonderful black men, and I wish that the articles would include that and give a more balanced opinion."

In advising someone who wished Ms. Brooks' opinion on the education of our children, she responded: "Take our relationship with our children very seriously and give to them what we have learned."

Tipping on the proflic spirit of the 60's: "We should have given to our children the best of that era."

In the course of the program, Ms. Brooks was awarded a "Presentation of City Council Resolution," whereby she was praised and thanked for her contributions to black American culture. The presentation was delivered by Councilman Kweisi Mfume.

Ms. Brooks was born in Topeka, KS and grew up in Chicago's southside where she still lives.

In 1950, she became the first black writer to win the Pulitzer Prize for her poetry.

She is a member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters and has been poet laureate of Illinois for 17 years. Currently, she is serving her appointed term as Poetry Consultant to the Library of Congress.

Some of her best-known works are "A Street in Bronzeville," "Annie Allen," "In the Mecca," and "Young Poet's Primer."

In addition to the appearance of Ms. Brooks, this program at Pratt Library was designed to honor two women - Mrs. Louise Kerr Hines and Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell - who have played significant roles in the history of the library.

In 1943, Mrs. Hines filed suit against the Pratt Library, its trustees, the director, and the City of Baltimore, alleging that blacks were being illegally barred from entering the library's staff training course.

Mrs. Mitchell, a Baltimore attorney at the time of Mrs. Hines' suit. She, too, played a leadership role in the fight against discrimination in Baltimore.

Underlying this special event was a call to the attention of Enoch Pratt's dream of a library "for all, rich and poor, without distinction of race or color..."

Community Calendar

Legal aspects of separation and divorce

The Woman's Center will offer "Legal Aspects of Separation and Divorce," on Thursday, March 20, 1-3 p.m. A private attorney in Annapolis who is a member of the Woman's Law Center will present information about legal rights and legal procedures for obtaining a separation or divorce in Maryland and problems which can be encountered.

There is no fee, but pre-registration is encouraged. To register, call 268-4393. The YWCA Woman's Center is located at 187 Duke of Gloucester St. in downtown Annapolis.

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Carver 60th Anniversary

Carver Vocational-Technical High School is sponsoring a 60th anniversary celebration during the week of April 6. All alumni and former faculty members are invited to join in the events of the week. Please call Carole Todd at 396-0859 for further information.

Rehab Program Dinner

ReVisions, Inc., a community rehabilitation program located in Catonsville will hold its second annual dinner on March 20 at 6 p.m. The dinner will be held at Russell's, 1600 Frederick Rd. in Catonsville.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Preston Garrison, executive director of the National Mental Health Association. For more information, call ReVisions' office, 747-4402.

Sexual assault training session

The Baltimore Center for Victims of Sexual Assault is holding a Four-Day April Training Session for persons interested in volunteering for the center's Hotline, Advocacy Program, Support Groups and Community Education. Interested persons should call 366-7273.

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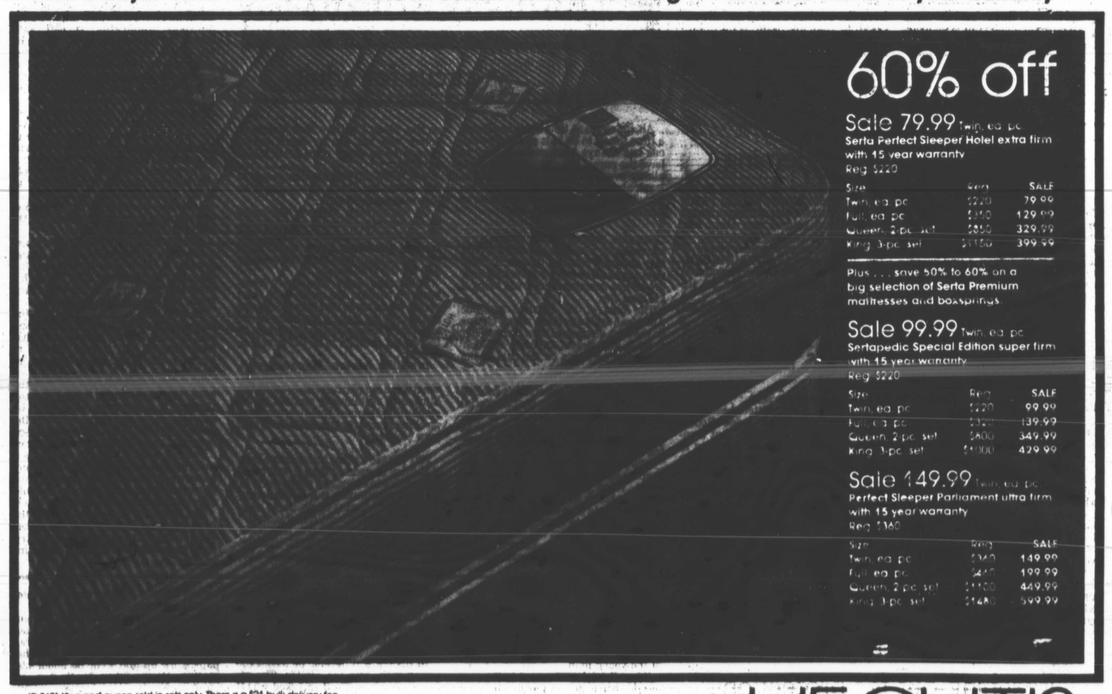

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