—Husband of singer shot

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pound underworld "enforcer."

The bodies of Grisafe and Marcello were found in 55-gallon oil drums on the northwest side of Chicago in July 1974.

Police said they had no information that Manzie had any more recent connection with the Chicago underworld.

The body was found by Miss McNair's brother, Horace, 41, who said Manzie was alive when he left the house at 4 a.m. to buy groceries.

Miss McNair did not appear to know, when she arrived at the airport here, that her husband had been shot to death. She looked startled when questioned by reporters, and said she thought he had died of "some kind of illness." Officers led her away in tears to be questioned.

Manzie, "an avid gun buff and collector," had about two dozen rifles and pistols in the house, police said. Detectives dismissed the possibility of suicide, saying none of the weapons in the house killed Manzie.

Miss McNair, a former UCLA medical student, became a star in 1963 by following Diahann Carroll into the lead role of the musical "No Strings," and had her own television show for a while. In recent years she has concentrated on nightclubs and movies.

She and Manzie were arrested at the Playboy Club in McAfree, N.J. in 1972 by investigators who said she took delivery of a package of heroin sent from Las Vegas.

Miss McNair insisted she never used drugs and the charge against her was dropped. Manzie, who pleaded guilty to a charge of attempting to possess heroin, was fined $1,000 and placed on a year's probation.

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Del. Abramson dies at 74

Del. Murray Abramson, (D-Baltimore) died Tuesday of a heart ailment. He was 74.

Abramson had served in the House of Delegates since 1955. He was chairman of the Baltimore delegation from 1962 to 1970 and was assistant majority floor leader in 1971.

He also served on the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women and the Legislative Council.

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—Caucus wants more

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it over with President-Elect Carter and its reasonable to think prior to the Black Caucus visit early Thursday morning "that Carter knew something was cooking."

"It isn't pressure," Mitchell told the AFRO, "but the record of the black voters in the election of Mr. Carter is very clear. Therefore, the black citizens we represent was [illegible] appointments with great speed."

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Carter had previously said jobs for women and black citizens would be available at the deputy secretary and assistant secretary levels but warned he would not sacrifice quality for race nor sex.

He said he can not afford "a big turnover" in his appointments.

NO PRESSURE

UPI reported Thursday, President-elect Carter said there has been "no pressure" on him to appoint or not appoint anyone to any cabinet position.

Carter told a news conference that the news media had "greatly exaggerated" difficulties he had experienced in appointing cabinet members.

"I've had no pressure on me to appoint a particular person or not appoint a particular person," Carter said.

"I'm putting together a cabinet with very good ability to work together and good qualifications," he said.

"I can tell you that the reports about disharmonies and pressures have been grossly exaggerated and, in some instances, completely erroneous," Carter said.

Carter reportedly has been under strong pressure from foreign policy hardliners not to name California physicist Harold Brown as defense secretary and advised by labor leaders to appoint John Dunlop as labor secretary despite opposition by women and blacks.

Conceding he had received some "exnected" advice involving the top Pentagon job and other cabinet positions, Carter denied that he had been pressured by black citizens.

Carter stated that he definitely will appoint women and blacks to high government positions, noting there will be jobs available "at the deputy secretary and assistant secretary" levels.

"I feel a responsibility to get the best qualified people in every instance," he said. "I feel women and blacks would agree with that."

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Carter said Vice President-elect Mondale, had played a major role in the selection of the new cabinet.

"This is the kind of demonstrable cooperation that will be carried out in the next few years," Carter said of Mondale's role in the latest round of cabinet appointments. "I don't believe this has ever been done before."

Carter has promised to give Mondale an expanded role as vice president — a pledge made by most presidents, but seldom carried out.

President-elect Carter tabbed earlier this week Georgia Congressman Young, a former civil rights activist, as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

"I recognize it's going to be a difficult job and I guess I'm crazy enough to try it," said Young. He said he was convinced Carter planned changes in foreign policy, especially toward Africa.

Young, 44, a former lieutenant of slain civil rights leader, Martin Luther King Jr. and one of Carter's strongest supporters, will replace William Scranton as the nation's representative to the United Nations.

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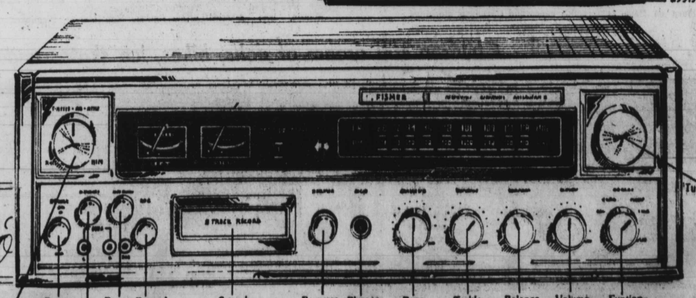

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—Yule fete at harbor

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canes and Christmas stockings.

The Montobanci Puppet Troupe will open each night's program with short Christmas vignettes. The marionette presentation is designed to appeal to everyone.

Nine sculptors will mold huge 300 pound blocks of ice into fantastic shapes. A special contest centered around the ice blocks will begin on Dec. 19.

CHOIRS

Various choirs and ethnic singing groups will perform each night at 7:30.

ANIMAL HOUSE

A specially constructed manger to house animals from the Baltimore Zoo is being erected by students from Fairmount High Junior High School. From Dec. 18 on, a Christmas pageant will be performed at the manger by church groups from around the city. Nightly pageants will begin at 8:30.

Entertainment by senior citizens will highlight a night rounding out the week-long celebration.

HOT CIDER

Patrons can gather around a roaring fire every night to toast marshmallows, drink hot cider and eat doughnuts.

In cooperation with the "Harbor Holidays" celebration, live Christmas trees will be on sale every night as part of a new program called "Tree-Cycle."

Residents can buy live trees, decorate them and take a tax deduction on the purchase.

The city will then pick them up after Christmas to be planted on Baltimore National Pike between Cooks Lane and the city line as well as at other sites across the city.

"BALTIMORE'S BEST

The second award selection in the "Baltimore's Best" campaign acknowledged 25 winners in two categories.

As part of the Happy Harbor Holidays celebration, the awards presentation was at the Rash playground in the Inner Harbor.

Atlas Transportation Company, Inc. — This company's 150 trucks display "Baltimore's Best" bumper stickers for the entire nation to see.

Mrs. Myrtle Elizabeth Bailey — A tireless community worker for 28 years, Mrs. Bailey has organized her neighborhood improvement association. She has also helped raise funds for senior citizens programs.

The Lord Baltimore Hotel — In addition to its affirmative commitment to Baltimore City with its decision to spend several million dollars on renovation, the Lord Baltimore continually tries to accommodate visitors by making them feel welcome when they come to town.

Delta Sigma Theta, Baltimore Alumnae Chapter, 4206 Oakford Ave. — This sorority established a human relations program in city schools to improve race relations and understanding and is involved with the Direct Search for Talent.

Joe Eckart, 636 William St. — This 5 year old Fells Point resident cleaned neighborhood streets in preparation for the onslaught of visitors for Baltimore's Operation Sail.

Mrs. JoAnn Erlein, 1008 York Road — Mrs. Erlein, an employee of the Quality Inn in Towson, personally urges visitors to see Baltimore attractions rather than going to Washington, D.C. or other cities.

Carl S. Hyman, 2702 Taney Rd. — As a student of the University of Maryland at College Park, Carl spreads enthusiasm for Baltimore beyond the city limits by wearing "Baltimore's Best" T-shirts on campus and by decorating his dormitory room with "Baltimore's Best" posters.

International Business Machines, Inc., Baltimore Office, Employees at IBM who deal with the public wear buttons reading "IBM believes 'Baltimore Is Best.'"

Leroy Kirby, 2513 North Charles St. — Mr. Kirby is being acknowledged for his devotion to the rescue of Baltimore's alcoholics.

Brooks Robinson, 23rd and Ellerslie — Mr. Baltimore Baseball is being cited as being the city's "greatest all around goodwill ambassador for the past twenty years."

Michael Rowley, Maryland Port Administration, Pier 7 — Mr. Rowley demonstrates his enthusiasm for his job and for Baltimore by keeping the Inner Harbor waters free of debris.

Charles Small, 5115 Pimlico Rd. — Mr. Small operates an automobile repair facility and does so with such integrity and expertise that his customers have told people from five states to deal with this Baltimore businessman.

WAYE — The radio station co-sponsored the Baltimore's Best Photo Contest and continually promotes Baltimore's assets.

Zep Photo — As co-sponsor of the Baltimore's Best Photo Contest, Zepp Photo aided in the publicity for this event.

Joe Trabart (Turkey Joe), 710 South Broadway — "Turkey Joe" Trabart, Fells Point bar owner, has long been a promoter of Baltimore.

SILVER AND

Ernest E. Barnes, 2207 N. Pulaski St. — In addition to working for the preservation of the Orchard Street Church, Mr. Barnes has helped with the United Fund Campaign.

The Maurice C. Byan Family, 2721 Norland Rd. — While traveling the East Coast in their Baltimore's Best bus, the Byan family spread good Baltimore cheer wherever they went.

Ruth Copeland — Originally from Baltimore, her new albums title song is called "Take Me To Baltimore." She raves about Baltimore as her fans do about her.

Michael Detorie, 345 S. Gilmor St. — This good samaritan whose job is to keep the city schools free

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HELP THE NAACP

YOUTH HELPERS — Kerry Owings, right, and his brother, Ritchie, left, pay another installment on their junior life NAACP membership, to Mrs. Cardrienne Griffin, co-Chairperson General Solicitation Committee.

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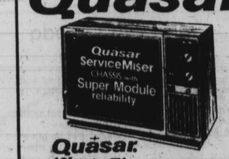

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