

CHORAL DIRECTOR Ivan Truster of Bowling Green State University uses expressions as well as his baton to direct the school's Collegiate Chorale.

IN DECIDING LIFE ISSUE

Abortion Decision On Novel Path

WASHINGTON (AP) — In ruling on abortions the Supreme Court traveled down a novel path, exploring probably for the first time such questions as when does life begin and whether the unborn have any constitutional rights.

After lengthy discussion of ancient, medieval and modern views, Justice Harry Blackmun concluded that the court could reach a decision on abortion laws without resolving the difficult question of when life begins.

That 7-2 decision establishes that in the first three months of pregnancy it is entirely up to the woman and her doctor to make a judgment as to whether or not to perform an abortion. And in the second three months the state may interfere only to the extent of safeguarding the mother's health, such as by making sure the physician and the hospital or clinic are licensed.

In order to reach its decision, the court was compelled to resolve the second question, coming to the conclusion that "the

unborn have never been recognized in the law as persons in the whole sense."

For, as Blackmun said, if a fetus is a "person" within the meaning and language of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution and its right to life guaranteed, then all abortions would be illegal.

Even though the court did not resolve the question of when life begins, it evidently was helped toward its decision by the Aristotelian theory of "mediate animation." That is, the embryo or fetus does not become formed, begin and live and infused with a "soul" until 40 to 80 days after conception.

The theory, Blackmun wrote, held sway throughout the Middle Ages and the Renaissance and continued to be official Roman Catholic dogma until the 19th Century, although others in the church would have recognized the existence of life from the moment of conception.

The latter is now the official belief of the church and a view held by many non-Catholics and many physicians.

On the other hand, Blackmun said, the predominant view of the Jewish faith and the position of a large segment of the Protestant community is that life does not begin until live birth.

Blackmun's opinion reflects a search by the majority for a point someplace after conception at which it would be reasonable for the state to assert its "compelling" interest in the unborn and restrict, or even prohibit, abortions.

The court settled on the approximate point of viability, when the fetus is potentially able to live outside the mother's womb, although with artificial aid. This usually is at the beginning of the seventh month.

It is then, Blackmun said, that the state may step between mother and doctor and engage

MAY EARN MONEY

Insurance Ruling Brings Changes

NEW YORK (AP)—The bedrock belief on which the life insurance industry is built, the assured-fixed-precise return, has shifted. Soon you may have the option of accepting your proceeds in variable rather than fixed dollars.

The change, cleared this week by a Securities and Exchange Commission decision, introduces into life insurance the chance of actually earning money on your insurance rather than merely obtaining security and some savings.

The low-risk element is essentially still there, because a minimum return is guaranteed. But because your premiums go directly into stocks, where money should grow, you or your heirs might receive a bonus atop benefits.

At least three fundamental reasons are involved in the industry's decision to at least partially forego its once-zealous advocacy of the fixed-dollar return:

1. Inflation, or the erosion of dollar values, have made the fixed dollar less and less acceptable.
2. The pressure of competition from equities, such as mutual funds, which tend to ride the crest of inflation — or at least not be submerged by it — make it advisable to offer a more flexible product.
3. A more affluent and educated public, to a great extent freed from insecurities by Social Security, private pensions, group health and life policies, unemployment insurance and the like desires innovative techniques for building estates.

The decision made by the SEC was that while variable life is subject to the same federal registration and information disclosure regulations that apply to securities, it is exempt from federal commission restraints.

While this decision might seem almost meaningless to the consumer, it actually is of great importance. Here's why:

If variable life commissions were federally regulated they would be restricted to not more than 8.5 or 9 per cent of the first year's premiums — a rate that would hardly appeal to insurance salesmen.

Salesmen of ordinary life now can earn commissions ranging upward from 50 per cent of the first year's premiums paid by the insured.

Cotton Destined For China?

GALVESTON, Tex. (AP)—A British freighter has failed from Galveston with a cargo of 25,000 bales of cotton reportedly destined for Red China.

Customs officials confirmed the cargo but there was no confirmation from shipping sources the cotton eventually will arrive in Red China.

The freighter, the Shahrstan, listed Kobe, Japan, as its immediate destination.

Biehl & Co. of Galveston, agents for the Shahrstan, declined comment on speculation about the cotton's final destination.

Yellington Abbey, president of the Cotton Digest, a Houston trade weekly, said there has been much speculation the past several weeks about major cotton transactions with Red China.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently reported Red China's cotton crop was about 700,000 bales short of projections last year.

Galveston and Houston, are among the nation's leading cotton export ports.

Workers Aided By Benefits

About 150,000 retired workers and their families will get higher social security payments starting in 1973 under a special minimum benefit provision of the new social security law, according to Howard L. Weatherly, social security branch manager in Pampa.

People who worked over 20 years in jobs covered by social security, but had relatively low annual earnings, may be helped by the special minimum provision, Weatherly said.

The special minimum benefit ranges up to \$170 a month for workers who retire at 65 with 30 or more years of coverage under social security, he said. A couple can get up to \$255. Benefits for people who apply before 65 will be reduced because the benefits will be paid for a longer time.

The new provision became effective this month.

Retired people who will get a benefit increase under the new law don't have to apply for it. The increase will be paid starting with checks delivered in early April, Weatherly said.

People already getting more than the special minimum will continue to get their regular checks.

Additional benefits to be paid under the new provision will amount to about \$18 million in 1973 and \$10 million in 1974.

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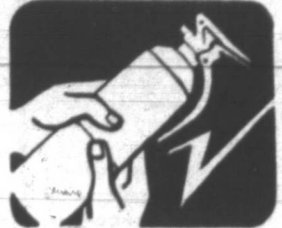
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Consumer news FOR you ABOUT you

from the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

SAFER DENTAL X-RAYS—A recent survey by HEW's Food and Drug Administration indicates many dental patients get almost twice as much exposure as necessary to X-ray film in their patients' mouths so they can get the X-ray pictures more rapidly. HEW recommends that patients and dentists agree to use X-rays as little as possible, and that — when used — exposure of X-ray film be no more than the time recommended by its manufacturer.



HOME EXTINGUISHER RISK — HEW's Food and Drug Administration warns homeowners that home fire extinguishers containing carbon tetrachloride are unsafe to use on fires and also risky to keep in homes. Inhaling carbon tetrachloride vapors can cause permanent harm to the liver, kidneys, heart or lungs, and may cause death. HEW advises householders to take home fire extinguishers to their

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local fire departments, where experts can inspect them and dispose of dangerous ones.



MEDIHC PLACES VETERANS — Since 1970, HEW's Medical Experience Directed Into Health Careers (MEDIHC) program has placed nearly 8,000 veterans in jobs in the health field or in health occupations education. HEW says more than 20,000 veterans with military allied health training and experience return to civilian life each year, and studies show more than two-thirds of them would like to find health-related civilian occupations. The MEDIHC program, administered by the states in cooperation with HEW and the Department of Defense, offers job counseling to these veterans, and refers them to job openings in the health field. Interested veterans can get more information about the MEDIHC program by writing to MEDIHC, Building 31, NIH, Bethesda, Maryland 20014.

WORRY CLINIC

By George W. Crane, Ph.D., M.D.

Helene's confession shows plump wives that they can easily revive their husband's ardor. Zoom your "boudoir cheesecake" and you never need fret about divorce! For the odds favor wives, especially if they are SLENDER!



CASE W-517: Helene B., aged 37, is now exulting. "Dr. Crane," she began, "I had become what you often describe as a fat, waddling walrus type of wife."

"My husband still loved me, but I noticed that he lacked the ardor that was always present 10 years earlier. "So I realized it was my 'hippo' figure that repulsed his boudoir enthusiasms."

"That's when I resolved 100 percent to follow your famous 10-day dehydration diet!"

"For I was actually 42 pounds overweight. "But now I am back to my honeymoon figure of 117 pounds. Isn't that wonderful?"

"And you knew what you were talking about regarding a man's ardor, for my husband soon began to perk up in his romancing."

"Why, even at the end of that 10-day period, when my weight had dropped from 159 to 149, he began to give me second glances."

"And when I got down to 139, he began to hold me on his lap and indulge in far more petting."

"By the time I reached 125, he became a 'wolf' again!"

"But I decided to drop back to that 117-pound figure so if I jumped back to 120, I'd still resemble my bridal picture."

"And I meanwhile noticed several medical changes."

"For example, I would waken about an hour earlier and still feel fully rested."

"Besides, my feet quit hurting me."

"And I lost my chronic backache, too."

"Moreover, I can breeze through my housework in about half the time, for I am faster and have a lot more pep."

"So tell your millions of women readers to work up their ire at their own tummies, instead of at you, Dr. Crane!"

"Keep on calling us 'waddling walruses' and 'baby hippos' and be sure to remind us again and

again that when our waistline equals our bustline, we look like 'good old motherly souls' but no seductive sirens!"

SLENDER DIVORCEES?

Readers, when you visualize divorcees, do you picture in your mind a slender, seductive siren or a fat, "waddling walrus"?

Conversely, when a newspaper cartoonist tries to depict a dowager, does her waistline exceed her bustline?

In the "Dagwood and Blondie" cartoon, what does Cora, the wife of Dagwood's boss, look like?

It's the cheesecake in your marital boudoir, not the roast beef in the dining room, that insures you against divorce.

But such enticing "cheesecake" is not associated with the figure of a 2-legged 1-male hippo in your bedroom!

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Meanderings Of Conclusion Jumper

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP) — Jumping to conclusions: As long as money or power are thought to be the answer to human needs, love cannot be.

If you live long enough, you will see how life moves in circles rather than in a straight line. Everything that has been

will be again. Few things or habits die out altogether — from beards on men to short skirts on women. They do not go away forever; their popularity simply waxes and wanes — and waxes again in a further time. Women sure are changing. How long has it been since you saw one with a clothespin in her mouth?

Their mouths used to be full of clothespins one day a week. Now their mouths are full of opinions seven days a week.

Crime has to be paid one tribute: it is helping to keep the American family together. People are staying at home more of nights for fear of being mugged in the streets if they leave it.

A woman never feels more womanly than when she is washing and drying her hair; a man never feels more unmanly than when he has to wash his own sox.

A cynic is a guy who saves his box tops for fear that if he mails them away to get something free he'll wind up being stung.

An old-timer is a gaffer who gets to the office late and tells the boss it was because his wife had lost his regular shoe button — and he had a hard time finding the spare one.

Wives with long hair get fewer divorces than wives with short hair. So if you want a marriage that will endure as long as you do, wed a girl whose hair hangs to her knees. She will keep so busy combing and

arranging it, she won't have time to get into any other trouble. A third of the men in America would feel better at nightfall if they wore suspenders during the day instead of belts.

Any road without a bend in it will in time seem like a prison or rut. Be thankful then to Providence, for it has seen to it that women and other dangerous curves lie in every man's path, lest it become a highway to boredom.

Murder Trial Set — The murder-kidnap trial of three members of the McCrary family has been set to begin April 9.

District Court Judge Daniel Shannon also said Tuesday he will hear motions by defense lawyers on suppression of evidence Feb. 6.

Sherman McCrary, 47, his wife Carylon, 45, and their son-in-law, Carl Taylor, 34, are all stand trial in the kidnaping of Leora Rose Looney, 17, a doughnut-shop waitress, in August 1971.

Today In History

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Today is Friday, Feb. 2, the 33rd day of 1973. Today is Groundhog Day. There are 332 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On this date in 1848, Mexico agreed to cede a vast territory to the United States upon payment of \$15 million. The area embraced what are now the states of Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas.

On this date: In 1635, the Dutch incorporated New Amsterdam, now New York.

In 1870, doctors disclosed that the Cardiff giant discovered on a farm near Cardiff, N.Y., was not a petrified man after all. It was all a hoax.

In 1882, the Roman Catholic fraternal group, the Knights of Columbus, was founded in New Haven, Conn.

In 1953, the U.S. announced that it no longer would block Chinese Nationalist raids

against the China mainland.

In 1941, 600 passengers aboard the hijacked Portuguese liner, Santa Maria, landed at Recife, Brazil.

Ten years ago: Britain's Prime Minister Harold Macmillan returned to London after talks with Italian officials in Rome about France's veto of British membership in the European Common Market.

Five years ago: Richard M. Nixon was campaigning in New Hampshire as he launched his bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

One year ago: The American dollar plunged to a new low in Europe, and the price of gold was higher than ever before.

Today's Birthdays: Violinist Jascha Heifetz is 72. Composer Burton Lane is 61.

Thought for today: If 50 million people say a foolish thing, it is still a foolish thing. Anatole France, French writer, 1844-1924.

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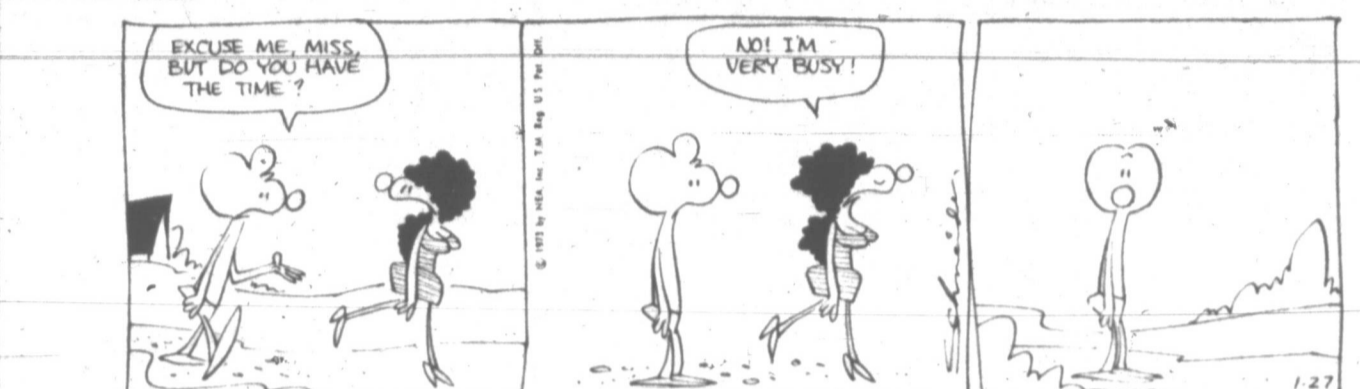
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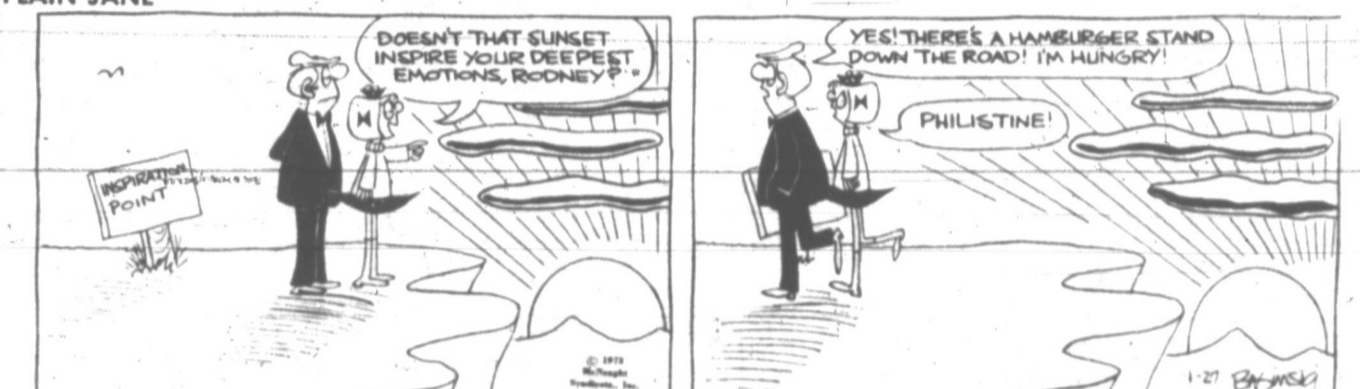
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Accent on Health

J.E. PEAVY, M.D., Commissioner of Health

What are the ten leading causes of death and the ten most frequently occurring communicable diseases in Texas? And how does Texas compare with the rest of the nation?

These questions have been answered by state health officials in their year-end reports, and the answers can be eye-opening.

For example, two of the most frequently occurring diseases in Texas are gonorrhea and syphilis. These venereal diseases — VD, for short — are transmitted from one infected individual to another through close sexual contact.

Some optimistic notes show up in the state health officials' reports which reflect the better health care now available to Texans.

"There has been a sizeable drop in the occurrence of many of the childhood diseases which can be prevented through protective immunizations," said Dr. M.S. Dickerson, Chief of the State Health Department's Communicable Disease Services Section.

"This decline in occurrence of these diseases probably reflects the new mandatory school immunization law, which requires all school-age children and some kindergarten-age children to be protected against these diseases before they can enroll in school," said Dr. Dickerson.

State Health Department statistics indicate the following ranking of communicable diseases occurring in Texas in 1972, and the number of cases reported to the State Health Department:

The leading communicable disease in 1972 in Texas was influenza and other flu-like illnesses (170,126 cases). Second was gonorrhea (58,404). Third, strep throat, including scarlet fever (50,274). Fourth, mumps (5,108). Fifth, syphilis (4,904).

Sixth, infectious and serum hepatitis (4,185). Seventh, tuberculosis (2,576). Eighth, measles (1,618). Ninth, rubella (1,596). And tenth, shigellosis, otherwise known as dysentery or intestinal diarrhea (1,018).

Five of the state's "top ten" diseases showed a dramatic decrease last year. Three of these are diseases for which protective immunizations are available: mumps, measles, rubella. The occurrence of new tuberculosis cases also showed a decrease in 1972.

Perhaps the most significant decline, and most pleasing to state health officials, was the drop in reported cases of syphilis, a 25 per cent decrease in occurrence of the disease in one year's time.

The State Health Department has had a comprehensive syphilis control program in operation for the past several years, and has just launched a massive statewide gonorrhea control effort as federal funding became available.

Gonorrhea has shown a substantial increase over the previous year's totals, reflecting the massive patient screening program now being put into operation by the State Health Department, in cooperation with private physicians and other agencies.

State health officials estimate that some 250,000 cases of gonorrhea actually occurred in Texas last year. Many cases of the disease were never diagnosed, for the patient never

saw his physician or the local public health clinic.

The Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Ga., reports the following occurrence of communicable diseases nationwide:

The leading communicable disease nationwide in 1972 was gonorrhea. Second was chickenpox. Third, mumps. Fourth, infectious and serum hepatitis. Fifth, tuberculosis. Sixth, measles. Seventh, syphilis. Eighth, rubella. Ninth, aseptic meningitis. And tenth, meningococcal infections.

The reported diseases for the nation do not include influenza or strep throat or other streptococcal infections.

Other diseases of statewide interest include: a decrease in diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), and typhoid fever. The state showed an increase in leprosy cases and infectious encephalitis, and a stable rating on polio cases (with four cases last year). There was no VEE (Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis) recorded in 1972.

The ten leading causes of death in Texas reflect the toll that chronic diseases, accidents, and other factors take on the Texas population.

The leading cause of death in Texas is heart disease. Second is malignant neoplasms, or cancer. Third is cerebrovascular disease. Fourth, accidents. Fifth, influenza and pneumonia. Sixth, mortality in early infancy. Seventh, diabetes mellitus. Eighth, bronchitis, emphysema, and asthma. Ninth, arteriosclerosis. Tenth, homicide.

Religious General Leaves Command

FORT MONROE, Va. (AP) — Gen. Ralph E. Haines Jr. who once characterized himself as a "private in the Army of God," has retired as commanding general of the Continental Army Command.

Haines urged Army officers to rededicate themselves to religion in order to solve problems of drug abuse, alcoholism and racial strife. He spoke at brief ceremonies on Chesapeake Bay.

Haines had been criticized for his travels to religious revival meetings around the country while serving as CONARC commander. Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Creighton Abrams speaking at the ceremonies, lauded Haines for his leadership and devotion to duty.

Haines, who was presented with a second oak leaf cluster to his Distinguished Service Medal, indicated Wednesday that he would continue to preach after his retirement.

Lt. Gen. Walter T. Kerwin is to take command of the Continental Army Command Friday.

SURPRISE, SURPRISE
SLOUGH, England (AP) — Together with his local property tax bill, a Berkshire resident was sent a leaflet from his local crime prevention unit suggesting ways of avoiding burglaries. Heading the list of things he should not do before going on holiday was: "Do not tell thieves."

Mainly About Skellytown

Mrs. Beulah Flippo had as visitors last week in her home her son, Jack Flippo and wife, from Kelowna, Canada.

Marine Pfc. Melvin W. Beighle son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin G. Beighle, Skellytown, graduated from basic training Jan. 3 at the Marine Corps Depot, San Diego, Calif.

Don Easley underwent major surgery Friday at Groom Memorial Hospital. He has been dismissed.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Coleman and children, of Spearman, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith and family were Sunday dinner guests in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Bloomer and son, Chris, Woodward, Okla., spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Snodgrass.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Heaton had as weekend guests Mrs. Heaton's mother, Mrs. Ethel Rogers, and her son, Ray Denton, and Mr. Heaton's aunt, Mrs. Ruby Pope, all of Wagoner, Okla. Mrs. Pope remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. D.C. McCarty were Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G.R. Fugate in Pampa.

Mrs. June Herd has been dismissed from Highland General Hospital after several days for examination and treatment.

Mrs. Norvel Huckins is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Christos Anthony Contokas, Westfield, Mass.

J.C. Jarvis was admitted to

the Highland General Hospital this week for examination and treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Huffhines returned Monday from Lubbock where they spent several weeks with their daughter, Mrs. Jimmy Evans and family.

Mrs. Tempest Adams returned Friday from Dallas, after spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Tom Lyon and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tod Watkins, Houston, are parents of a baby daughter born Jan. 11 at Bellaire Hospital, weighing 8 lbs. and 5 oz. She has been named Michelle Lee. Mrs. Watkins is the former Sandra Johnson of Skellytown. Grandparents are Mrs. Dewaine Mercer, Cabot Camp, Skellytown; Los Johnson, Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Watkins, Pampa.

PROVIDES LIVE PRAYER
CALGARY, Canada (AP) — Calgarians who phone a dial-a-prayer service don't end up with a recording. A secretary answers the telephone, asks the caller about the problem and offers to help. If the caller asks for a prayer, the call is put through to a minister.

MIA's Wives Lack Normal Status

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — You're an attractive young woman whose husband is missing in action in Vietnam. He may be dead. Do you go out with other men? Or do you just wait? "I prefer not to date," said Mrs. Charles E. Cappelli, "but I know some who do. It's an individual problem."

"We're human," she continued. "It certainly isn't normal not to be around men for a long time. We're really on a spot. We're not divorced, we're not widows, and we're not bachelorettes. We have no social status."

But the pretty blonde mother of three children is unwilling, she said, to take a chance on learning to care for someone else and then find that her husband is alive.

"That," she philosophized, "would create more problems than I had to begin with."

Mrs. Cappelli's husband, an Air Force major since promoted to lieutenant colonel, was shot down while flying a fighter mission over North Vietnam in November 1967. She has had no word of him since then.

The cease-fire rekindled her hope, but it faded when she learned his name wasn't on the list of prisoners supplied by the North Vietnamese.

"The thing we're hoping for now," she said, "is to find out the circumstances of his fate from the servicemen coming back."

Meanwhile, she keeps house for her son Steven, 12, and

daughters Carol, 11, and Betsy, 8.

Mrs. Cappelli said she knows of MIA wives—and POW wives, too—who have obtained divorces since their husbands disappeared, and some who have remarried.

"They were convinced," she explained, "that their husbands weren't coming back."

The Cappellis lived in Montgomery 10 years ago when he was stationed at Maxwell Air

Force Base. When he went overseas, she returned to her hometown of Owensboro, Ky., but didn't sell their house.

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