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**The Voice of Middle America  
The Real Legacy of Viet Nam Part II**

By David P. Price, Ph.D.

As we discussed last time, Viet Nam brought something to our young soldiers beyond the horror of war . . . a feeling of abandonment. A sense of isolation from knowing that their presidents and commanders were more concerned with politics than the life and death of their soldiers. Never before had America fought a war of attrition. Despite propaganda put out by the Pentagon and politicians, they knew the reality. "It don't mean nothing," was the anthem repeated among themselves. They continued to take orders from their commanders, but their allegiance was to their own survival. As an escape from the madness, many turned to drugs.

Back home drug use became part of the counter-culture. Beginning with the distortions and untruths about the war; followed by the beatings delivered to demonstrators by the Chicago police at the Democratic National Convention; and ultimately the killing of unruly, but unarmed students at Kent State . . . without even an inquiry into who was responsible for the shootings; an entire generation felt alienated.

Much has been said about our current president losing his moral authority, and certainly that is true. But the reality is that in the 1970s the entire U.S. government lost its moral authority. Civility and morality is always fragile in youth, and without respect for authority it will and did unravel.

As it turned out, the same hallucinogens the counter-culture were using; the CIA was clandestinely giving to citizens without their knowledge. Likewise the CIA was supporting factions in Laos known to be trafficking in opium. To those in governmental power, these transgressions had noble purpose. To the counterculture they were merely lies.

The bottom line is that the U.S. government engaged in a monumentally stupid war policy, while committing criminal acts upon its own citizens. The drug user of today probably knows little of the history of how drug use got started, but similar conditions perpetuate it. The press aggressively seeks to discredit politicians and likewise politicians continue to attempt to deceive and mislead the press and public. The bottom line is that respect for government and authority simply does not exist as it did prior to Viet Nam.

Aside from that, in today's culture, middle class youth have no heroes to look up to; other than sports figures. Many of their Viet Nam era parents used drugs; while the Hollywood based entertainment industry uses irreverence as the primary stock of movies aimed at youthful audiences.

For minority and inner-city youth, their concept of government is the Rodney King beating, Abner Louima and the Diallo incidents, along with the wholesale scandals of corruption and brutality in major metropolitan police forces. Currently the Los Angeles police scandal occupies the headlines, but there have been many others. To inner city youth, their concept of government is the cop on the beat. In most cities, the cops have taught youth to fear . . . but not respect them.

To date we have tried to treat drugs as a criminal issue . . . but criminals are only peripheral to the real problem, which is drug use. Beginning as a social rebellion, drug use has perpetuated for a variety of reasons. Like the Viet Nam soldier, in the despair of the inner cities it is an escape from reality. For middle and privileged classes it is simply part of the permissiveness that began in the 70s.

Like the Viet Nam War, our war of attrition with drug traffickers has been a loser. If we are ever to win the drug war, we must win back the hearts of our people. And that is something that cannot be done by passing laws and arming SWAT teams.

**Live a Little.  
Longer.**

Give yourself  
or someone else  
a gift that is not  
just beautiful.  
It lasts a long,  
long time.



**Chamber Chatter**

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

By Claudia Hughes

"Batter-Up" will be the key words in Heppner this weekend as 300-some Little Leaguers and parents surge into Heppner for the District All-Star Tournament. The motel is full, the RV park is full, the fairgrounds are filling up. Motels in Hermiston and Boardman are occupied. Sandi Day has worked hard to bring these visitors to Heppner. Give her a call if you can volunteer for a few hours on Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

It takes a community to pull an event like this off and to give visitors the desire to return.

Between games, what can they do? Send them to Willow Creek Water Park, the museum or courthouse where it's cool. Encourage them to walk the Volkswalk (information at Central Red Apple), to have a bite to eat, to enjoy a cold drink in the outdoor garden by Murray's, to bowl a line or two, golf, and to check out our businesses. It's always fun to investigate stores in a small community. Great finds. Then when the lights go out, encourage them to look up at the sky. Stars in Morrow County are spectacular.

Chamber members will tour the Port of Morrow for their annual summer tour on Tuesday, July 18, instead of their regular Chamber meeting. Pre-registration is required by calling 676-5536 before Friday.

Donations coming in for the Main Street banners are greatly appreciated. The Chamber banner committee has plans to enhance Main Street with seasonal banners. Currently the St. Patrick's Committee and the Rodeo Committee provide banners for two events.

The Merchants Committee is planning another great "Celebrate Heppner" and sidewalk sale on Friday, July 28, so mark your calendars and head for Main Street. There will be music, kids games, a dunk tank and lots of bargains. One might call it our "Annual U-turn Day," as the shamrock will be closed off in the afternoon for music and games and people will still be allowed to park in the blocks.

The Heppner Chamber has adopted Highway 74 through town with four annual cleanups planned. They hope to involve all of Main Street with a community get-together following each clean-up. Stay tuned.

Thought for the week: "Give your best to the world, and the best will be given back to you."

**VBS planned  
July 17-21**

"Club Can Do," a vacation Bible school planned children from preschool through fifth grade, will be held Monday through Friday, July 17-21, at the United Methodist Church at the corner of Church and Gale streets from 9 a.m. to noon.

The VBS is a joint project of All Saints' Episcopal, Hope and Valby Lutheran and the United Methodist churches.

There is a registration fee of \$4 per student or \$10 for a family of three or more. Scholarships are available.

For more information or to volunteer to help, call George Naims at 676-9970.

**New CBEC web site up**

Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative announces that a new web site is on-line for owner/consumer's information and use.

The web site, created by Jan Mac Donald of the CBEC staff, features information on Co-Op history, rates, board members, electrical facts, environmental

**Obituaries**

**Martha Jane "Janie" Vance**

Martha Jane "Janie" Vance, 32, of Irrigon, died Monday, July 3, 2000 at Hermiston.

Memorial Mass was held Friday, July 7, 2000 at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston. Disposition was by cremation.

She was born Sept. 23, 1967, at Salisbury, North Carolina to James B. and Betty J. Harris Foster. She was raised in Portland and lived there until 1994 when she moved to Boardman.

On June 4, 1995, she married James A. Vance at Boardman. They moved to Irrigon in 1997 and had lived there since.

Mrs. Vance had been employed as a cook for United Vending at the Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Hermiston.

She enjoyed cooking, camping, fishing and spending time with her children.

Survivors include her husband, James "Jim" Vance, son, Austin James Vance, daughter Meagan Marie Vance, all of Irrigon; her mother, Betty Lumsford and her husband Jerry, of Portland; her father, Jim Foster of Portland; her grandmother, Martha Foster of Salisbury, North Carolina; sisters, Michelle Ockfene of Tacoma, Washington, Linda Dukart and Jennifer Lunsford, both of Portland; and several other relatives.

Memorial contributions may be made to a fund for Mrs. Vance's children through Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR. 97838.

**Rosalie Moe**

Rosalie Moe, 90, of Heppner, died Friday, July 7, 2000 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

Graveside service was held Wednesday, July 12, 2000 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Moe was born July 24, 1909, at Valparaiso, Indiana, to LeRoy and Eliza Roe Nulf. She was raised at Geraldine, Montana and attended schools there, graduating from Geraldine High School.

In 1937, she moved to Washington and to Oregon in 1941.

On February 27, 1943, she married Elmer M. Moe at Pendleton. The couple lived in Heppner throughout their married life.

Mrs. Moe enjoyed riding horses most of her life. She also enjoyed collecting and going to yard sales. She enjoyed fishing, especially at Lake Pend Oreille in Idaho.

Mr. Moe died in 1998. Survivors include sons, Jack Ployhar and Darrel Ployhar, both of Heppner; daughters, Peg Martin of Redmond and Jo Hudson of Heppner; sister, Jerry Anderson of Geraldine, Montana; 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. Sisters Willadean, Frances and Kate, and brothers LeRoy and Elmer, also preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 515, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

**Library dress up**

The Ione Library reading program will get underway with a dress-up party at the library on Monday, July 17 at 3 p.m. Kids are invited to come dressed as their favorite book characters.

issues and many more items.

Fourteen different pages explain Co-Op operations and facts. To get to the site, log-on to the CBEC web site at [www.heppner.net](http://www.heppner.net) and click on the Columbia Basin Electric web page. A web site information contest will be on the back page of upcoming Ruralite magazines.

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agreed that the county counsel would become involved should the level of placing a lien on a property develop.

Morrow County Behavioral Health Director Kelly Sager spoke to the court about the status of their alcohol and drug funding. He explained that additional funding from contracts and the state would allow hiring greatly needed additional staff, one full-time in Wheeler County and one full-time and one half-time in Morrow County.

Sager said that the department is looking at a case-management model that helps clients build natural support systems. Sager reported that the number of alcohol and drug users has increased substantially but treatment has not kept up. In response to a question, Sager said that gambling addiction cases are referred to Umatilla County.

Sager also reported to the court that Doug Johnson has accepted the position of clinical director of the Behavioral Health Department, and Sager is recruiting for the alcohol and drug supervisor position. The bilingual counselor, Teresa Lopez, will be able to get some domestic violence training at a conference paid for by a grant

through the district attorney's office.

In other business at the July 5 meeting, the court:

-heard from Judge Terry Tallman a suggestion of a country-wide meeting with entities that could be interested in fiber optic line usage;

-approved the request from Barb Hayes, Special Transportation Fund coordinator, the STF Formula Program Application. Wenholz reported information on the purchase of a new STF bus, which will be funded 80 percent by the state and 20 percent by the STF Bus Reserve Fund;

-heard from Sheriff Verlin Denton of the promotion of Deputy Phil Morris to the vacant patrol sergeant position. Denton is advertising for a code enforcement deputy;

-heard from Hanlon about a letter he received from the state building codes inspector, stating that the ramps of the agricultural museum are not properly constructed and need to be reinstalled. He will send the letter on to the architect;

-discussed the Stanford Chemical enterprise zone exemption.

**To All MCHD Employees:**

As members of the Board of Directors of the Morrow County Health District, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for your outstanding efforts to provide top quality healthcare to our patients. In addition, we want to express our deep appreciation for your agreement to forego scheduled salary increases until January 1, 2001. This very generous act on your part will greatly assist the district in regaining its financial stability.

Your valued contributions along with the added revenue sources of the CT Scan, Pharmacy and streamlined billing operations, will make it possible for the district to thrive and grow in the coming years.

We have also seen the addition of new Doctors to the area, which will provide us with stability for our patients and increase revenue for our facilities.

We know that you have been asked to make many sacrifices during this transition period. Not only with the many changes that have been made, but also the loss of some positions and other cost reductions. We thank you for your continued patience and cooperation during this period.

With your continued excellent efforts, we feel that the District is turning the corner to additional patient services and financial stability.

We want to again thank you for your efforts and sacrifices. It is sincerely appreciated and we know that together we can accomplish our goals.

(s) Larry Mills, Chairman  
(s) Linda LaRue, Norma Stahl and Vicki Kent, Board members  
(s) Sharon Meyers, Secretary

**To the Morrow County Community:**

The above letter to the Employees of Morrow County Health District not only expresses the Boards appreciation for all their efforts, it also shows their determination to make things work for the benefit of the District's patients.

As a board, we are working closely with the Administrator to pursue additional revenue sources in addition to the cost cutting measures that have been taken.

We would ask that you take a good look at the services the District is providing and when ever possible, use them. We feel we have top quality medical providers in the District and we would encourage each of you to give them an opportunity to serve your medical needs.

We are shaping long term goals for the District and with everyone's help we can meet the goal of providing top quality care on a long-term sustainable basis.

Sincerely, Morrow County Health District Board of Directors



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Check Out These New Web Pages!

1. A Century of Power by Merlyn Robinson, local author and rancher
2. CBEC's locations
3. Our 56th Annual Meeting...mark your calendars
4. Meet the Board of Directors
5. "Watt" to do in case of a power outage
6. How to read your electric meter
7. It's vacation time!
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13. Destroying Snake River dams based on "lose-lose" logic
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**COLUMBIA BASIN ELECTRIC CO-OP**  
Now On The Internet

July 14th - Friday  
Smorgasbord Buffet:  
Dinner starts at 6 p.m.



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