

Joe Biden - negative groping publicity?: by Glenn Mollette

Joe Biden has received bad publicity lately. Several women have stepped forward saying the former Vice President of the United States hugged them too long or made them feel uncomfortable when he touched them. Biden recently release a video on social media attempting to address the allegations stating he hears what the women are saying and that he never intended to invade anyone’s space or make anyone feel uncomfortable.

We’ve all seen Biden on television hugging, touching, kissing and in some instances it seemed like groping. However,

according to Biden he has just been a caring, compassionate man trying to show affirmation to these who have cried foul about his physical maneuvers.

It will be impossible to derail Biden accusing him of hugging, touching or kissing people on the cheek or the head. It’s wrong to push ourselves on anyone. Apparently Biden’s “victims” didn’t appreciate Biden’s lingering touches but this won’t keep him from the democratic nomination for President.

People make mistakes in interpreting how to respond to people in social scenarios. One

church I used to attend most of the people wanted to hug me every Sunday and most of them wanted me to hug them. However, sometimes it can be overkill. There are always people you don’t want to hug and there are people you don’t want touching or hugging you. People have to back off and not make hugging a ritual that ends up offending someone who may like you personally but doesn’t like hugging in general. Kenny Rogers said, “Know when to hold them and know when to fold them.” I guess that might apply to hugging, kissing and touching.

Dolly Parton has been criticized and the center of lot of rumors all her life “People love to talk but sometimes that’s your best publicity. I don’t care what they say as long as they don’t hurt other people I love,” she once said.

Joe Biden did not want his name elevated in the media quite the way it has been recently. For better or worse his name has been in the news every day. No one wants negative accusations. Six months from now the accusations that he may have invaded other’s space a bit too much will be in the past and

Joe will probably be shaking hands more and hugging less.

When the smoke has cleared next year Biden will be the Democrat Party nominee. There will probably be more people coming forward who will have something negative to say. In the end will negative allegations hurt Biden or any of the candidates? Or, is negative publicity better than no publicity?

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Obituaries

Ryan Phillip Borth, 34, died March 21, 2019 in Grants Pass, Oregon.

Ryan was born Nov. 24, 1984 in Takilma, Oregon. He had an incredibly infectious smile as a child while growing up in the Illinois Valley, spending summer days swimming at the local pool and rivers. He enjoyed skateboarding at the neighborhood park, and even built ramps at home with his brother and neighbor. As a teenager, he spent a few years living in Mexico with his father, where he became proficient in Spanish, and had his

lovely daughter, who now has a son of her own. Ryan’s adult years saw him as a conscientious and diligent worker, often helping his mother and family friends with home improvement projects.

Ryan enjoyed skateboarding when he was younger, woodworking, home improvements, and hiking.

Though he could not find peace here, we will always remember Ryan as a sensitive, kindhearted and caring young man. He will be greatly missed.

Survivors include daughter, Elizabeth Alejandra Brito Borth;

mother, Sandra Borth; father, Brian Borth; sisters, Michelle Borth, DesireaGahm and Francine Bush; brothers, Darin Borth, Andrew Borth and Ruben Borth; and grandson, Nathan Ortiz Borth.

He was preceded in death by a sister Patricia (née Borth) Hoffman in 2006.

A memorial service will be at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Wild River Brewing and Pizza (Pizza Deli) in Cave Junction. Followed by lunch at the same location. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

In remembrance of Ryan, please perform a random act of kindness in his memory.

Albert Lopez, 84, of Cave Junction, died April 3, 2019 at his home. Arrangements are pending with Illinois Valley Funeral Directors.

William McKean Conn, 63, of Post Falls Idaho died April 1. He was a long-time resident of Cave Junction was born in Compton, Calif. to Donald and Helen Conn. William attended Valley

schools and graduated in 1973 from Illinois Valley High School.

William worked in the logging industry after graduation. He also did yard maintenance and janitorial work. He enjoyed fishing and taking walks with his dog Sheba.

William is survived by his son Christopher Conn and a daughter Cassandra Conn both of Cave Junction; sisters, Dona Payne (Kenny), Deana Palmer (John), Lonna Kauffman, Deborah Mudge; and many nieces and nephews. No memorial service is planned.

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Save the date

April 10
IVHS track meet 3:30 p.m. hosting Canyonville Christian Academy and Hidden Valley IVHS Jannie Pope Memorial Track

April 12
***Ham Bingo** at the Illinois Valley Senior Center April 12 Doors open at 5 p.m games start At 6 p.m.
50 Cents 3 On Sheets Raffle Prizes. Pass the word. Tell your friends. We hope to see you at Glenn Morrison American Legion Auxiliary Unit 70 Ham Bingo!

April 12-14
*RiverStars Performing Arts celebrates 5 years with production of QUAKETOWN- is a post apocalyptic fable about teenage resilience in the face of adversity.

Performances are Friday, April 12, at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 13 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 14 at 2 p.m. at the Lorna Byrne Cafe Theatre. Premiere seats can be purchased at Brown Paper Tickets (<https://quaketown.brownpapertickets.com>) for \$20 adults, \$12 youth and Group Discounts available. Walk up tickets are pay-what-you-can, starting 20 minutes before show time.

April 13
*Portland Gay Men’s Chorus is thrilled to return to Grants Pass to perform their Spring Concert April 13, 7 p.m. This concert is a fundraiser for Hearts with A Mission. Hearts with A Mission serves homeless and at-risk-youth by providing shelter, educational support, mentoring and transition planning with a faith-based approach. Our Audacity to Hope | Newman M.ethodist Church | Grants Pass, OR

April 20
*Rough & Ready wildflower hike Saturday, April 20. 10 a.m. meet in the parking area at Rough & Ready Botanical Wayside south of Cave Junction on Hwy. 199 at mile marker 34. This is a great opportunity for folks to come out and enjoy the spring wildflowers no matter what your skill level on plant identifications might be.

This is a short hike on rocky, but relatively level ground, with lots of beautiful wildflowers to see, many of them are rare or of limited range. A portion of the hike will be along a wheel chair accessible path so folks of limited mobility can come out and enjoy the wildflowers too.Bring water, dress in layers and wear comfortable shoes. Bring lunch if you like, there’s a picnic table overlooking

Rough & Ready Creek. For more information: Call Suzanne Vautier at 541-659-7407.

Sponsored by: Cultural & Ecological Enhancement Network (CEEN) the Southern Oregon Native Plant Society and KS Wild.

April 27
*Grants Pass Garden Club will have a variety of plants, garden-themed gifts, and baked goods for sale Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Credit and Debit cards will be accepted. For more information, call 541-218-3453.

April 29
*Come hear the STATE OF THE VALLEY community forum, Monday, April 29 at IV High School, 5:30-7 p.m. Local and county leaders will present current efforts, goals and challenges. Presenters will include Josephine County Sheriff Dave Daniel, Three Rivers School District Superintendent Dave Valenzuela, IV Fire District Chief Dennis Hoke, Josephine Community Library District Director Kate Lasky, and representatives from Illinois Valley Airport, Josephine County Parks, and Josephine County Emergency Planning. There will also be an overview of the ongoing implementation of the Illinois Valley 20/20 Community Vision and Strategic Plan. The forum will be free and open to all. Keeeth Withries of KXCJ-LP FM Community Radio will moderate.

April 24
Well Water Safety Workshop and testing opportunity. Is your well water healthy and safe? This free workshop will explain well water safety information - Wednesday, April 24 from 6-7:30 pm at the Kerby Belt Building in Kerby. Participants will be able to look up registered wells on the state well log to get accurate information, learn about causes of well water contamination, and receive greatly discounted well water testing for arsenic, nitrates, e.Coli and general coliforms. If problems are discovered there will be next-step support for correcting them. This water test retails for \$113 but will be available through this workshop for as little as \$10 on a sliding scale. Participants must RSVP to Joshua Daley at JDaley@co.josephine.or.us. This state-funded grant project is a partnership between Josephine County Public Health and the Illinois Valley Community Development Organization and is a project under the IV 20/20 Strategic Plan.

May 11
*“Spring Wine Stroll” Saturday, May 11,

2 p.m. - 6 p.m. downtown Grants Pass

Calling all wine lovers- Tickets are now on sale for the Annual Spring Wine Stroll. The Wine Stroll is hosted by the Grants Pass & Josephine County Chamber of Commerce. For over 20 years this special event has been held in beautiful downtown Grants Pass. Participants stroll from location to location sampling amazing wine and delicious food. The Stroll is on May 11 2-6 p.m. Tickets are \$30 Pre-Sale and \$35 Day-Of. Tickets are available for purchase at Blind Georges, Frank N Stene’s, the Chamber and online www.grantsspamchamber.org.

Check in and glass pick up is 12 - 4 p.m. the day of the event in front of Blind Georges. Host locations and wineries will be released at a later date. Please note this is a 21 and over event and each participant must personally check in with a valid ID. OLCC regulations also stipulate that children may not accompany adults attending this event.

Ongoing
***Cave Junction Homeless Alliance (CJHA) Meeting** Sunday, 4-6 p.m., St. Patrick of the Forest, W. River St. St. Patrick Soup Kitchen Sunday is a new weekly soup and bread feed held in conjunction with CJHA meetings. The event is sponsored by Street Services, supported by a caring community, and serves those who are hungry. NOTE: If you are interested in providing a soup, bread, beverage, or volunteering for this weekly community service please contact: Jimmy Evans E-Mail: jevans@cjhomeless.org Phone: 541.592.2407 (Message) PM: Messenger

***CJ NEX (Needle Exchange)** Mondays from 12-3 at the Immanuel United Methodist Church across from Shop Smart. Free HIV and Hepatitis C testing as well as needle exchange, overdose response and naloxone training.

*Weekly Community Watch meetings are every Monday, 5:30 p.m., at Wild River Pizza, CJ. We help you build your neighborhood watch, fire emergency preparedness program, Immediate Alert Notification system (smart phone), 2-way radio service. Contact Guenter 541-415-1929 or ivwatch541@gmail.com.

*Line dancing in Cave Junction, Free, for more information call 541-415-1410. Wednesday beginners line dancing group from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. meets at the Church of Latter Day Saints, 207 South Junction Ave. Entrance

and parking in the back. Friday beginners line dancing group meets at Wild River Pizza, 249 Redwood Hwy. Line dancing practice from 5 -6 p.m. and dancing from 6-7 p.m. to live music from Jay Barley. Saturday beginners group meets at the Healthy U, 535 E. River St. beginners 11 a.m. – noon and more advanced noon – 1 p.m.

*GET YOUR TAX RETURN FILED FOR FREE! The Josephine County Tax-Aide program offers free federal and Oregon state tax preparation to low and moderate income taxpayers, with special attention to those 60 and older. We are trained volunteers certified by the IRS.

We will be offering our free service to Illinois Valley residents at the Illinois Valley Family Coalition, 535 E. River St., on Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., beginning Feb. 2. Please call 541-592-6139 to make an appointment.

*Evergreen Elementary School is looking for **SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) volunteers**. Come read with children for an hour a week and change a life. Currently the program is on Wednesdays, but with enough readers, we’d like to expand to Tuesdays and Thursdays also. Volunteers are asked to arrive about 11:35 and will be finished reading by 12:45. To learn more about SMART call 541-734-5628 or visit the website at www.getSMARToregon.org.

*The Sheriff’s Office Substation in Cave Junction is now open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 to 2. Volunteers are still needed to staff another day and expand hours. Applications are available at the substation or online at <http://www.co.josephine.or.us/Files/Volunteer>. For information call 541-474-5123.

*Public Health Clinic- Location: I.V. Family Coalition, 535 E. River St., CJ, 1st Thursday of every month. Services offered STI Testing/Treatment, Women’s Health Exams (Annuals/Problem Visits), Birth Control (All Methods Available), Pregnancy Testing, Pre-pregnancy counseling. 3rd Thursday of every month: STI testing/treatment, birth control counseling (methods limited), Pregnancy Testing, Immunizations. Call 541-474-5329 for an appointment, and make sure to tell the receptionist to schedule you in CJ. Walk-ins welcome! Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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