

## Obituary

### Betty Mae Nelson

February 26, 1929 – August 2, 2016

Betty Mae Nelson was born to Erma (Phippen) Nelson and Neils Nelson in Elgin, Oregon. She graduated from Elgin High School and attended Boise Bible College in Boise, Idaho. She married William ("Bill") A. Kernen on June 8, 1947, in Elgin, Oregon. During their marriage they lived in Minnesota, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California. Betty's dreams were fulfilled by being a stay-at-home mom to her two children.

Betty and Bill moved to Sisters in 1983. Bill preceded her in death in 1989.

Betty's hobbies included gardening, reading, crocheting and writing letters, and her love for her cats and dogs is unparalleled.

Betty is survived by her sister, Maxine Lee of Castle Rock, Washington; her brother Larry (Joyce) Nelson of Salem, Oregon; son William C. Kernen of New York City; and daughter Susan B. Windell of Sisters, Oregon. She had three



grandsons: Garrett Kernen, Matthew (Lelah) Windell, and Caleb (Michelle) Windell; and five great-grandchildren: Elizabeth and Joey Windell; Juliet Kernen; and Auna and William Windell. She also leaves behind her "son-in-law," Stephen Perry of Sisters.

Per her request, no service is planned. Donations in her memory may be made to Russell's Place at Three Rivers Animal Shelter in Madras. Her family wants to recognize the loving, professional care of Hospice of Redmond and At Home Care Group and thanks them from the bottom of their hearts.

## LETTERS

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personal responsibility in the American system alive and well?

As an addendum, Denmark recently announced the termination of their wind-generation fleet. It is currently subsidized nearly 70 percent and the citizens are tired of the cost. The off-shore wind farms are being feathered. Maybe they are waking up.

As we elect new leaders, we should remember the old adage, "follow the money." In this context, find out who pays and who benefits. They are likely not the same people. The taxpayer is under increasing attacks to fund the entitlement of others. Choose wisely, choose those who believe in personal responsibility.

Bruce Carpenter

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To the Editor:

(*Re: John Kass op-ed column, The Nugget, August 10, page 2*):

Drivel.

I understand a need to provide "fair and balanced" coverage of current affairs, but given the recent John Kass "article," I am amazed that *The Nugget* allows such biased, misstated, misleading monologue as valid and informative — suited for public dissemination.

U.S. economy is growing slowly, yes, but no mention of how it has also recovered from an historic bottom with continuously improving factors impacting our future. To add to this, Mr. Kass' trivial claim is that food-stamp recipients have increased, yet real facts indicate just the opposite.

On Trump:

- A tendency to brag? Tendency?
- Stylistically yells and sighs and makes idiotic faces? Style?

And Clinton:

- A person nobody listens to? What about half of the current voters listening and many GOP donors switching their bets?

- Watching Clinton's nose grow?
- Timid Romney? A billionaire is rarely timid BTW.

- And to attempt such a lame metaphor,

gladiators indeed?

I assume the staff at *The Nugget* has a standard for truth regardless of where it is found in factual reporting or words and phrases published as "editorial" or "opinion." As I recall from my limited introduction to journalism over the past 60 years, opinion is useful when applied to or from producible facts and without this baggage, opinions becomes hearsay and propaganda.

Following along on the national debate regarding our two viable presidential candidates, it is amazing that someone is trying to vaguely legitimize Mr. Trump irrespective of who he is challenging. Mr. Kass' attempted sarcasm, metaphor or humor comes to me as an impassioned but vacuous rambling that is more appropriate when left to the sophomoric creative writer of a past generation.

It is quite clear that Mr. Kass has missed at least one half of the national debate. Is this a political apology for Mr. Trump?

Michael Richards

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To the Editor:

The comments of local law enforcement regarding actions by police officers who have shot and killed a tremendous number of unarmed people of color in this nation were tremendously offensive ("*Top cops respond to violence*," *The Nugget*, August 10, page 1).

It is not the media that is "fertilizing" and making "theater" of unjustified killing of people of color, it is the ability of social media to make the public aware of some not-so-well-trained police or police who have been tagged by their own departments with overly aggressive behavior and assault against minorities. You can't watch these videos and not see unjust killing, no matter how you wish to stretch reality.

I am very grateful for the ability of citizens to record the overt aggression by officers that have resulted in so many deaths of productive and good people of all ages for being guilty of being black or Hispanic or Native Americans. Black Lives Matter (inclusive of

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### Olympic glory...



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Tate Metcalf, of Sisters Athletic Club, is in Rio de Janeiro to watch Ashton Eaton, whom he coached at Mountain View High School, go for a second Olympic Gold Medal in Decathlon. He's seen more than track though: Swimming with Michael Phelps, Ryan Lochte, and Missy Franklin; table tennis; beach volleyball; sailing and more to come. "Rio is fabulous!" he said.

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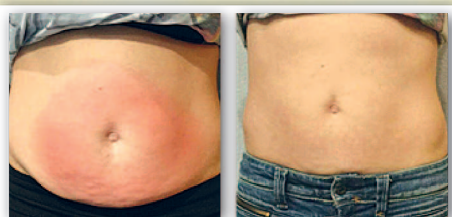
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