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- **Walk for Freedom: The Colorado Springs Barefoot Mile**, Sat., **Jun. 8**, 9:30 a.m., Lewis-Palmer Stadium, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. Raise awareness and funds to fight trafficking locally and globally. BBQ lunch and drinks donated by local Knights of Columbus. Registration & Info: www.thebarefootmile.org, or text COSBFM to 50155. See ad on page 10.
 - **SunDance Studio Intensive Performing Arts Theatre**, Mon.-Sat., **Jun. 10-29**, 1450 Cipriani Loop, Monument. Students ages 7-20 will rehearse and perform Into the Woods. Info: 481-8208, www.thesundances-tudio.com. See ad on page 8.
 - **Mountain View Electric Association Annual Meeting of Members**, Thu., **Jun. 13**, 4:30 p.m., Palmer Ridge High School, 19255 Monument Hill Rd., Monument. Dinner, door prizes, board of directors election. Info: 1-800-388-9881, www.mvea.coop. See ad on page 15.
 - **Bryson's Chase Golf Tournament**, Fri., **Jun. 14**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., The Country Club at Woodmoor, 18945 Pebble Beach Way, Monument. A fundraiser for Bryson's Chase, which benefits families whose children need mental health treatments. Bloody Mary and breakfast burrito bar, \$25,000 hole in one challenge, silent auction, hole prizes, and more. Register online, <https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/bryson-s-chase-golf-tournament>. Info: 904-742-1273.
 - **Fight Fraud—Shred Instead! Free AARP Elder-Watch Community Shredding Event**, Sat., **Jun. 15**, 9 a.m.-noon, Black Forest Lutheran Church, 12455 Black Forest Rd. Each car may bring three boxes or paper bags of documents for shredding; no plastic or 3-ring binders please. Fight hunger with a nonperishable food or money donation for the Black Forest Cares food pantry. Info: 800-222-4444; Jim, 330-5923; or Stan, 596-6787.
 - **Monument's 140th Birthday Party**, Sat., **Jun. 15**, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Limbach Park, 151 Front St., Monument. Festivities include a band, activities for the kids, a food truck, historic walking tours of the town, and a history booth where reporters will share the stories they've collected from residents. Volunteers and sponsors are needed. If interested contact Madeline VanDenHoek, 884-8013. See ad on page 11 and photo on page 25.
 - **STEAM Science Camp at WMMI**, Mon.-Fri., **Jun. 17-21**, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (half days available), Western Museum of Mining & Industry, 225 North Gate Blvd. Info: 488-0880, www.wmmi.org.
 - **Rosé Wine Social Fundraiser at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts**, Sun., **Jun. 23**, 2-5 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. This wine tasting, organized by The Wine Seller, will feature more than 50 of the latest and greatest rosé wines from around the world. Live music. Tickets from \$40. Info: 481-0475, info@trilakesarts.org, www.trilakesarts.org.
 - **Purely Ponds Parade of Ponds**, Sat.-Sun., **Jun. 29-30**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. This self-guided charity pond and waterfall tour benefits the Boys and Girls Club with a matching donation from Purely Ponds Fine Landscapes. Parade of Ponds ticket books with tour maps are just five dollars per ticket and are available online at www.purelyponds.com or at Pioneer Sand Company, 15490 Woodcarver Rd., Monument, and 8335 Vollmer Rd., Black Forest. Info: 896-0038, jessica@purelyponds.com, or www.purelyponds.com.

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governmental entities and not-for-profit organizations. We include events that are open to the general public and are not religious or self-promotional in nature. If space is available, complimentary calendar listings are included, when requested, for events advertised in the current issue. To have your event listed at no charge in Our Community Calendar, please call (719) 339-7831 or send the information to calendar@ocn.me or Our Community News, P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

Content

Articles in *Our Community News* focus on the deliberations of Tri-Lakes area governmental bodies such as the Monument Board of Trustees, Palmer Lake Town Council, and many of the local water, sanitation, fire, and school district boards.

Unlike papers that try to figure out what the “story” is and then get quotes on each side to presumably lead the reader to conclude what the “truth” is, OCN's role is to report in detail on public meetings of local governmental entities. We report what was talked about and what was decided. By reading OCN, you can find out what you might have learned if you had attended those public meetings. In this context, “truth” is that the articles accurately represent what transpired at the meetings.

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Contact Lisa Hatfield, Managing Editor, at editor@ocn.me or (719) 339-7831 with any questions.

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Our Community News welcomes letters to the editor on topics of general interest to readers in the Tri-Lakes area. We do not knowingly print letters that are substantially the same as letters that have been submitted to other publications. To ensure that OCN contains a variety of viewpoints, each letter writer is limited to a maximum of one (1) letter per issue and six (6) letters within a twelve (12) month period. To submit a letter, please:

- Email your letter, preferably as an attached Microsoft Word document, to editor@ocn.me or mail a copy to **Our Community News, P.O. Box 1742, Monument, CO 80132-1742**.
- Identify your submission as a letter to the editor and confirm that it has not been submitted to any other publication.
- Include a suggested headline or title that summarizes the topic you are addressing.
- Limit letters to no more than 300 words.
- Include your full name, home address, phone numbers, and email address, if you have one. Only your name will be published.
- Send your letter at least 14 days before the “first Saturday of the month” when the paper is published. Later submissions may be deferred to our next monthly issue.

If you have not received an acknowledgment two days after your email submission or one week after you mailed your letter, please contact Lisa Hatfield, Managing Editor, at (719) 339-7831 or editor@ocn.me. At OCN's sole discretion, we may ask you for clarification of your statements. Include references, such as website links, in your letter for any facts and figures you cite. OCN does not guarantee every letter will appear in print or on-line and does not guarantee a publication date. Letters containing personal attacks or endorsements for or complaints about individually-named commercial products or services will not be published.

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Letters to the editor due: **Fri., May 17**
Calendar items due: **Fri., May 24**

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The Rabbi's Corner Gun Control

By Oswald Garagorry
Reprinted from the February 2013 issue of OCN

The debate goes on and on no matter what time of day or night it is. Several issues are involved and many opinions are expressed. It divides people into groups and it divides people on how our Constitution is viewed. Is our Constitution a historical unchanging document or is it a living guideline subject to change as our society changes? Do we go by what is written or do we rewrite it? Do we leave the 2nd Amendment as it is...do we ignore or even eliminate its' authority?

How about you my dear reader? Which side do you take? Please tell me how you arrive at such a position. It doesn't matter if people go to church or to synagogue you will hear them say, “I think”...or “in my opinion”....

For us who practice Tanakhee Judaism (the life style religion given by HaShem/Lord in the Torah) we will bring the question to the Torah. What does it say about people arming themselves? Whatever it says that's our view, no ifs, ands, or buts about it. As I was studying the *Torah* portion called B'shallach (After he had let go). *Exodus 13:17 – 17:16*. I found my answer, “the people of Israel went up from the land of Egypt fully armed” v.18. It does not say that the army was fully armed, but that the people were fully armed.

Think about this for a moment, well over a million people “fully armed” wandering in the desert for 40 years; experiencing all kinds of stress and daily challenges. Yet there was not even one event like what we have seen in the last few years. WHY? There are several answers; I'll give you just a few. Among the people it was not illegal to teach their children about the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Mothers did not abort or kill their babies. Much to the contrary, read how hard Moses' mother tried to save her baby. Children were taught to obey their parents and that was not child abuse, it was an expression of their love for them. The *Torah* provided a solution for a rebellious child...the child was to be brought before the leaders of the community who investigated if the allegation was true. If it was so, the child would be stoned to death (dear reader, there was never a recorded incident of this punishment being enforced, but the threat was an attention getter).

God Himself was not used as a means to make money or get votes. God was part of the people's daily lives; His instructions were to be observed and not made into a mockery. No individual placed his hand on two Bibles and soon thereafter, proclaimed blasphemous views that both of those very same Bibles condemned. I remember the words of Neil Diamond, “Look how far we came; How far from where we used to be...”

Shalom to you.
Dr. Garagorry is the Rabbi of Aliyah Congregation that meets on Saturdays at 10 a.m. at the Mountain Community Mennonite Church, 643 Highway 105, Palmer Lake, CO 80133 www.aliyahcongregation.com ☎ (719) 330-2382
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