

Info: 247-611.

- **Sundance Studio Annual Open House**, Sat. **Aug. 4**, 1-3 p.m., 1450 Cipriani Loop, Monument. Free and open to all. Ninja course and activities for kids. Tumbling & trampoline exhibition 4 p.m., dance performance 4:30 p.m. Info: 481-8208, info@thesundancesstudio.com, www.thesundancesstudio.com. See ad on page 11.
- **Tri-Lakes Cruisers 16th Annual Benefit Car Show**, Sun., **Aug. 5**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Historic Downtown Monument, 2nd and Front Streets. Public invited free of charge to look around. Food vendors, door prizes, music by a DJ, USAFA Falcons, and much more. Proceeds benefit Tri-Lakes Cares. Info: Lois Button-Gonzalez 481-1643; www.tl-cruisers.weebly.com.
- **35th Annual National Night Out**, Tue., **Aug. 7**. Turn on your porch light and go outside to join your neighbors to make a show of solidarity and strength. Plan a block party, barbecue, neighborhood walk or other activity and let Brent Ambuehl know about it. Contact Brent at 719-208-5924, brentambuehl@elpasoco.com. Find tips at www.natw.org.
- **Black Forest Festival**, Sat., **Aug. 11**, 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m., 12530 Black Forest Rd. Pancake breakfast by R&R Café 6:30-9:30 a.m., festival activities 8 a.m.-3 p.m. include booths, farm-themed children's activities/games/crafts and demos, music, expanded food venues, and more. Parade at 10:30 a.m.; outhouse races around 11:40 a.m. To volunteer, call 495-2718. Info: www.bfcommunityclub.org.
- **Native American Traditional Powwow**, Sat., **Aug. 11**, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., doors open 9:30 a.m., Norris Penrose Event Center, 1045 Lower Gold Camp Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80905. Celebrate Native history and culture with Native drums and dancers, Native art and artisans, birds of prey and live wolf exhibits, Aztec Dancers, Native vendors, Native food such as Navajo tacos and fry bread, and kid's activities. Cost: \$5, free for Native Americans in full regalia and children 12 and under. Please bring donations of non-perishable food. No drugs, alcohol or pets (except service animals). Cash prizes for dancers. Drums by invitation only. All proceeds support One Nation Walking Together. Info: www.coloradospringspowwow.org.
- **Gleneagle Sertoma 17th Annual Patriot Golf Benefit**, Mon., **Aug. 13**, noon check-in, 1:30 p.m. tee-off, USAFA Eisenhower Golf Course, Blue Course. This tournament honors local patriots representing the military and first responders. Proceeds go to El Paso County Sheriff's Office Foundation and other local charities. Register at www.gleneaglepatriotgolf.com or use the form attached to the ad. Info: John Coyle, 494-4284; Joe Gray, 203-4526, www.gleneaglepatriotgolf.com. See ad on page 14.
- **Pickin' on the Divide**, Sat., **Aug. 18**, Limbach Park, 151 Front St., Monument. Colorado bluegrass bands perform 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Beer garden, food trucks, and more, rain or shine. Please, no smoking or pets except service animals. Info: www.pickinonthedivide.com.

See ad on page 32.

- **Billy Bob Thornton & the Boxmasters** at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, Tue.-Wed., **Aug. 21-22**, 7 p.m., doors open 6:15 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. The Boxmasters' only Colorado shows! Tickets & Info: 481-0475, www.trilakesarts.org.

Our community calendar carries listings on a space-available basis for Tri-Lakes events that are sponsored by local 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 P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

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- Limit letters to no more than 300 words.
- Include your full name, home address, day and evening phone numbers, and email address, if you have one.
- Email your letter to editor@ocn.me or mail it to P.O. Box 1742, Monument, CO 80132-1742.
- Send your letter at least 10 days before the "first Saturday of the month" when the paper is published.
- If you are not at least 18 years old or an emancipated minor, provide a written statement from a parent or legal guardian that you have permission to submit the letter.

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The Rabbi's Corner What Do You Say?

By Rabbi Oswald Garagorry

Dear Reader, this month's article will be somewhat different from my writings you have been used to reading every month. Normally, I cover a subject looking at it from a theological perspective. In this month's article, I want to describe to you an experience I had just a few weeks ago. In a nearby city here in Colorado, there was a birthday celebration for a long-term friend, who is a committed believer and practices the Christian faith with all sincerity. So, for his birthday celebration he invited some brothers and sisters from his church, his Pastor and me. Since we have been friends for many years, his Pastor and I have had a good friendship with mutual admiration and respect for each other's ministry, although we have different views about many issues, and theological positions, we both practice from our hearts *Romans 15:7* "Receive those whom the Lord has received." And we both do this with great joy.

Normally, we never get into discussions about theological issues, but on this occasion we were talking and he asked me: "What do you say about the Trinity?" My response was an honest and straightforward one: "I don't believe in it. It is not found in the Bible. It is man-made doctrine". My dear brother asked me: "But what about his baptism?" My response was, "You mean the fact the Lord was in the water, that there was a symbol for the Spirit as a dove, and a voice from heaven, saying 'This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased'? Is this the proof for the doctrine of the Trinity that you have?" His response was a strong "Yes". So, I mentioned to my dear brother, that one of the attributes of our God is the fact, that he is "Omnipresent" (meaning that God has the ability to be everywhere at the same time). I then went a step further, stating "If it is truth that God is Omnipresent, then he doesn't need to be three persons to be present in three places at the same time." He wholeheartedly agreed with this statement. I concluded my discussion by mentioning to my dear friend the five articles recently published in *OCN*, about *The Most Important Commandment* and the text in *Mark 12:28-35*, where the Lord Jesus Christ said "God in One". I asked him: "Brother, the Lord Jesus Christ has said 'God is One'. Now, What Do You Say?" He didn't respond to my question.

This is the same question I will leave you with; after reading Jesus' own words would you want to offer your opinion on His description of Himself. Or would you be so bold as to disagree with His description, assuming He is misinformed about how He is formed, so that you can continue to believe He is three in one? Another choice may be for you to do, what I did many years ago—abandon the Holy Trinity invention that was made by the Nicean Council and embrace wholeheartedly the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ that "GOD IS ONE". Please allow me to convey to you the importance of this clear realization between you and your God. I'll be praying that he will direct you in respect to this issue; be sure that a prayer will be made for you as my reader.

May our Gods' Shalom be with you.

Dr. Garagorry is the Rabbi of Aliyah Congregation that meets on Saturdays at 10 a.m. at the Mountain Community Mennonite Church,



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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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