

OVER THE PASS



"Everything's flat in Illinois, but you get out here to the hills and the mountains and it's like a cowboy town. I've been visiting for 60 years because my grandparents lived here. My mom was raised here and I used to visit as a child. We came out from Illinois on the Santa Fe Railroad, every summer like clockwork."

— Jim Neeley, interior designer, Bloomington, IL



"The food, the food! Tony's has great food, and Bob & Earl's, and the restaurant at the Holiday Inn has a great salad bar. Rino's, and Nana & Nano Monteleone's, all homemade. The people in the restaurants are all friendly, like the town."

— Linda Hinch, Trinidad

TIM KELLER'S CONNECTIONS

"What do you like about Trinidad?"

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"This is my first time here. I've been here for an hour. We just ate at Brix and now we're going to take it all in. It's my birthday and we just wanted to get out of town for the day. It's a four-hour drive here from home."

— Kim Behnen, office staff, center-pivot irrigation company, Sharon Springs, KS



"As a history buff, especially of the old West, I love the heritage that the Trinidad area has. Trinidad has never had a good PR person: We should be as famous as Tombstone, Deadwood or Dodge City."

— Steve Wharton, publisher, New Legends Magazine, Trinidad

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Colorado GOP Senate hopefuls: Orlando not about gun control

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DENVER (AP) — Colorado's Republican U.S. Senate contenders reacted cautiously Monday as the Orlando nightclub shooter's motives were being investigated, but they agreed that the debate over policy should be about defeating radical Islam and its recruiting efforts, not about domestic gun control.

Just over two weeks before the June 28 primary, the candidates said the tragedy reinforced their respective messages on fighting terrorism — and keeping that fight abroad. All condemned the attack on the gay nightclub and expressed sympathy and support for victims, their families and the LGBT community.

It's a top policy issue for Colorado, a state that's suffered mass shootings in 1999 at Columbine High, in 2012 at an Aurora movie theater and in 2015 at a Colorado Springs Planned Parenthood clinic. After Aurora and Connecticut's Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings, Colorado adopted universal background checks and an ammunition magazine limit in 2013. Two Democratic lawmakers were recalled over their support for the legislation.

"I don't believe gun control is the answer here," Aurora businessman Ryan Frazier said. "I don't believe any gun measure, any law, would have prevented this type of at-



Aaron Ontiveroz/Denver Post via Associated Press

Speakers address a full room of supporters during a vigil for the Orlando shooting victims in Denver, Sunday, June 12, 2016. Denver community members gathered in support of the victims of the Orlando nightclub shooting in the early morning hours on Sunday.

tack. This is fundamentally a question of domestic terrorism."

Omar Mateen, an American-born Muslim, used an assault-type rifle and a handgun in Sunday's attack on the Pulse nightclub before he was killed by a SWAT team. FBI Director James Comey said Mateen had "strong indications of radicalization" and was probably inspired by foreign terrorist organizations.

Democratic Sen. Michael Bennet, who faces the GOP

primary winner, urged restraint as the investigation continues. But he said Congress should increase FBI resources "to better identify and track lone wolves in the United States, and any form of communication they might attempt with terrorist groups overseas."

Frazier, a former U.S. navy intelligence officer who withdrew his support for Donald Trump over Trump's remarks involving Mexicans and Muslims, warned against using the tragedy for political purposes.

"This is a time for our country to grieve and heal and determine how to prevent further tragedies going forward," Frazier said.

Among other things Monday, Trump called for President Barack Obama to resign over Orlando; Hillary Clinton called for an assault weapons ban.

Robert Blaha, the Colorado Springs businessman running an anti-establishment campaign, said Americans have to realize they are at war with radical Islam. He suggested someone with a firearm inside the club could have lessened the carnage.

Jon Keyser, the former state representative and Iraq and Afghan war veteran, referred to his own military service, a key theme of his campaign. "No ideology is more unacceptable to our way of life than radical Islam. We don't have to live in fear of it. This is an enemy we can defeat," Keyser said.

"This is another act of war by ISIS and Islamic jihadists," agreed Jack Graham, a Fort Collins businessman. "My strong hope is that this finally convinces us that they are at war with us, and that we will pursue that war with conviction and finality."

Darryl Glenn, the El Paso County commissioner, portrayed the attack as an act of war.

"I've listened to the president and to Hillary Clinton and they still do not understand that we need to address the enemy as the enemy," Glenn said. "Their way of responding is to take away the Second Amendment rights of Americans."

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