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# California House Race Leaves 'Passionate Centrist' Behind

'Partial-Birth' Abortion Ads Extolled Winning Republican

By Lou Cannon  
Special to The Washington Post

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., Jan. 14—The center failed to hold here in a special congressional election in which favorite Brooks Firestone, a wealthy vintner who called himself a "passionate centrist," lost the Republican nomination to conservative Tom Bordonaro.

Tuesday's race may have turned on a \$100,000 television ad campaign by a conservative group that featured Bordonaro's opposition to the late-term procedure called "partial-birth" abortion by its foes. "We were partial-birthed to defeat," said John Davies, who managed Firestone's campaign.

Bordonaro, 38, will face Democrat Lois

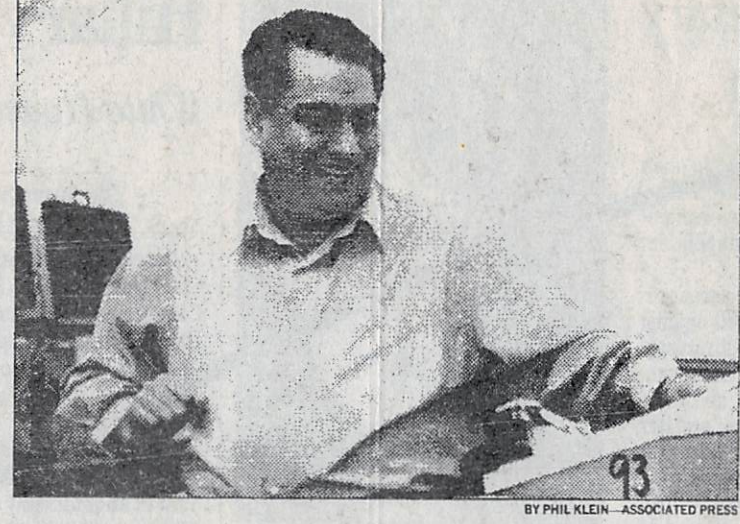
Capps, 60, in a March 10 runoff to succeed her husband, Rep. Walter Capps, who died of a heart attack last October after 10 months in office. That contest will be heavily targeted by both national parties as they prepare for the November general elections in which Republicans will battle to hold their narrow majority in the House of Representatives.

In the first round, Capps, a Santa Barbara school nurse and the only Democrat in the race, topped the two GOP state assemblymen by wide margins. Final returns showed Capps with 45 percent of the vote, Bordonaro 29 percent and Firestone 25 percent.

Voter turnout, sparked by heavy TV advertising and extensive volunteer campaigns for Capps and Bordonaro, was 46 percent, extremely high for a California special election.

This central coastal district, while evenly divided in registration, had been held by the GOP in Congress for 50 years until Walter Capps, a professor of religious studies at the University of California at Santa Barbara, won in 1996. He upset Rep. Andrea Seastrand, a GOP conservative.

The Capps-Seastrand race attracted a flood of spending by independent issue groups. The pattern was repeated this time, with groups that favor congressional term limits attacking Bordonaro, the only candi-



Republican Tom Bordonaro votes in Paso Robles, Calif., in Tuesday's congressional primary in which he won a spot in the runoff for the Santa Barbara area seat. It was left vacant by the death of Rep. Walter Capps, whose widow, Lois, took the Democratic nomination.

date who refused to sign a pledge limiting himself to three terms.

But the heaviest campaigning in the final days was conducted by the Campaign for Working Families, an antiabortion group that spent \$100,000 on television ads endorsing Bordonaro. These ads criticized Firestone and Capps, both of whom support abortion rights.

"This election shows that Republicans can win if they put up candidates who advance the Ronald Reagan ideas of lower taxes and family values and value the sanctity of human life," said Gary Bauer, a former Reagan administration official who heads the organization.

But Capps could wind up the long-term beneficiary of the abortion issue. Surveys in the district show heavy majorities for abortion rights.

"This is a pro-choice district," said Bill Carrick, a Democratic campaign consultant who played a key role in the Capps campaign.

Bordonaro's win was a blow for Republican moderates in a state where conservatives are dominant within the GOP. Firestone has compiled one of the most liberal records of any GOP legislator and had been favored to win a statewide race this year for lieutenant governor.

Instead, he dropped out of the statewide contest to seek the vacant House seat at the behest of national and state GOP leaders, including former president Gerald R. Ford, House Speaker Newt Gingrich (Ga.) and Gov. Pete Wilson.

"If a moderate Republican can't win a contested primary here, he can't win anywhere in California," Davies said.

But Bordonaro offered voters a compelling personal story as well as conservative credentials: The son of an Italian immigrant, Bordonaro has been in a wheelchair for 20 years as the result of a car accident.

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