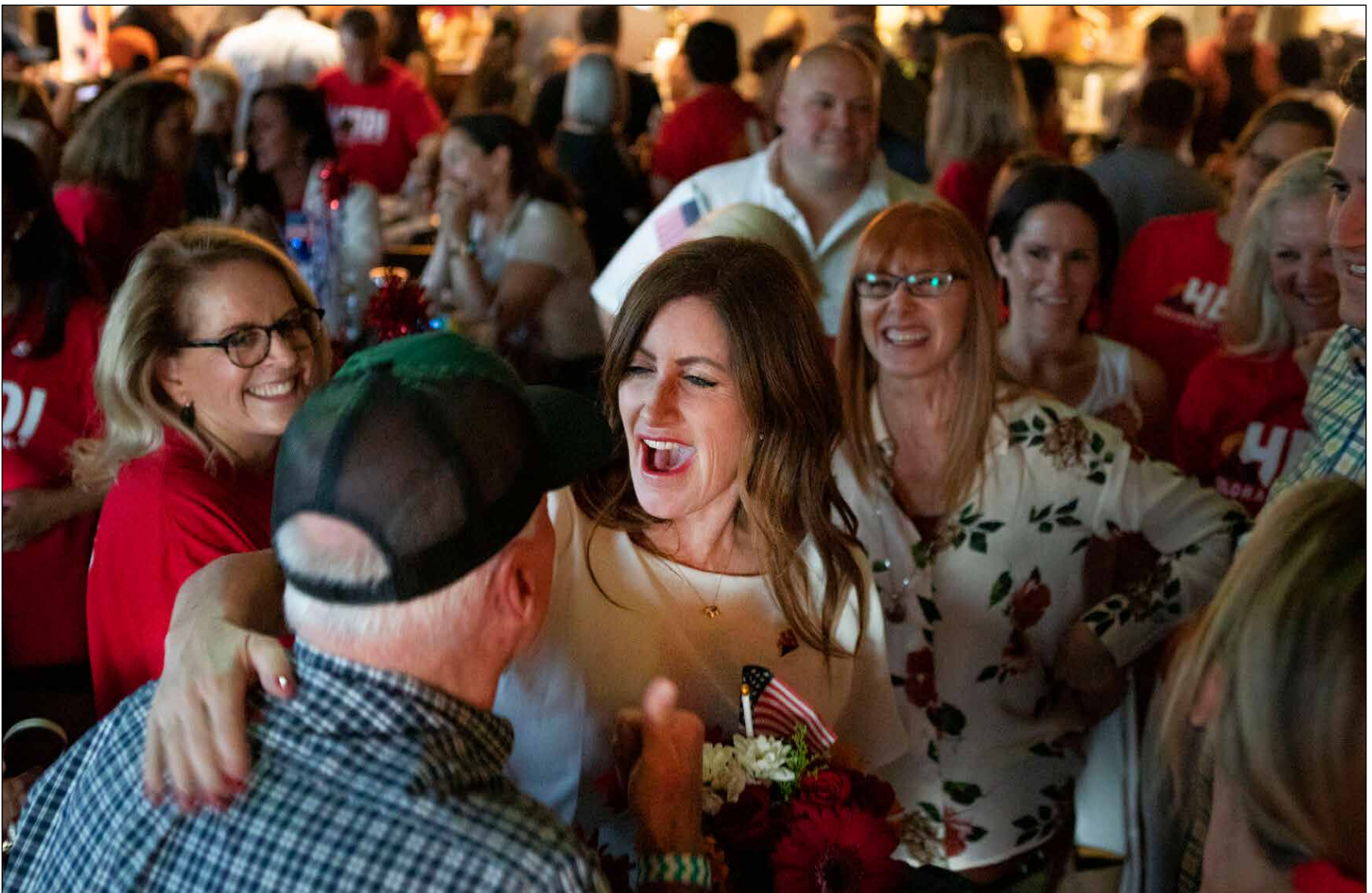


2022 PRIMARY ELECTIONS

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Colorado GOP gubernatorial candidate Heidi Ganahl celebrates the primary race being called for her at an election night watch party on June 28 at Wide Open Saloon on in Sedalia.

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Colorado voters made two things clear in Tuesday's primary election: The state's blue streak could be put to the test in this year's general election, and the Democrats who spent millions of dollars trying to pick Republican nominees failed spectacularly. In linked developments, voters in the state's Republican primary — including a record-high share of unaffiliated voters who decided to cast

GOP ballots — pulled the GOP ticket back from a brink by nominating more traditional candidates in contested statewide and congressional races, while at the same time rejecting massive efforts by Democrats to steer Republican voters toward more overtly conservative candidates. Business owner Joe O'Dea, a first-time candidate with a history of donating to U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet, the Democrat he's hoping to

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