

★ N.H. Dems pick Kelly

She will take on Sununu in race for governor

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CONCORD, N.H. — A former state senator who emphasized her single-mom background won the Democratic primary for governor Tuesday, and the party's voters in the state's pivotal 1st Congressional District chose a gay man who worked his way up through local politics as their nominee for Congress. He will face a black former police chief who won the GOP nomination.

Former State Sen. Molly Kelly defeated former Portsmouth Mayor Steve Marchand to win the Democratic gubernatorial nomination and will face Republican Gov. Chris Sununu in November. Sununu, in his first term, faced no primary opposition.

Executive Councilor Chris Pappas won an 11-way race for the Democratic nomination in the 1st Congressional District, where Democrat Carol Shea-Porter's decision to step down after four nonconsecutive terms



Molly Kelly celebrates victory Tuesday night as New Hampshire's Democratic gubernatorial nominee.

resulted in a swarm of candidates seeking to replace her. They included Levi Sanders, son of Vermont senator and former presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders, who came up short.

The district, which covers the eastern half of the state, was once reliably Republican but has flipped in each of the past four cycles. In 2016, it returned Shea-Porter to Congress but backed President Donald Trump.

On the crowded Democratic side, former Obama administration official Maura Sullivan

raised more money than the other 10 candidates combined, but she's faced criticism for being both new to the state and voting in general.

Pappas, who is openly gay, is a former state lawmaker who is serving his third term on the governor's Executive Council and runs a family restaurant in Manchester. He had the backing of the state's two Democratic U.S. senators, and said he was proud that most of the money he raised came from within the state.

Meanwhile, Eddie Edwards,

a black former police chief backed by the Trump administration, won the Republican nomination in New Hampshire's toss-up congressional district. Edwards, who was endorsed by Trump attorney Rudy Giuliani, defeated six Republican opponents in the 1st Congressional District.

A Navy veteran who also served as enforcement chief for the state liquor commission, Edwards is the second African-American to be nominated to a U.S. House seat in New Hampshire.

CALIF. POT IS FAILING SOME TESTS

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LOS ANGELES — Nearly 20 percent of marijuana products in California have failed tests for potency and purity since the state started requiring the checks on July 1, a failure rate some in the industry say has more to do with unrealistic standards and technical glitches than protecting consumer safety.

Testing has been tough on cannabis-infused cookies, candies and tinctures: about one-third have been blocked from store shelves.

In smaller numbers, testing companies licensed by the state are finding unacceptable levels of pesticides, solvents and bacteria, including E. coli and salmonella, according to data provided to The Associated Press by the state Bureau of Cannabis Control.

From July 1 through Aug. 29, labs tested 10,695 product batches and 1,904 were rejected, a failure rate of about 18 percent. Claims on the label, such as TCH content, accounted for 65 percent of the failures, or 1,279 tests. In some cases, the product must be destroyed. But many involve labeling issues that can be corrected. For example, a marijuana bud tested to show a different potency than what's on the label can be relabeled and sold with the right specification.

To the state, the strict testing program is largely doing what it was designed to do: identify marijuana buds, concentrates, munchies and other products that are in some way tainted and unsuitable for eating or smoking.

"Mandatory statewide testing is a new thing and it's going to take some time for everything to run smoothly, but on the whole we're pleased with how things are progressing," Bureau of Cannabis Control spokesman Alex Traverso said.

California began broad legal sales on Jan. 1 and gave companies six months to sell off stockpiles of marijuana, oils and edibles produced without strict testing requirements.

Dallas shooting details disputed

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Attorneys for the family of a black man who was shot and killed by a white Dallas police officer who says she mistook his apartment for hers criticized the officer's account, saying it was overly sympathetic and contradicted statements from neighbors.

The officer's account emerged in an arrest affidavit released Monday, shortly after the district attorney announced that the case against officer Amber Guyger would be presented to a grand jury, which could decide on more serious charges than manslaughter.

Benjamin Crump, an attorney for relatives of 26-year-old victim Botham Jean, said the affidavit is "very self-serving." And Lee Merritt, who also represents the family, called it an attempt to "condone what happened, give her a break."



Flowers at the front door of Botham Jean's apartment

Guyger, a four-year veteran of the police force, told investigators that she had just ended a 15-hour shift Thursday when she

returned in uniform to the South Side Flats apartment complex. She parked on the fourth floor, instead of the third, where she lived, according to the affidavit, possibly suggesting that she was confused or disoriented.

When she put her key in the apartment door, which was unlocked and slightly ajar, it opened, the affidavit said. Inside, lights were off, and she saw a figure that cast a large silhouette across the room, according to the officer's account.

The officer told police that she concluded her apartment was being burglarized and gave verbal commands to the figure, which ignored them. She then drew her weapon and fired twice, the affidavit said.

She called 911 and, when asked where she was, returned to the front door to see she was in the wrong unit, according to the affidavit. Authorities have not released the 911 tapes.