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Protester kneeling in Clarendon Central Park on June 2.



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Peaceful Demonstration June 2

An estimated 250 demonstrators convened in Clarendon Central Park on June 2, one among many protests in Arlington this week.

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One demonstrator passionately fired questions at a police officer and one of the speakers got between them, suggesting the man listen to what the police officer had to say. And he did.

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Protesters engaged with officers.

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Overlooked Primary

Three Republicans on the ballot this month in primary for U.S. Senate.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Don't look now, but Virginia is in the closing days of a primary. You might not have heard about it because of the global pandemic and the economic crisis. But buried beneath all the headlines about police brutality and racial injustice, Republicans are about to decide which candidate they want to appear on the ballot this November against incumbent U.S. Sen. Mark Warner. Many Republicans are struggling to figure out which candidate they are going to support in an election that almost seems like an afterthought in the midst of everything else that's going on right now. Even though Warner narrowly won his last reelection to Ed Gillespie six years ago, he seems to be in a solid position now.

"This is beyond an uphill race for any Republican running, especially candidates who have never held elective office and have no name recognition," said David Ramadan, a former Republican member of the House of Delegates who now teaches at George Mason University. "Mark Warner wins this one with a landslide."

Campaign finance records show Warner has more than \$8 million cash on hand. By contrast the three Republicans in the race are struggling. Daniel Gade of Mount Vernon has been the most successful, raising about half a million dollars. Thomas Speciale of Woodbridge has raised \$80,000. And Alissa Baldwin of Lunenburg County has raised less than \$8,000.

"Warner is going to run ahead of the Democratic ticket, maybe not by as much as he would historically but he'll outpoll the Democratic presidential candidate," said Ben Tribbett, Democratic political strategist. "For the Republicans to have a chance at winning the Senate race, they need Donald Trump to carry Virginia. And I don't think many people think that's going to happen, including the Trump campaign, which is not investing here."

DANIEL GADE, 45, is a professor at American University. A native of Minot, N.D., he has a bachelor of science from United States Military Academy at West Point, a master of public administration and policy from the University of Georgia and a doctorate in public administration and policy, also from the University of Georgia. After graduating from West Point, he was commissioned as an armor officer. In 2004, he was deployed to Iraq, where he was wounded in combat twice and lost his right leg. He served in the White House Domestic Policy Council during the Bush 43 administration, and he was a senior advisor to the Department of Labor in the Trump administration.

"I view this run as an extension of my military service," said Gade. "For far too long, there are people in these political positions who are serving themselves or serving their parties and too few of them are serving the Constitution."



Daniel Gade



Thomas Speciale



Alissa Baldwin

Gade says Warner has done little for Virginia, focusing instead on being a "reliable rubber stamp vote for his party." If elected, he says, he would support legislation that would give veterans the ability to use their VA benefits anywhere rather than limiting them to VA hospitals and clinics. He says he would also support the REINS Act, a proposal intended to cut down on regulation by requiring congressional approval of major agency regulations before they can be implemented. He says he would introduce a bill that would require every member of Congress to place all of their holdings in a blind trust, outlawing the kind of financial transactions that some lawmakers engaged in after getting privileged briefings on the COVID-19 crisis.

"Right now all they have to do is report their transactions, which is how we knew about the fire sale of stocks," he said. "It ba-



The Republican primary is June 23.
The deadline to submit an application for an absentee ballot is June 16.

"This is beyond an uphill race for any Republican running, especially candidates who have never held elective office and have no name recognition."

— David Ramadan, Republican strategist

sically makes it a form of felony insider trading. The same kind of thing that got Martha Stewart in trouble should get legislators in trouble when they do it."

He says he would have voted for the CARES Act, although he adds that he believes it should not have included money for Planned Parenthood or the Kennedy Center. As for the Paycheck Protection Program, he feels that the requirement that businesses spend 75 percent of the forgivable loan on payroll might be too rigid. He says business owners should be able to spend that money on utilities and rent.

"It doesn't matter if you can still pay your

employees if the business dies because it gets evicted," he said.

THOMAS SPECIALE, 51, is an intelligence officer for the Director of National Intelligence as a government contractor. A native of Peoria, Ill., he has a bachelor of arts in political science from Illinois State University and a master of arts in international relations from American Military University. He enlisted in the Army in 1987, and he's served on active duty or in

the Army Reserves since then except for the time he was in college. He's currently in the Army Reserves, where he serves as a human intelligence technician.

"Our country is being torn apart by hyper-partisanship and lies by career politicians, and ultimately there is a very real threat of socialism emerging in the United States," said Speciale. "Democrats want to do away with the Electoral College. They want to seize people's firearms. And they want to tamp down on what they call hate speech, which is any speech they don't like."

Speciale says Warner works for the Democratic National Committee instead of Virginia, raising money in New York, California and Florida rather than focusing on Virginia. If elected, Speciale says, he would advocate for strengthening Second Amendment rights by eliminating so-called "gun free zones" and reducing requirements for gun owners to have concealed-carry permits in multiple states. He says he wants to "re-invent" the Department of Education, but he was unable to provide any specific details other than "hold schools accountable" and "hold teachers accountable." One the issue of immigration, Speciale supports reforms that are outside of the current Republican mainstream — allowing DACA students to receive student aid through the CARES Act, for example, or supporting a path to citizenship

for undocumented immigrants.

"I don't think it is logical to think that you are going to evict 30 to 50 million illegal immigrants that our feckless leadership in the past have allowed to move here," he said. "And if you won't give me immigration reform, we'll have to build a wall."

He says he would have voted for the CARES Act, although he disagrees with the additional \$600 weekly benefits for people collecting unemployment insurance during the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression.

Ultimately, though, he believes COVID-19 is what he calls a "fake pandemic" because he believes the original estimates for fatalities were overstated.

"I believe it's psychological terrorism," he said. "This is nothing more than a new flu."

ALISSA BALDWIN, 42, is an adjunct professor at Longwood University and a civics and economics teacher at Nottoway Middle School in Crewe. A native of Manassas, she was raised in Nokesville and Lunenburg. She has a bachelor of arts in political science and leadership studies from the University of Richmond and a master of science in educational leadership from Longwood University. She was a paralegal for several years before switching careers to become a high-school history teacher.

"I have gotten to a point where I'm so frustrated with the career politicians and the liberal progressive push on so many issues I hold near and dear, like life and liberty and gun rights," said Baldwin. "So I just decided to live my teaching and enter the race as truly a political outsider, someone who cares about people and is used to bringing people together to solve tough problems."

Baldwin says she would offer a contrast to Warner on issues like abortion, taxes and guns. If elected, she says, she would champion federal legislation that would outlaw the ability of business owners to prohibit firearms in their stores. On the issue of abortion, she is in favor of outlawing it even in cases of rape and incest. On the issue of education, she says she wants to dismantle the federal Department of Education using a phased approach that transfers all its operations to the states.

"They've actually created a lot more problems for teachers and created more inequity in the schools because of their funding formula and their regulations, which are actually unfunded mandates," she said. "It's quite burdensome on local school divisions in rural communities and urban communities that don't have the tax base for local matching funds."

Baldwin says she would have voted for the CARES Act, although she says she would have pressed for increased means testing to limit stimulus checks to people who are most in need rather than the widespread program that was approved by Congress.

"I don't believe that anyone who is here violating our rule of law should receive federal benefits," she said. "You are entitled to protection of your rights under our Constitution. But not benefits."

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Protest banners appear mid-week obscuring the Nauck Community sign in Nauck/Green Valley, the historically African-American part of Arlington established in 1844. On Sunday protesters marched peacefully from Green Valley to Walter Reed where police joined the group and led them to Johnson Hill and back to Green Valley.



Nineteen-month-old Tai Rines presses the button which would normally jump start the fountains of water at the Lyon Village Spray Park. No luck since the spray parks are currently closed to prevent the spread of coronavirus. But Tai makes the best of it on Saturday by playing with his mom Lisa Lau and his truck on the concrete. "So nice to get out again."



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GARRETT JAMISON TURNER

ARLINGTON, VA

Garrett Jamison Turner, 33, of Arlington, VA, formerly of Charleston, SC, passed away on Wednesday, June 3, 2020.

Garrett was born a son of Pamela Turner. He enjoyed his music, travel and being with his friends. He attended the College of Charleston.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his special Uncle, Walt Turner, of Florence, Aunt and Uncle Vince and Trudy Abruzzese of Newport News, VA; cousins, Cpt. Vincent Abruzzese of Shreveport, LA, Walter Abruzzese of Austin, TX, Dr. Joseph Brown, III of Savannah, GA and Dr. Merideth Hamby of Kingston, TN; his best friend, Joe, of Arlington, VA; and numerous other friends and family.

Graveside Service will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, June 8, 2020, at Peniel Baptist Church Cemetery directed by Stoudenmire-Dowling Funeral Home. Due to the current COVID-19 concerns social distancing will be observed.

Although the family will not be present, friends may sign the register book from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM now through Sunday, June 7, 2020, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to his favorite charity, Save The Children, 501 Kings Highway East, Suite 400, Fairfield, CT 06825.

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Arlington Week In Coronavirus

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County Cases:	2,256
Virginia	2,123
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Cases:	1,920,904
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Virginia	16
Deaths:	1,477
United States	1,392
Deaths:	109,901
	103,700

Next Saturday, June 13

Coronavirus response funding – The Arlington Board will take action to accept \$413,265 in federal CARES Act funding from the state. The funding would be used to expand services that provide home-delivered meals, in-home care services, respite care for caregivers and information, and referral to supportive services to Arlingtonians age 60 and older and their caregivers. With the funding, the County would be able to serve home-delivered meals to up to 240 more adults than now served and to provide 575 more hours of in-home caregiver respite services. To read the staff report, scroll to Item No. 26 on the agenda.

Tuesday, June 9

BACKLOGGED TESTS: Starting on June 9, the Virginia Department of Health's COVID-19 data dashboard will reflect 13,000 additional tests that were backlogged. Over the next couple of days, this new information will be slowly added to the current data, which will result in an influx of results.

Monday, June 8

EVICCTIONS HALTED, FOR NOW: A temporary statewide moratorium on all eviction proceedings in Virginia is in effect through June 28, said Gov. Ralph Northam. The temporary moratorium will halt all eviction proceedings for a period of nearly three weeks, as the Northam administration implements a comprehensive rent relief program for the thousands of Virginians facing housing insecurity in the midst of this public health crisis.

"I am grateful to the Chief Justice for granting this order, and for the activists who have been working tirelessly on this important issue," said Northam. "Access to safe and stable housing is critically important, and this action will keep thousands of families in their homes as we work to get them the support they need."

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"The News of My Death ..."



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

... is greatly exaggerated." So said Mark Twain. So said W.C. Fields. And so said Kenny Lourie. And the reason I am now saying it is because of what correspondence I received in my personal inbox accessed through my HMO's online site. What I received was a condolence letter (sort of a form letter, quite frankly), addressed to the Lourie family from my oncologist expressing his sadness at my "passing" and his "privilege to have participated in the care of Kenneth Blacker Lourie" (me). Then, a bit later in the day, I received a cell-phone call from an unknown number (so I didn't answer it) but apparently, it knew me as a voice mail message was indicated. I entered my code and listened in associated shock as I heard my oncologist speak in a very heartfelt way about his "sadness" yet again concerning the death of yours truly. He spoke for nearly a minute, hemming and hawing and occasionally hesitating as if at a loss for words. Compared to the email, this message was personalized. Reading and then hearing what I have just written was an out-of-body experience of sorts, almost as if I was attending my own funeral and listening to the eulogies while standing off in the distance.

This experience was not totally unfamiliar to me. In fact, once before, pre-cancer, something similar happened though it was more curious than morbid. Scanning the Obituary section of The Washington Post, I noticed - for the first time, photos of the many of the deceased were a part of the page. They were located above the agatetype and mostly in black and white. Catching my attention as they did, I randomly went to the top right corner of the right-side page where I saw a photograph of an African-American man. Unknown to me except for one extraordinary fact. Printed below his photo was his date of birth: 9/30/54. The same as mine. It took my breath away. I have to tell you, seeing one's date of birth listed in the obituary section is a peculiar kind of the-future-being-now.

Subsequently, I was diagnosed with "terminal" non small cell lung cancer, stage IV and given a "13 month to two year" prognosis. And though my presumptive death was not listed in the obituary section, its inevitability was implanted in my brain where it has been gnawing at me since late February, 2009. And for the last 11-plus years, as you regular readers know, I have ebbed and flowed with the varying medicines and protocols which have amazingly managed to extend my life way beyond my oncologist's expectations, and never once had I being given last rites, so to speak, or advised to "get my things in order." Until today, that is.

After I thought a bit about what I had read and heard, a part of me drifted back in time to the 1999 Bruce Willis movie "The Sixth Sense" and whether unlike Haley Joel Osment, I was actually dead already. Being alone in my house with nobody to snap me out of my delusion, for all I knew, this is what death feels like. Nevertheless, I continued with my normal routine, presuming I was still alive and sure enough, it soon became clear that I was indeed still alive.

But my oncologist and maybe even my endocrinologist - with whom I have an appointment Monday, June 8th might think otherwise. And not that their thinking 'otherwise' will change their lives, but knowing what they think they know rather than what is actually true might blip their radar and cause some emotional misdirection. After all, they're only human and even though I might not be their most memorable patient, given my unexpectedly long life post diagnosis, I feel I'm not so easily forgettable either. Not dying does that to a person's "pagh," to invoke "the spiritual force inherent in all sentient beings" as believed by the inhabitants of Bajor. (See Major Kira Nerys from "Deep Space Nine.")

For the moment/immediate future though, I am still present and accounted for. I just hope all my medical appointments haven't been automatically cancelled since I'm still a living and breathing cancer patient, and that's no exaggeration.

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