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Democrats end 25-hour House floor protest over guns

By ERICA WERNER
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House Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nev. and House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, speak to each other on the House floor, Wednesday.

Democrats and Republicans in the House reached an agreement to allow a vote on gun-control measures Wednesday, with the two parties waging a 25-hour face-off that ended in a flurry of clapping and handshakes.

“I am very gratified,” Pelosi said. “We accomplished something.”

Pressure had built on Capitol Hill following the shootings at a gay night club in Orlando this month that killed 49 people and injured 53 others. The assault also drew the nation’s attention to a spate of mass shootings, the most recent being the one in a Florida school that left 17 people dead.

Republicans have skirled back at Democratic demands for a broad package of gun-control measures, instead pushing for a bill to strengthen background checks for people who purchase firearms.

As protesters gathered in the streets outside, House leaders and their staffs worked through the night and into Wednesday to craft a compromise on gun measures.

The agitation for action on gun control, which has ramped up since the 2012 massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., has been intense. The one in Orlando this month was the deadliest mass shooting in American history.

Democrats had accomplished their goal, Pelosi said, by ensuring that at least one gun-control measure would come to the House floor for a vote before Congress adjourned for the year.

Democrats won a vote on a bill to tighten background checks for gun purchases. And they got a promise from Republicans to hold a vote on a measure that would ban assault-style weapons.

Months ago, Pelosi said, she was not sure such a deal was possible. A year ago, she had demanded a vote on nothing less than a ban on guns with high-capacity magazines.

“If we can pass these two measures, we will have accomplished a lot,” Pelosi said.

Republican House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio acknowledged that he had faced a difficult two weeks trying to get agreement on gun-control measures.

“Both sides worked very hard to try to find common ground,” he said. “We just didn’t find it.”

“I am a little bit disappointed,” Pelosi said. “But I am not a bit discouraged.”

The big debate centered on background checks. Democrats wanted to extend the check system to internet gun buyers. Republican negotiators sought a bill that would allow people to purchase guns in one state and bring them back to their home state if they had a valid state permit.

The two sides nearly came to blows. After a fireworks exchange between Boehner and Pelosi, senior Democrats were threatened by Republican leaders.

With their backs against the wall, Democrats staged a sit-in earlier in the day, a move meant to force a House vote on gun-control measures.

Hours earlier, Republicans had rejected a package of gun-control measures, including a bill to expand background checks and a measure to keep guns from those on the government’s no-fly list.

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"Control of the Senate may very well come down to the race in Florida," Rubio said Wednesday, adding that the outcome also could determine the makeup of the Supreme Court and critical fiscal and economic policies. "The stakes for our nation could not be higher." Rubio also said that "no matter who is elected president, there is room for worry." After criticizing Democrat Hillary Clinton, Rubio went on to describe his disagreements with Trump, saying that "some of his statements, especially about women and minorities, I find not just offensive but unacceptable." 

Trump is elected, we will need senators willing to encourage him in the right direction, and if necessary, stand up to him. Rubio said he was confident he could win.

The announcement comes just days ahead of Friday's filing
deadline for Rubio's seat. Republican leaders wel-
comed the news. "While Marco Rubio is already in a strong position
to win, Democrats are cur-
rently locked in a bruising primary that will produce a weak
nominee and cost mil-
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The Associated Press after
Rubio's announcement.

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Twelve local high school students, photographed on
left, participated in a four-day journalism workshop
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report on political candidates.

Participants attended several different sessions
with School of Journalism professors and senior
students to assist in improving each students'
news writing and interview tactics, photography,
newspaper design and other aspects of
designed and sports writing. The students also attended The Herald-
Dispatch Tuesday afternoon.

"This year we had options: three new pieces were offered in
addition to the annual state birthday piece and its compan-
ions," said the company's vice prez
president of marketing and sales.

"Two companion pieces accompanied Patience's Prize: 12-inch blue
and amber mugs that both shipped like a keeping fish,
"he said Saturday, "we almost sold a hundred and thirty pieces."

Six said the Capitol Market piece was designed to replicate the Capitol dome, the First Lady had a graceful fish-shaped pitcher that faded from blue to crystal, and the museum cobalt blue

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described his frustration with the slow-moving Senate, and
had been expected to enter the private sector and
prepare for another presidential
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BRAD GOODALL TALKS LOCAL MUSIC

By KARIMA NEGHMOUCHE

Families who jam together, stay together. That’s the mantra local musician Brad Goodall, who sings and plays piano in the prominent Huntington rock band Ona, lives by.

Goodall said he got into music through his parents, who always had pianos and guitars in his house. After receiving his first drum set for Christmas in 6th grade, he never stopped playing. While he started with drums, Goodall said his true love will always be the piano.

“Always and forever,” Goodall said. “I take the piano more seriously. I studied in college and learned it on a much deeper level… I guess I respect it more.”

Goodall attended Marshall for roughly two and a half years with a major in jazz piano performance. While Goodall was residing in New York, he got an offer from his friend’s in Huntington that he couldn’t turn down—to play the keyboards in Ona.

Goodall said one of Ona’s most rewarding shows has been blocks from campus at The V-Club.

“I enjoy the bigger shows because they feel like you have to prove something or give people a reason to believe in something that deserves some attention,” he said. “But, I have fun at the smaller shows. As long as the crowd is into it, we’re having fun.”

Ona played a show at Pullman Square earlier this summer.

“It was packed. It was crazy. It was so great to play a downtown all ages show like that, that way folks who aren’t so into the nightclubs and being out until 2 a.m. can come hear what we do. We loved the show,” Goodall said.

Goodall said the best thing about playing for a local band is that you have people you’ve known your entire life rooting for your long term success.

“A small town or really any city really can kind of get on board and be a fan and sort of hoist you up so you can grow and play further and further away from town,” Goodall said. “The goal is to be able to play everywhere, but you can’t do that unless you have that home team rooting for you. Well, maybe you can, but it definitely helps.”

Goodall also plays independently as a solo artist, releasing singles and EP’s every so often.

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By KARIMA NEGHMOUCHE

Everyone has their hobbies. Some play music, some create art, some collect things and some… well, some breathe fire.

An extreme act like this catches eyes of everyone who sees it being done. Local fire breather Cory Hughes has all eyes on him when performing at an event.

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“I saw it done closely and just thought, hey, I could do that,” Hughes said. “I always really liked the shows at the circus and enjoyed seeing it done, so I did it.”

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Hughes said after the experience, when he told his parents, they were “kind of worried out” but supportive of his newfound talent.

And as if breathing fire wasn’t entertaining enough, Hughes can also juggle and throw knives.

“The idea of juggling inspired me, after seeing it in cartoons,” Hughes said.

To his surprise, juggling was the hardest skill for Hughes to learn, due to the different patterns that come with the skill. Hughes said on the other hand, knives were the simplest, you just had to learn the repetition.

With all of the danger at risk with these hobbies, Hughes said he has not had any severe injuries to date, just a few blisters from the fire breathing. Hughes said he went in with the knowledge he had acquired to make sure he was able to safely execute the task.

As of right now, Hughes does this for fun on the side and works at Guyan Golf & Country Club.

In the future, he wants to further his career and keep his income by the hobby that fuels his passion. He has done a variety of events, everything from children’s birthday parties, weddings, to festivals, to local shows. Hughes will also be performing at the Italian Fest on Aug. 20.

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**COLUMN**

Gun control should not be viewed as a negative

By CLARA MAYNARD

When discussing gun control, it is important to keep in mind that there are many different perspectives on the issue. Some people believe that gun control is necessary to keep our communities safe, while others believe that it infringes on their rights as Americans. It is crucial to have open and honest discussions on this topic to find a solution that works for everyone.

Most gun owners would agree that gun safety and proper training are important. Most gun owners realize that guns are powerful weapons. This fact means that we need to be careful when handling or storing guns. If you have a gun in your home, it is important to keep it securely locked away and to make sure that children and others who do not know how to handle guns cannot access it.

The state of West Virginia has a higher rate of gun ownership than many other states. It is important to be aware of the potential consequences of gun ownership, both for yourself and for others.

West Virginia was one of the states that signed the “Red Flag” law, which allows for the temporary seizure of guns from individuals who are deemed to be a danger to themselves or others. This law was passed in response to the mass shootings that occurred in the United States in recent years.

By taking responsible steps to ensure that guns are stored safely and used responsibly, we can help to keep our communities safe and secure.

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**STATE EDITORIALS**

Sexual assaults dishonor US military

By CLARA MAYNARD

West Virginia can be a great place to grow up.

The state’s small-town sense of community and family, solid values and solid academic achievement have shaped many young people — but sadly, not every child.

Programs such as West Virginia’s LIFE! and NEW上次的 should be more accessible to all children in the state, living in a household where no one has full-time, year-round employment. That statistic is up 13 percent since 2000. But the progress with high school graduation, teen births and insurance shows that strat- egic initiatives can make a difference, and the group has targeted several key goals for the coming years.

An earned income tax credit for state tax payers is on the top of the list. This would work in the same way as the federal tax credit, putting extra dollars into the pockets of working families that are below or just above the poverty level.

Other proposals are adding high-quality preschool to all 4-year-olds in the nation in 2015 in 2016. Such help should not mind consenting to a background check or other tests — just above the poverty level. Children in the state still lag far behind the nation on many measures, particularly in the areas of health and education. About 25 percent of the state’s children live in pov- erty, and many more have just above the poverty level. The state’s difficult job is to provide more support for struggling families and improving education and health outcomes that gives the next generation of West Virginia children a bet- ter chance of succeeding in school and building a healthy, productive life.

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Judge: No evidence of crime in Freddie Gray death

Members of the Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office waited outside a courthouse as they await the arrival of Officer Caesar Goodson, one of six Baltimore city police officers charged in connection to the death of Freddie Gray, in Baltimore, Thursday.

Juliet Linderman
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A judge explained why he found a police officer not guilty in the death of Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old black man whose neck was broken on the way to the station: He didn’t see any evidence of a crime.

Baltimore Judge Barry Williams ruled Thursday that the state failed to prove Officer Caesar Goodson committed murder, manslaughter, assault, reckless endangerment or manslaughter in office.

“There has been no evidence that this defendant intended for a crime to happen,” Williams said. “The state had a duty to show the defendant deliberately failed to perform his duty, not just made a mistake.”

Goodson’s acquittal is the worst blow yet to efforts to hold police accountable in a case that triggered riots in the troubled city. The state’s third failure to convict also casts doubt on whether any of the six indicted officers will be found guilty.

Baltimore’s police union president, Gene Ryan, called the state’s Attorney Marilyn Mosby’s case against Goodson “a weak case that’s trying to stand on the shoulders of a previous case.”

Last year, a jury cleared Goodson and two other officers in Gray’s death of assault and reckless endangerment.

“Goodson is the only one of the six officers charged in Gray’s death to be accused of manslaughter,” Williams said. “It’s the second to be found not guilty, and another officer’s case ended in a mistrial.

When the case started, it was seen as neatly into the American narrative of white authorities imposing unjust harm on black people. In this case, the defendant, trial judge, state’s attorney and mayor are African-American; at the time of Gray’s death, so was the police chief.

After the verdict, Goodson’s lawyer Melvin C. B Tunnel movement and sparked more outrage nationwide over how black people are treated by the police and the criminal justice system.

The case hasn’t been fought or argued as neatly into the American narrative of white authorities imposing unjust harm on black people.

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Corey Lewandowski, former campaign manager for Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, appears at a campaign stop at the First Niagara Center in Buffalo, N.Y. April 18. ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Baltimore defense attorney Warner Alperstein, who isn’t involved in the case, said the state’s case “faces significant issues moving forward” against the other officers.

Although people may disagree with the verdict, it’s important to respect our neighborhoods and our communities.,” Pugh said.

“Integrity, transparency, fairness

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Marshall Athletics announces “Vinny Curry Project”

“I can send a softball player, basketball player, soccer player – whoever it may be – to Marshall from Neptune, N.J., and know that I helped provide them a scholarship, that is crazy to think about,” said Curry. “My education is important to me and was always important to my mother. If she was still here, I know how proud she would be that I am a college graduate. I came here with not a lot of direction and the academic foundation that Marshall provided gave me a chance to be successful in life.”

Heritage Director of Athletics Mike Hamrick said. “This is a monumental moment for our program and I could not be more proud that such a special individual like Vinny believes in what we are doing.”

Herd Coach Doc Holliday underscored and appreciated Curry’s commitment.

“Our football program, along with all of our Marshall Athletics programs, are competing at a championship level and when I heard of what Vinny had planned, it just checked another box of how special this place is,” Holliday said. “I am excited to reach out to our alumni and make sure they know how important it is to get involved and continue helping the young men in our program today. This is a monumental moment for our program and I could not be more proud that such a special individual like Vinny believes in what we are doing.”

The Vinny Curry project will start immediately, with information brochures mailed out to all Marshall Football Alumni. Electronic versions of the brochure will be available online at HerdZone.com, under the Big Green tab. For more information on how to participate, please call 304-696-4661.

Vinny Curry (99), tackle with the Philadelphia Eagles in February, worth a reported $47.25 million, including $23 million guaranteed.