

Ladder match to decide Connecticut Senate race *Blumenthal, McMahon opt for avenue reliant on windbaggery*

By Fred Fenster

The Connecticut Senate race is heating up, and Republican hopeful and World Wrestling Entertainment CEO Linda McMahon is going back to her roots. Forgoing the typical campaign strategies, McMahon is channeling the rage of Rowdy Rowdy Piper and laying down the gauntlet.

The challenge has been set forth: A ladder match at the Hartford Civic Center

the night before Election Day. One victor will emerge alive. No one needs to vote. The survivor will simply take their seat in the senate.

What is a ladder match, you ask? A ladder match entails the two combatants beating each other with various blunt objects including chairs, tables, and of course a giant extension ladder. When the loser is lying unconscious on the mat, the victor can ascend the ladder to grab the championship

belt—in this case a bright red pant suit.

When recently interviewed by wrestling announcer Mean Gene Okerlund, McMahon hissed threw gritted teeth, "Blumenthal! Blluuuummmennthaaaalllll! Your day has come! I'm going to break you like you're government spending!"

The Ladder Match is coming at a critical time in Connecticut politics. With Christopher Dodd's support

waning, and the state's budget in turmoil, the average voter is looking to funnel their frustration.

As so eloquently put by Ernie Longfield of Enfield, "You know, I don't really care who wins—the match or the election. I just want to see somebody get smacked with a ladder."

The Ultimate Warrior, McMahon's nominee for Attorney General, could not be reached for comment.



Photo courtesy of Jack Baer

The Situation flashes the results of his GTL regimen at a recent awards show prior to his UConn Law arrival.

Situation worsens as MTV star visits

By Michael McManus

In an announcement that shocked the world, Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino of Jersey Shore fame publicized that he has decided to completely switch his life path from that of a reality star to that of a law student.

"I'm sick of people thinking I'm stupid and that all I care about are gym, tanning, and laundry," Mike was quoted as saying by Perez Hilton. "I also like for people to think I'm smart, and I hear law school is a great way to do that. Plus next time Ronnie gets arrested or Snookie gets punched I'll actually be able to do something useful."

MTV, never missing a golden opportunity, has already made public its plans for the mini-series "Jersey Shore Law School Style" which is set to air before Jersey Shore

Miami launches. The show will follow the cast of Jersey Shore as they embark on a tour of American law schools, with UConn Law being a planned stop. Several UConn Law students will be selected by MTV to hang with the crew, with applicants picked based on LSAT score, GPA, level of tan-ness, hair gel, muscle mass, and the most realistic looking fake hair and nails. The winners will be featured in a full episode in which the cast will be partying at Spigot.

When confronted by an undercover Pro Se reporter, Mike said about UConn Law, "Hell yeah I'd love to go there. Connecticut has got such a strong state identity, and Hartford is New England's rising star – everyone knows that. UConn Law better get ready for The Situation!"

Then he showed off his abs.

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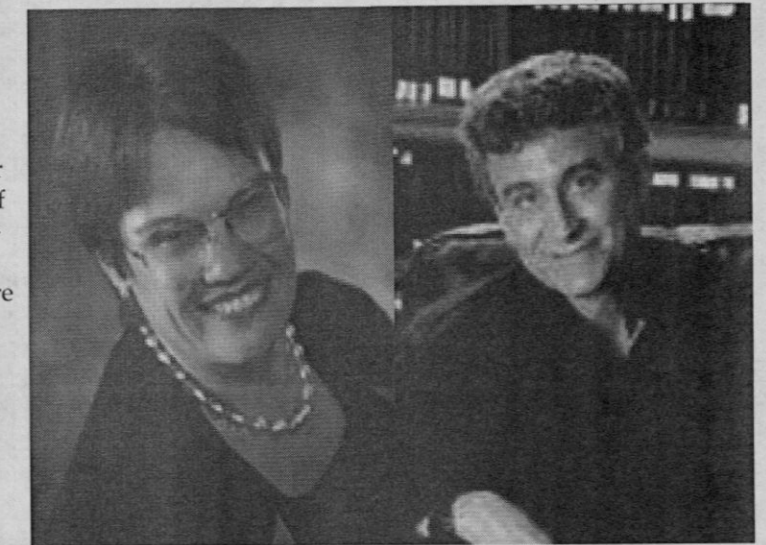


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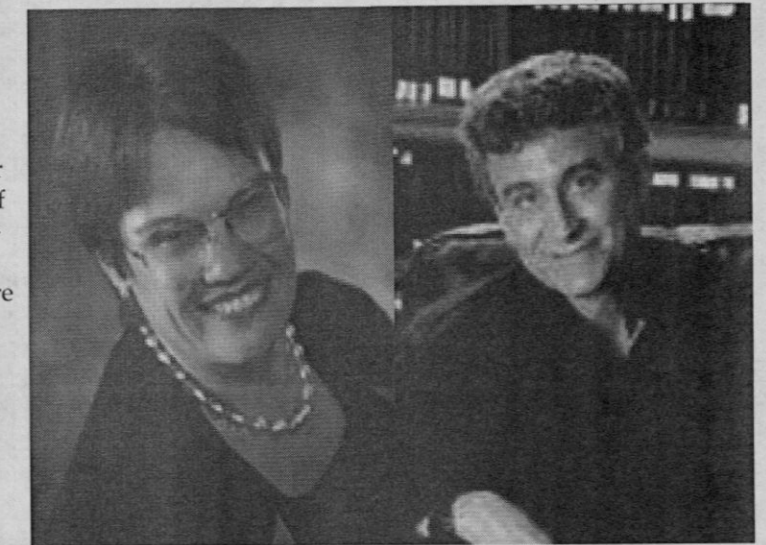


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The Back Page

West End burglar swipes teaching materials *Professors forced to make up legal doctrine on the spot in classes*

By Roger Kint

The thief that repeatedly broke into Hosmer hall over winter break is apparently still on the loose. And his latest bounty has left the law school's faculty with no answers...literally.

UConn Law professors walked into a educator's worst nightmare last week when it became clear that someone had broken into their offices over the weekend and stolen their prized teacher's editions. As a result, students are scared and confused, about both

their safety on campus, as well as the Federal Rules of Evidence.

"I had all my notes scribbled in the margin of that thing," a visibly shaken Professor Michael Fischl said of his case book. "Without it, I was lost...I think I may have told students that crossing your fingers makes a promise unenforceable under the [Uniform Commercial] Code. I don't remember."

Sadly, all areas of the law are now a mystery to students.

"You know, I started to suspect something wasn't

right when [Professor Loftus] Becker spent an hour taking us through the case of Skywalker v. Vader," 2L Pat Mott said. "We all bought it...Now looking back on it, I really give him credit for trying. I mean, Chief Justice Warren as the Emperor? That's just awesome."

"This senseless act is not only criminal, but it has shaken our student body's faith in our faculty," Dean Jeremy Paul said in a statement. Paul had come under criticism after it was revealed that he ordered that

the embarrassing incident stay a secret, and instructed professors to "make it up as you go along," a source said.

The burglar may have taken books, but it's clear that the most important thing he took was the students' confidence.

"I'm really worried now," 3L Susie Kirkeby said. "I have to take the bar exam in only a few months, and now I question everything I learned about the rules for calling shotgun. Does the car have to be in view or not?"

Students beg for carnal desires in prayer box

By Dave Kujan

Several members of the law school's Christian Legal Society have entered spiritual counseling after reading prayer requests submitted by other law students.

Christian law students maintain a "prayer box" in the library lounge as a public service to classmates hoping for a little help from the man upstairs. But upon opening the box, the Christian students were confronted with the harsh reality that law students are "terrible, terrible people."

"I mean, there was defi-

nately a wide range in the type of prayer requests we received," said Susan Cunningham, president of the CLS. "All the way from the vain and selfish to the truly morally depraved."

Several students requested God "smite" professors who gave them bad grades. Others asked that the Lord grant them physical gratification from other students, professors, and, in one case, "that chick who played Winnie Cooper on 'The Wonder Years.'"

"She's super hot now. She wrote a book about math," the anonymous

request explains. "See about having Jesus hook that up for me."

After reading the requests, Cunningham said she and others in her group are doing their best to view fellow students as people, and not "soulless vultures with nothing behind their eyes but greed and lust."

One student wrote a prayer request for "unlimited prayers," prompting the society to place a disclaimer on the box clarifying that it is "not a genie."

Another apparently advocated a "kitchen-sink approach," and requested

the group make prayers to Zeus, Buddha and Gaia, as well as to Christ.

"In the alternative, if the Hindus have it right, can you get me a super awesome reincarnation?" the student requested. "Like get me the looks of Brad Pitt, the gravitas of Brian Williams and the hoops skills of LeBron James."

Cunningham said she was at first surprised at the relative dearth of students seeking prayers for jobs.

"Although I guess it makes sense," Cunningham said. "God can only do so much in this economy."