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Author scrutinized for implied anti-semitic comments

WASHINGTON-

Conservative author and commentator Ann Coulter faces media scrutiny again after she made comments on Monday evening that implied anti-semitism.

During an interview with Donny Deutch of CNBC, Coulter said that in her dreams the US would look like the Republican National Convention in 2004.

"People were happy," she said about the Convention's attendees. "They're Christian. They're tolerant. They defended America."

Deutch, who is Jewish, then responded with, "It would be better if we were all Christian?" Coulter said "Yeah."

She then claimed that Christianity is an easier religion, and said that "It's kind of a fast track."

She continued on in the interview after Deutch admitted that he was offended by attempting to mend fences, but dug herself into an even deeper hole. "I don't want you to be offended by this," she said. "This is what Christians consider themselves, because our testament is the continuation of your testament. You know that. So we think Jews go to heaven. I mean, [the late Rev. Jerry] Falwell himself said that, but you have to follow laws. Ours is "Christ died for our sins. We consider ourselves perfected Christians. For me to say that for you to become a Christian is to become a perfected Christian is not offensive at all."

Coulter's remarks have sparked outrage from the liberal media and believers in Judaism, but has yet to apologize for her comments.



Source: CNN.com, Yahoo! News

Erotic night of bondage leaves one dead

MASSACHUSETTS-

An accidental death due to bondage is raising many questions about consent law in Massachusetts.

A British tourist Adrian Exley was wrapped in plastic sheets which were bound with duct tape with a leather hood put over his head. There was a straw placed in his mouth so he could breathe, but during his three-hour bondage session, Exley's straw fell from his mouth which caused him to suffocate.

Exley was participating in the bondage session with Gary Leblanc, a 48-year-old Gulf Oil sales executive, and Scott Vincent, a flight attendant. Exley's body was discovered in the woods last year, two months after his death.

The case has recently raised many issues concerning consent during sexual intercourse. Leblanc admits his responsibility in the matter in a five-page suicide he wrote before he killed himself.

Exley's family is suing Leblanc's estate and Vincent. Exley's lawyers claim he was unaware of the extreme degree to which Leblanc participated in sadomasochism. According to John Andrews, a lawyer for LeBlanc's estate, "What occurred was an act or actions between two consenting adults, both of whom knew what they were doing, and it had a tragic end."

Behrend students react to the lack of action that led to another school shooting

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A 14-year-old gunman injured two teachers and two students Wednesday before killing himself at a Cleveland, OH high school. Penn State Behrend students are wondering when school shootings will ever end.

As has become all too common, authorities have said that gunman Asa Coon was having problems leading up to his rampage. According to students, Coon's most recent altercation came Monday at his high school, SuccessTech Academy, when he was beaten up after saying, "expletive God."

Classmates from SuccessTech said after the fight on Monday, they knew something was going to happen. One student said, "Yesterday I was like, 'I'm not coming to school, man. This dude might come up here and shoot us up.'" Yet another student who was friends with Coon said that Coon had warned him that one day he was going to snap. Coon told several students after Monday's fight, "I've got something for y'all."

"He said if he did shoot up the school he'd let me and some other dude he knew go and all that, but I didn't think he actually meant that," the friend said. "I thought he was just kidding around."

This is what Behrend students find most disturbing.

"I think people need to take each other seriously," freshman Leanna Verderese said. "There should be a way to get help for those who are feeling that desperate." Many Behrend students think that the students of SuccessTech should have done

more.

Sophomore Michael Buesink said, "I think it would be obvious to contact high authorities in such a matter. You can't screw around with things like that anymore after Columbine and Virginia Tech."

Overall, students have expressed a feeling of dismay over yet another school shooting. Sophomore Brad Troyan said, "I think stuff like this is horrible.

good condition and are expected to be released from the hospital soon.

When events like this occur, school security takes the spotlight. Troyan said, "You can add and add security, but that really doesn't seem to work that much." SuccessTech, which is an alternative high school, had no metal detectors at the school on Wednesday, but the school board does own some that travel from school to school.

The school did, however, have a security guard stationed at the front desk, according to police.

Parents from SuccessTech have complained about security issues at the school before. "We've been fighting to get security back for the last two, three years," Parent Teacher Organization leader Charles Blackwell said. "They keep denying it."

According to Blackwell, the parents have tried just about everything they can think of, including written petitions.

"I think it's a shame because if the proper security measures were in place and if the students would have warned someone about Coon's threats, this tragedy could have been prevented and a young man's life could have been saved," Buesink said.

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-One of Coon's classmates

It's really sad that things like this continue to happen."

One of the injured teachers, Michael Grassie, will live the rest of his life with a bullet lodged in his back. Dr. Jeffrey A. Claridge, a doctor at Metro Health Medical Center, said that the bullet missed Grassie's heart and spine by an inch.

The other injured people are in

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