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Program helps middle schoolers sort through barrage of media messages



Ellie Snider, Molly Winding and Karen Bauer are some of the nearly 30 "peer advisers" for Project Girl, which includes girls from all areas of Madison. The group has been meeting monthly since spring. The girls pictured attend Edgewood Campus School.

## Project Girl

By Susan Troller  
*The Capital Times*

**W**hat if parents could vaccinate their adolescent daughters against the siren song of the mall? Is there any way to get them to just say no to the power of brand name clothing, accessories and cosmetics?

And what should be done about the barrage of marketing messages telling them they can never be too rich, or too thin, and that they must be hot, hot, hot as they shop, shop, shop, even if they're only 10 years old?

Artists Kelly Parks Snider and Jane Bartell, working with a diverse group of about 30 middle school girls from across Madison, think they've found some answers to those questions through an arts-based initiative that explores the impact of the media and marketing on girls.

"Before I joined Project Girl, I wanted to be that model I saw in the magazines," said Ana Lynn, a seventh-grader at Edgewood Campus School. "Now I know the picture I see is not real, and I can say, 'Oh, that is so-o-o-o Photo-shopped, and so fake!' It's helped me just want to be myself, instead."

A multimedia art show, inspired by nearly a year's worth of Project Girl meetings, discussions and workshops, opens today at the Sonderegger Science Center at Edgewood

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What do young women have to say about the images of girls and women that surround them in the media every day?

Check out our slide show at

www.madison.com/tct/projects/girl.



Jane Bartell (left) and Kelly Parks Snider, artists and mothers, are co-creators of Project Girl, an arts-based program to help teen girls take a critical look at the way women are portrayed in popular culture and the media. A multimedia art show on Project Girl begins today at Edgewood College.

## Indictment stirs new questions on 'pay to play'

Top Doyle campaign donor charged with money-laundering

By David Callender  
*The Capital Times*

The indictment of one of Gov. Jim Doyle's biggest campaign contributors on federal charges of money-laundering and lying to the FBI is reviving questions about whether the Democratic governor has engaged in so-called "pay to play" activities involving key decisions by his administration.

The federal charges against Kenosha casino developer Dennis Troha come only months after Doyle was handily re-elected to a second term, a victory that many close to him believed put to rest allegations made during the campaign that he had exchanged political favors for campaign donations.

But the charges — which include allegations that an unnamed Doyle



Troha

campaign official solicited donations from Troha and his family in 2005, triggering more than \$47,000 in illegal donations — renew the focus on Doyle's campaign fundraising operation and its links to Doyle's top aides, including former Administration Secretary Marc Marotta and Deputy Chief of Staff Katie Boyce.

Marotta served as Doyle's campaign chairman after leaving state government, while Boyce, Doyle's former legislative liaison, raised more than \$10 million for Doyle's re-election before returning in January as the second-highest-ranking official in the governor's office.

"It reopens all the books he thought were closed," said one top-ranking Democratic insider who spoke on condition of anonymity. "It's huge. The question is whether it's cataclysmic."

Neither Marotta nor Boyce returned calls for comment this morning. And legislative leaders on both sides of the aisle appeared reluctant to opine on the political implications of the indictment.

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## Contraceptive costs see huge hike at UW

By Anita Weier and Katjusa Cisar  
*The Capital Times*

Many UW-Madison students are scrambling to find affordable birth control in reaction to a sharp rise in prescription contraceptive costs because of a federal law that went into effect in January.

Drug companies previously provided low-cost pricing to University Health Services and many other college health services nationwide, but the Federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 required the cancellation of those contracts as of Jan. 1, 2007.

But the law has some costly consequences.

First of all, costs for students of the five most popular contraceptives went from \$8 per month to \$32 or even \$40 a month, said Jason

Walker-Crawford, managing pharmacist for UHS.

"Most of our students have been using those brands," he said, adding that 50 percent of the pharmacy's business is contraceptives.

Students have reacted to the change by using other insurance plans and switching to generic contraceptives, he said.

"It was common for people to get three to six months' or a year's supply. Now that it costs more, most are getting one to three months," he added.

An employee at the downtown Planned Parenthood Center says she has seen a rise in the number of UW students coming in and seeking state-funded prescription contraceptives through the Family Planning

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## Schlesinger unafraid to challenge presidents

"The good historian does not stop with the history. As the situation requires and compels, he goes on to making it."

— John Kenneth Galbraith on the legacy of Arthur Schlesinger Jr.

Historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr., who died Wednesday at age 89, remained an active and important commentator on American politics until his last days.

In New York City, where he resided, he was a steady presence — not merely on the op-ed page of the New York Times but at events like the debut of Robert Greenwald's documentary

John Nichols



eted man. He played a central role in defining post-war liberalism, helping Eleanor Roosevelt,

"Outfoxed," where I recall talking with him at great length about our mutual sense of the sorry state of American media in the 21st century.

There will be much discussion about Schlesinger's legacy; wise and well-meaning commentators will diverge with regard to the important contributions of this multifac-

Hubert Humphrey and Wisconsin's James Doyle Sr. to make Americans for Democratic Action a pivotal force within the national Democratic Party and then explaining the ideology, with his 1949 book, "The Vital Center."

He authored essential texts on American democracy and the presidency, especially his firsthand recollection of serving in the administration of John Kennedy, "A Thousand Days." He advised presidents, including Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson, and he challenged presidents — Schlesinger's high-profile departure from the Johnson administration was followed by his

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