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Bigger kids big problem for Chinese

SHANGHAI, China - China's children are getting bigger - and that's bad news for many parents' pocket books.

Since the 1949 communist revolution, China has given children under age 7 free bus fares, amusement park admission and other services - so long as they're under 3-foot-7.

But many are now excluded, because with better nutrition and health care, even the average 5-year-old is 4 feet tall, the official Xinhua News Agency said Tuesday.

Some local governments have raised the height limit. But most haven't, prompting complaints by parents.

"My son is just 5 years old, but I am often asked to buy a ticket for him when we take buses," one aggrieved mother in Beijing was quoted as saying.

Today's average 5-year-old is four inches taller than in 1949, according to Xinhua.

The boom in bigger kids coincides with government efforts to shrink the size of families. Most Chinese couples are limited to only one child, with fines and other penalties for violators.



Dave and Karen Paulus, of Manitowoc, check in with election officials Joy Schaus, left, and Linda Underwood at the voting poll in the 10th Aldermanic District at First Reformed United Church of Christ on Waldo Boulevard on Tuesday.

Tearful Avery hears apology from victim

Task force studying justice system flaws

BY MICHELLE KUBITZ
Herald Times Reporter

MADISON - Steven Avery wiped tears from his face Tuesday as the victim of a 1985 crime apologized for wrongly naming him as her assailant.

The apology came in a statement read before the Avery Task Force, a group comprised of legislators and criminal justice personnel who are examining the state's criminal justice system. The task force met at the State Capitol and is named for Avery, 41, of Two Rivers, who spent 18 years in prison for a brutal assault and attempted murder that he did not commit.

DNA evidence exonerated Avery in September, linking the crime to Gregory Allen. Allen, 50, is serving a 60-year

prison sentence for a 1995 sexual assault committed in Green Bay.

On Tuesday, the victim of the 1985 crime told task force members about the assault and the events that led up to identifying Avery as her assailant. Avery, flanked by family, listened from the gallery.

In part, her testimony follows:

Allen was never identified as a potential suspect during the photo array presented by the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department or the live lineup that was arranged shortly after the victim received an obscene phone call about the assault. Avery was in the photo array and the lineup. In both cases, the victim identified Avery as her attacker.

The victim also told the panel about the phone calls she received from other law enforcement officers, asking her if she was sure about identifying Avery as

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School lunches: YES

BY AMY WEAVER
Herald Times Reporter

MANITOWOC - Supporters of the National School Lunch Program were all smiles Tuesday night as election results poured in, showing the school lunch referendum had passed.

"Once it got down to four or five districts (left), we were pretty happy," said Carol Wergin, president of

the League of Women Voters of Manitowoc County, from Kathy's Stage Door Pub, where supporters gathered.

Unofficial results showed 5,577 votes for borrowing up to \$1.4 million to upgrade and remodel buildings to bring the NSLP to the Manitowoc Public School District, and 4,395 against.

Wergin and other league members credited the victo-

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ry to the grassroots effort of community members such as Maureen O'Brien and school board member Ron Kossik, who started

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PAUL TITTL

Tittl, Klein win Dist. 8 primary vote

BY TARA MEISSNER
Herald Times Reporter

MANITOWOC - Thomas Klein and Paul Tittl are the remaining candidates for the open seat in the city of Manitowoc's Aldermanic District 8.

Three residents in District 8, which includes the Manitowoc County Airport, and neighborhoods between North Eighth Street and North 24th Street, west of Waldo Boulevard, were vying for the position.

Results from Tuesday's primary election eliminated candidate John Tobin, who received 144 votes. Klein earned 552 votes and Tittl 400.

"I would like to thank all the voters for their great support, and we will see you at the polls in April," Klein said.

Tittl also expressed gratitude. "I want to thank all the people that went out

and voted. I hope I can go out and represent our district in a great and honorable way."

Voter turnout Tuesday was at record levels, with the Manitowoc Public School District's hot lunch referendum and the open primary for a Democratic presidential candidate luring voters to the polls.

"I hope we have as great a turnout in April as we had in February," Klein said.

Tittl also encourages voter turnout for the April 6 election.

"Good representation is not just in national elections, it actually starts with local officials," Tittl said.

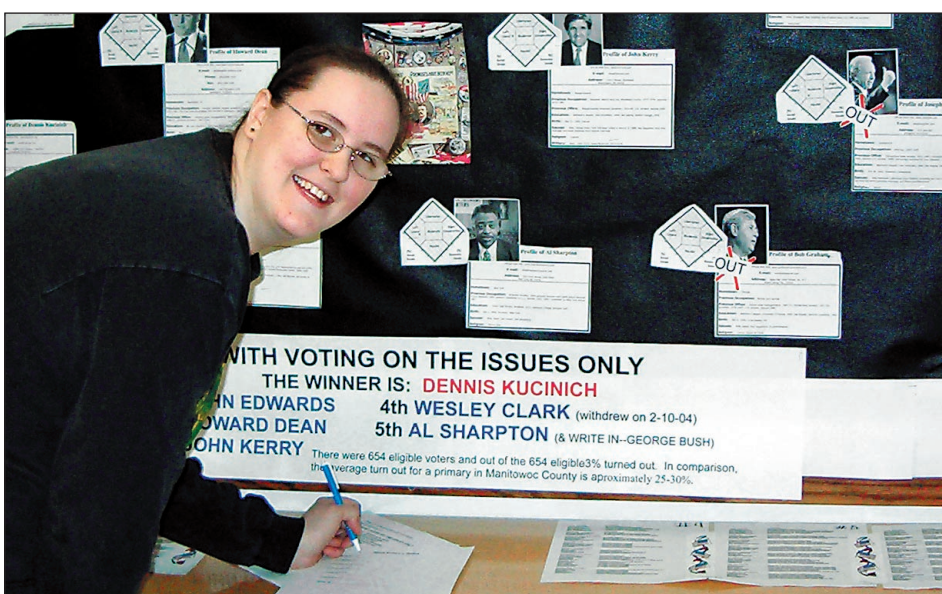
Klein is planning a door-to-door campaign in the upcoming weeks.

"I think the most important thing is to listen to the people. You want to have

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THOMAS KLEIN



Silver Lake College junior Kim Luttig demonstrates how students and staff participated in a mock election at the college last week. "Primed" for the Primary was designed to inform potential voters on the candidates by the issues and not by their names or faces.

SLC mock election looks at issues not personalities

BY AMY WEAVER
Herald Times Reporter

MANITOWOC - Liz Knier was surprised at how she voted in a mock election at Silver Lake College.

"The person I actually voted for turned out to be someone I didn't think I'd vote for," she said.

The senior from Reedsville was pretty determined her vote would go for former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, but when she participated in the col-



lege's weeklong "Primed" for the Primary, she was told Ohio Sen. Dennis Kucinich garnered her vote, based on the issues that she felt were important.

"Primed" for the Primary was designed by the college to "bring the issues back into the election," said

Angelina Laurin, a SLC student who helped run the program, in order for registered voters to make a more informed decision in yesterday's primary election.

Jan Algozine, the college vice president and dean of students, said college campuses across the country that receive federal financial aid are required to encourage students to vote.

"It's better to form an

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Kerry notches another win

Edwards makes strong showing

BY SUSAN PAGE AND JILL LAWRENCE
Gannett News Service

Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry won the Wisconsin primary Tuesday night. But a surprisingly strong second by North Carolina Sen. John Edwards indicated that the battle for the party's presidential nomination wasn't over yet.

Kerry claimed his 15th win in 17 primaries and caucuses, the strongest showing by any presidential candidate in a contested nomination race in three decades. However, Edwards' surge in the campaign's final days meant that Wisconsin didn't certify Kerry as the inevitable nominee, as some in his camp had hoped.

Former Vermont governor Howard Dean finished a distant third, a sign that his phenomenal bid for the nomination was effectively over.

Local Democrats react to election

BY TARA MEISSNER
Herald Times Reporter

MANITOWOC - Manitowoc resident Harold Zortman was among those casting his vote for Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry in Wisconsin's primary election on Tuesday.

The Massachusetts senator garnered nearly 40 percent of the votes to edge John Edwards in statewide voting.

"I think Kerry is as anti-Bush as a person can get," Zortman said outside the polls at First United Church of Christ on Waldo Boulevard. "Big business is in (President George W. Bush's) pocket, and he hasn't done this country a bit of good."

Bob Jome, chairman of the Manitowoc County Democratic Party, voted for former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, who earned just 18 percent of the state's support. Nonetheless, Jome supports Dean's continued participation in the race.

"He has a lot to add to the dialogue," Jome said. "Dean brought a new perspective and outlook to the Democratic Party. It's becoming fairly evident Dean was the victim of bad press."

Paul Bratz also voted for Dean, he acknowledged after leaving the polls in Manitowoc's 10th District.

"He's the only guy who said 'no' about the stupid war we are in," Bratz said.

Jome watched the results of the primary election at Kathy's Stage Door Pub in downtown

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