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Bentley wins partial term

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

For an off-year, May election the turnout across Washtenaw County was considerable at 32,072 ballots cast of 12.07 percent of all registered ballots in the county as of 11:39 p.m. Tuesday night.

In the Chelsea school district 3,794 voters turned out, and in the Dexter school district even more voters showed with 3,855 ballots cast.

Chelsea's Laurel McDevitt, who could not be reached for contact on election night, was unchallenged for another full term and garnered 1,809 votes against 21 write-in ballots.

Fellow incumbent Jon Bentley won the election for a partial term with 1,157 votes to challenger Kathy Keinath's 803.

Bentley, who has served as a school board member previously, said today's school districts' budgets are very

reminiscent of when he was a board member in 2002.

"That means our student funding allowance has not increased yet we've been faced with rising health care, retirement and utility costs," he said. "It's been a continuous challenge to maintain financial stability in our district yet with this situation, we've found ways to do it."

Bentley added that he was proud to serve the partial two-year term and would strive to ensure that the

Chelsea school community would continue getting a well-rounded quality education.

Keinath could not be reached on election night. The school board election in Dexter was much more hotly contested with two incumbents and two challengers seeking one of two full term seats.

Lundy won with 1,309 votes alongside fellow incumbent Julie Schumaker, who was the top vote-getter with

1,453 ballots. Challengers Shawn Letwin and Amy Luczak received 488 and 599 votes respectively.

Dexter Superintendent Mary Marshall thanked Letwin and Luczak for pursuing seats on the board, praising anyone willing to donate their time and effort to leading a school district.

"It really does take a special kind of dedicated person to seek this kind of job," she said.

Residents react to bin Laden's death

By James Dickson
and Amy Bell
Heritage Media

Good news doesn't typically come late at night, so when Ann Arbor's Max Hernandez saw his message light blinking, he checked his voicemail immediately. "You don't need to be afraid anymore," Hernandez's brother said in a yell to overcome the bar noise in the background. "They got him, Bro. Osama bin Laden is dead!"

Hernandez, 23, was only an eighth-grader when the United States was hit by the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"When it happened, I was in class, and I thought it was a joke, or a normal fire. At first, I didn't take it seriously, but then we all saw

the second plane hit and the surrealness set in."

"I'm glad he's dead," Hernandez said. "It's weird to celebrate someone's death."

But Hernandez's cousin, Kale Houton, didn't see bin Laden's death as a time for celebration.

"Death, of any sort, should never be a happy thing, certainly nothing to celebrate," Houton said. "The kind of thing going on right now, the celebrating, is probably the same thing that was going on over there after 9/11. Violence begets violence."

Residents Hannah Lore and Garard Bancert were buying Monday's Detroit Free Press fronted with a large, impact headline, "U.S.

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Paper has new look

The changes you see in today's edition of The Chelsea Standard are just some of the many we are making at our news organization.

News is now created and consumed in many different ways from mobile phone alerts and the web to social media and, of course, print. Each new development has its own role to play.

At The Chelsea Standard, we are committed to making sure each platform plays its part effectively. Today's new print edition of our paper reflects that commitment.

The Chelsea Standard isn't just a new look and size today, it's also part of an integrated service delivering to you, our customer, a complete news package on multiple platforms.

We are continuing to expand the news and information we deliver through agreements with high-quality partners like TheStreet.com, which has expanded the breadth of our overall personal finance and business news in print and on the web. The Chelsea Standard has also launched mobile and SMS services that allow you to receive news alerts directly to your mobile device by texting HERNews to 22700.

In the past year, The Chelsea Standard has launched podcasts, more video, live chats and live streaming video. Members of our community also have signed on as bloggers.

All of this is part of our growth and focus on our community. And this is just the start. Today's print changes are just the first step in a redesign for The Chelsea Standard at www.heritage.com still to come.

We will continue to work to meet the needs and demands of our audience and customers, and as we make these changes I invite you to let us know how we are doing.

Jim Williams, publisher



Jon Dyer plays fetch with his German wirehaired pointer, Ruger, while camera operator Ruben Rodriguez tapes a segment for Animal Planet's "Dogs 101."

Ugly Dog goes Hollywood

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

After opening its doors May of last year, Ugly Dog Distillery has garnered plenty of attention for great vodka, but now their mascot is stealing the spotlight for a bit.

Animal Planet's "Dogs 101" will be airing an episode this fall featuring Ugly Dog mascot Ruger, who is a German wirehaired pointer.

Ruger will be one of six breeds featured in the episode, which is skewing more and more toward rare dog breeds as the show is in its fourth season, according to producer Linda Benya.

"The show is an encyclopedia of dog breeds," she said while Ruger and his master Jon Dyer, who co-owns and operates Ugly Dog Distillery, played fetch in a field out back.

It was just one phase of a day-long film shoot involving relaxation, play and interview periods to really analyze Ruger's breed, as "Dogs 101" is known for.

"They are the top hunting dog in Germany," Dyer said while Benya's film crew from Royal Oak-based Jeff Moon Productions fitted Ruger with a first-



Ruger, mascot of Ugly Dog distillery.

person, "doggy-point-of-view" camera affixed to his collar.

"They're used for hunting boars and pigs and things of that nature," Dyer explained. "Here in the states they've been primarily turned into a bird dog. I personally know people who duck hunt with them and train them to do blood trailing and deer tracking."

German wirehaired pointers are known for their wire-like hair strands and bushy eyebrows that form a coarse coat that protects them from head to toe in heavily wooded areas.

In fact, Ruger is featured on Ugly Dog bottles depicted in a wooded setting similar to one that you might find in northern Michigan or the

wilderness of Germany.

However, Ugly Dog Distillery didn't start coming into its own until Ruger was just 1 to 2 years old, according to Dyer, meaning that the Ugly Dog's mascot was just an "ugly puppy" when Chelsea's local vodka powerhouse was still under development.

Benya says that one of Animal Planet's

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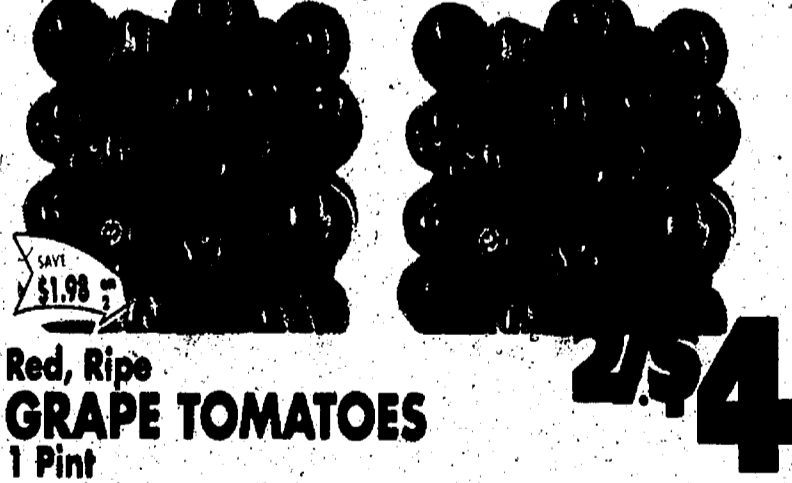
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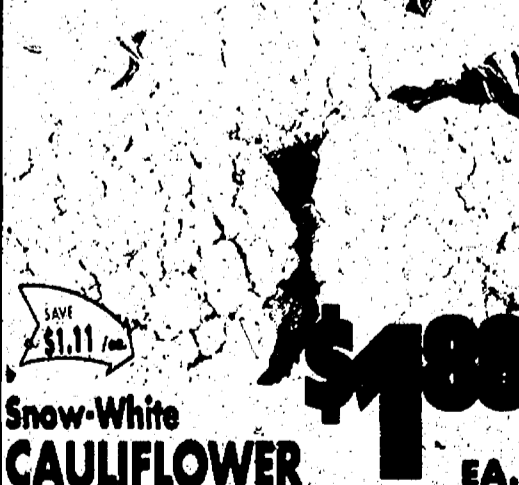
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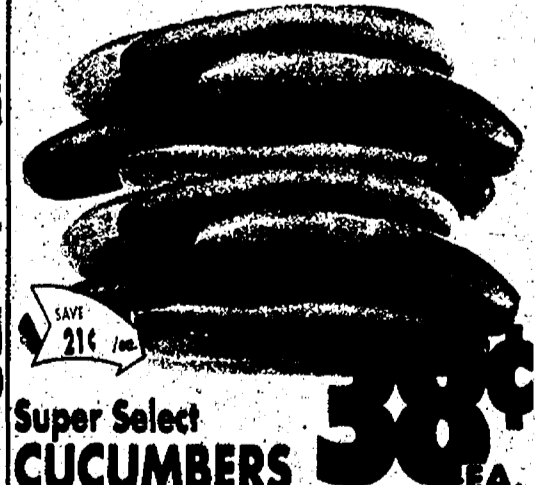
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