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City government, he said, "is not the playground of a small group of elites." Oliverio decried "oppressive regulations" on business, and called for a greater effort to seek state and federal funds to repair sewers.

"I can promise you as your mayor I will give you the straight truth," Oliverio said. "Residents will always be put first."

Bates said she serves with the Southeast Michigan Council of

Governments, attends ribbon cuttings, met with Detroit Edison over power outages, testified in Lansing on I-275 noise reduction and met with business leaders and with youth: "I have the ability to get along with a lot of people. I'm a respected ambassador who can get the job done in a positive manner. I tackle issues. I have a positive attitude, and open mind and a caring heart."

The candidates agreed on one topic — neither likes tax abatements for business.

Should the recession force cutbacks, Bates said she would ask the city manager for two to three solutions, and along with the council, analyze them against community needs. Oliverio proposed asking department heads to come up with 5 percent cuts from their budgets.

The forum was sponsored by the Council of Homeowner's Associations.

Army Pvt. Joshua Beglau has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

The soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics,

military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

During infantry training, he developed basic combat skills and battlefield operations and

tactics, and experienced using various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

Beglau is the son of Michael Beglau of Farmington Hills.

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park advocate. He said the city needs to tend to sewer repairs, and that emergency services need to keep step with community growth.

Grant, who has served 12 years on council and as mayor, said strong leaders including Jan Dolan and Aldo Vagnozzi "mentored me." He said his experience will serve the city well. "We have complex issues," he said, including the 14 Mile-Northwestern project, and Eight Mile and Grand River corridor redevelopment.

Grant said that with projected cuts in state funds to cities, "I

have the experience, knowledge, and leadership qualities to make difficult decisions."

Oliverio said her first concern is quality of life.

"I listen to the public," she said, while noting council's record of "developing a first class recreation plan for our community" including baseball and soccer fields and plans to expand San Marino Golf Course "in a fiscally responsible manner. I continue to be a strong voice for the residents of this city."

Challenger Robert Monroe Webster said he brings savvy gained with a Fortune 500 company to city government. He listed safety as a top priority, and said that due to the changing

economy, "Taxes are going up no matter who you elect."

Webster said he would bring an action item log to council meetings and would provide "a positive friction" to council. He said the chamber of commerce could take a greater role in promoting business causes, with council oversight.

Masey, a homeowner's association president who has been active with the Council of Homeowners Associations, said, "I understand the residents and community issues. I have fresh ideas and new approaches," and added that he would seek advice on council from citizen advisory groups.

He listed traffic concerns and sewer problems as top issues and also cited concerns about the number of unanimous votes cast by the current council on controversial issues.

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