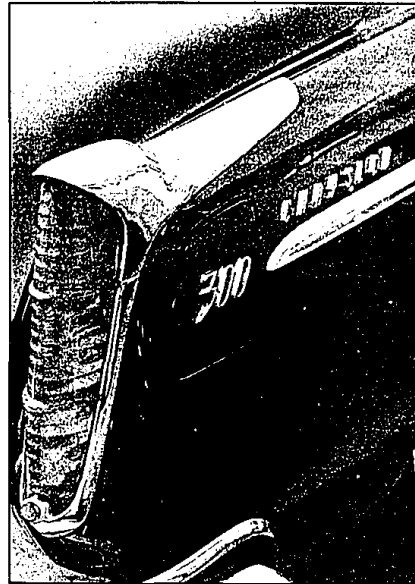


## Cars, Cars, Cars! Just showin' off



Cruising weather: Vahan and Evelyn Kaloustian check out the classic vehicles at the Monday cruise, held in the city parking lot adjacent to State Street. The 1955 Chrysler 300 is one of the first factory-produced "muscle cars."

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## Meet the men and women behind the signs on cable

It's election time and WOW! Everywhere you look there are vivid hues of color and it's not just from the beautiful flowers in bloom.

The bold reds, whites, and blues dotting the landscapes around town come from the dozens of campaign signs planted on every street corner and main thoroughfare. Though you may see the candidates' names all over town, do you know the man or woman behind those signs?

For many voters, the answer is no. So, as a public service to our residents, SWOCC Studios has produced a special program,

"Candidates Forum 2002". It is meant to help educate you to become more informed voters. You'll get a chance to see the candidates and hear first-hand their qualifications, how they stand on issues, and how they plan to serve you.

You'll get to know each of the 60-some candidates running for office in the Aug. 6 primary a little better thanks to interviews by Joni Hubert, Editor of the Farmington Observer, Della Cassia, Editor of the Farmington Hills Gazette, and Linda DePoorter from the League of Women Voters, as well as the candidates themselves.

But that's not all. There are three proposals on the ballot. And we all know how confusing those ballot issues can be. So, we have explanations of what the convoluted wording actually means. In a separate program, Della Cassia from the Gazette will give you an overview of the "Oakland County Public Transportation Millage Renewal." Cal

Stone, Editor of the Novi News, will explain Proposal 02-01 which deals with the State Officers Compensation Commission (SOCC) and 02-02 which deals with funding for state/local parks and outdoor recreation.

"Candidates Forum 2002" runs all this month on Farmington's Channel 15, Farmington Hills Channel 8, and Novi's Channel 13. Check your local listings for scheduled dates and times.

Also, as part of our efforts to get you ready to vote, SWOCC is running the short "How to Vote" and "How to Judge a Candidate" pieces, through election day on all three city channels: Farmington 15, Farmington Hills 8, and Novi 15.

The past few months the roads in downtown Farmington have been well, just a "little" torn up. The good news though is progress on the road construction is moving along as scheduled. If you want a detailed look at the progress tune into the "Farmington Road Update" program, on channel 15 daily noon and 6 p.m. as well as other times throughout the day.

Congratulations are in order for our very own Public Access Producer Frank Benesh, who won a first place award for his show Appalachia 2001 in the category "Making a Difference". He also won an Honorable Mention award for his show, Aviation Journal in the "Magazine Format" category. Be sure to catch these award-winning shows on your Public Access Channel INFO TV-12.

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