royalty: FHS ing queen Courtney Smartt and her king, Vic-tor Vulaj, pose for photos with the Falcon football team in the back-

ground.



Home, sweet home

Farmington homecoming loss can't skunk spirit

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SEE armington High's senior
class skunked the competition in the parade,
but the school's ennual homecoming had the sweet aroma of
success.

"It's as nice a homecoming week I've /ever experienced," said assistant principal Ken-neth Dean.

The week was marked by class competition and spirit.
The senior class took the tro-phy for best parade float, keeping within the points from around the world theme. Cartoon skunk Pepe LaPew adorned the seniors' entry, which was used to depict the locale of France.
On the football field, the Falcons were smelling victory, The team came into its game against Westland John Glenn unbesten.

A missed field goal in regula-tion, though, sent the game into overtime where Farmington High's four-game winning streak ended before an overflow



A touch of Egypt: The glum expression on the face of the sophomore class float may have findicated the final score of the football game.



Loud and happy: A Farmington touchdown brought about this celebration with pompons provided by the Bill Cook auto dealership.

That put a small crimp in the postgame frivolity, which was highlighted by the annual bomecoming dance.

Horsecoming was also time to renew acquaintances. Kevin Afferbauch and Bricks Stchskine, who were lest year's king and queen, returned.

Victor Vuisi was crowned this

year's king and Courtney Smart as queen.
School enthusiasm was at an all-time high, Dean said. No doubt the football team's 4-0 start had a hand.
"We've had a lot of nice things happening for us this year." Dean said, "and the football team is a part of that."



coming: Floats from the Farmington Floating a homeosuler: Floats from the Farming High School classes line the track at Saturday's homecoming game.

Planners could decide: Is it beauty or beast?

If a proposed ordinance is adopted, the Farmington Plan-ning Commission will no longer pretend to be color blind.

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An aesthetics ordinance would give the Planning Commission more of a say on matters of color and architecture when it comes to future development and redevelopment in the city's commercial areas. The commission doesn't have that authority now.

Farmington City Council OK'd a draft of the proposed amend-ment to the soning ordinance at Monday's meeting. The Planning Commission will have a public hearing as part of the adoption process.

The intention is to make sure any new or refurbished structure blends in with existing buildings, city officials said. It doesn't mean the Planning Commission is getting into the exterior decorating business, they added.

"What it does is alert the developers and architects that the Flanning Commission is glong to look at their request with that in mind." Is that design compacible with this community?, "It is not intended to distant anything specification." It's not intended to distant anything specification. The commission of the surface of the surfac

Language in the proposed ordi-nance allows for discussion and negotiation on seathedic matters, city officials said.

The drafted ordinance states the commission be designated to protect property value and character of the neighborhood or dis-trict by "assuring the exterior ar-chitectural appeal and functional plan will, when erected or com-pleted, be compatible with exist-ing structures."

The subcommittee worked with city atterney John Donohue and city administration on the ordinance. Historical and beautification commissions, and Downtown Development Authority were also consuited.

Lauhoff noted the city has always worked cooperatively with developers and architects in the past. He doesn't see this changing that.

Councilman Richard Tupper schood that view."It gives you the open door to come to the table," Tupper said.

Hills fire department heats up for annual open house Sunday

about Christmas, at least when it comes to fire safety. Preventing Christmas tree fire and putting them out will be among demonstrations by the Farmington Hills Fire Department at its open house from noon to 4 pm. Sunday at fire headquarters, 28711 Drake Road, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile roads. The 17th-annual open house coincides with National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-15, and the

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