Sentencing

the best sentence possible under the circumstances. "I think all parties were agre-able to this sentence." Pitts said. "It appeared that there was little or no chance of being successful (if the case went to trial). We made the best of a bad situation."

More than that, Pitts put on record that he wanted his clithe record that he wanted his cli-ent's sentence to run concurrently with any sentence Scarborough would receive for violating his parole for the Texas murder. He had served 10 years of a 50-year sentence for that crime before being paroled and returning to Michigan in 1990.

Tyner said she would expect ny sentence for a parole violation

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Searborough served his time in Michigan. Had he been on parole from a Michigan prison, that would be the case.

Texas department of corrections officials said Scarborough would likely be taken back to the Lone Star state after he served his time in Michigan and his case would be reviewed.

"When we hear (from the Michigan Department of Corrections) that he is eligible for parole, we'll recommend to the parole board that he come back and do some more time," said Dan Guorra, public information officer with the pardone and paroles division of the Texas Department of Corrections in Austin.



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"I think I've been too busy to worry or to think too much about that," Lauhoff said. "From the time you come here in the morning until the time you go home, there's so many things going on. Before I walked in here (city manger's office), I wondered. Once I walked in here, I haven't really thought about it."

Louhoff spent three months working with Deadman, who retired Jan. 4. The former public safety director received a crash course on the sawer project's finer details and other spects of the job.

job.
Then Jan. 5, his first day as city manager, arrived.
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Since then, Lauron's been busy. He's had a Downtown Develop-ment Authority meeting and a council session. The latter proved eventful.

eventful.

During the public comments, a man enlightened Lauhoff and the council about airplane de-icer contaminating water runoff and affecting, among other things, women's douches.

Otherwise, Lauhoff has been consumed by one of the city's largest undertakings.

2 'You don't lock yourself up in an office. That's why you'll see me in the field a lot.'

Frank Lauhoff Farmington city manager

The sewer project is near com-pletion. Testing has started; the sewer could be operating by the end of the month.

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The city must decide whether it will operate the sewer line and pumping station or contract the service out. Oakland County Public Works is contracted for the task the first three to four months.

Boyond that, Lauhoff sees other issues. Some older subdivisions will need new water mains and streets. And the wants to enforce ordinances to eliminate blight. Keeping with his concerns about the environment, he wants to see new trees planted.

Also, Lauhoff wants to foster the working relationship between Farmington and Farmington Hills.

The true test for any city mana-ger comes before the council. Deadman and the council had a harmonious relationship. Lauhoff doesn't expect that to change.

Being new, though, his opinion might be more readily challenged.

"I guess I don't know," he said.
"I guess the way I work is to provide city council with all the information I have to help them make their decision. They're going to have the same information I have. Whether that's a different change from the past, I don't know. I welcome their input."

Lauhoff sees his role as part point man and guidance counselor. In the clock tower flap, it was Lauhoff who pointed out the plan would have to approved by the Planning Commission and go before the Historical Commission for public input first.

Lauhoff sees it all a part of being involved.

"You don't lock yourself up in an office. That's why you'll see me on the field a lot. You'll see me on the field set. You'll see me out there looking at what's going on.

"That was his way, too."

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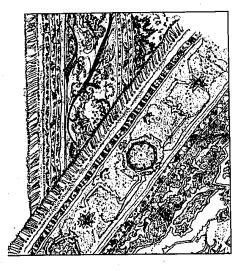


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