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Hard core

More readers voice opinions in debate over parking ticket

The handicapped-parking hard-liners quoted in Saturday's column drew this response from Joe McDonald...

Ford's advocates argued that since he clearly wasn't violating the spirit of the law, a warning would have been more appropriate.

Over the edge
From Cindy Church of Lansing: "I guess he did break the law, and the line has to be drawn somewhere..."

From Lee Nieldow of Grand Rapids: "Having the power to enforce a law should not prevent an enforcer from exercising good judgment..."

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Schools Lansing students give to Ronald McDonald House. Page 4B Tuesday December 11, 2001

Watkins wants to grade schools

State superintendent's new standards would focus less on MEAP

The Michigan Department of Education will begin grading its schools in 2003 if state schools Superintendent Tom Watkins has his way.

Watkins' plan de-emphasized accountability and put too little attention on educational results. "That's not what we're going to put grades on our schools," Watkins said.

achievement and develop educational plans to help them after high school. The first interim report with grades would come in 2003.

Key standards
All elementary and middle school students have math and reading skills at or above grade level.

Party honors lasting partnership



Joyous songs: Nora Morone-Gallagher (left), Arnie Mosbacher and Chris Baedert sing Christmas carols Monday at the Michigan State University Union for the East Lansing Kiwanis Club's Christmas Party for the Moon Living Center and Beekman Scouts.

Boy Scouts, Kiwanis celebrate more than 30 years together

Area groups gather at MSU for annual holiday lunch, party

EAST LANSING—East Lansing's Kiwanis Club and the Beekman Center's Boy Scout Troop 151 celebrated their more than 30-year-old partnership Monday.

Many wore their vests Monday with the various patches they have earned. Ostlund said his son has learned a variety of skills from being a Scout, ranging from learning to tie his shoes to knowing Morse Code.

John Merten, president of the Kiwanis Club of East Lansing, agrees. "It builds character," he said. "Kiwanis members often provide transportation for the students or volunteer as teachers."

City OKs deal with developer

Plan will help build new office building, parking structure

The Lansing City Council approved a plan Monday to help build a proposed \$25 million downtown parking structure, despite concerns from two council members.

"Several of us have concerns because we are talking about taxpayers' money," Joan Bauer, Lansing City Council member.

Poll: Voters against repeal of term limits

State leaders in favor of changing system plan meeting today

Michigan voters aren't ready to give up term limits, according to a new poll. However, they would be willing to let officials return to office after sitting out a term.

Term limits
Here are the term limits approved by Michigan voters in 1992: State Senate, governor, attorney general and secretary of state: two-year terms.

Interview deadline extension unlikely

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DETROIT — The U.S. attorney's office says it likely will not extend Monday's deadline for men to respond to the Justice Department's letter requesting interviews as part of its terrorism probe.

A total of 66 men live in the Western District. "Not one man has declined to be interviewed. In fact, every one has been very cooperative," Assistant U.S. Attorney Lloyd Meyers said.

Lansing police are helping the FBI interview six men in the city. Most of the men on the list live in East Lansing, East Lansing and Michigan State University police declined to help federal authorities.

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Holiday cheer: Joel Washington joins others in clapping for Santa as he arrived the East Lansing Kiwanis Club's Christmas Party for the Moon Living Center and Beekman Scouts on Monday.

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