Students March In Honor Of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.

By Sarah Mieras
Times Contributing Writer

Are you a car owner who lives in Michigan? If you answered "Yes," you should be aware of the new car emissions testing which is scheduled to begin in Kent, Ottawa and Muskegon Counties on February 1. What is car emissions testing, and why are Michigan residents required to pay $24 every other year, plus the cost of any needed repairs?

The Federal Clean Air Act requires Michigan to reduce its own pollution, since the state exceeds federal standards for ground-level smog.

Although much of West Michigan's smog and pollution is from Chicago and other cities, the testing is quite simple; people with vehicles registered in Kent, Muskegon and Ottawa Counties will be required to have them checked at an emission control station before their registration can be renewed. Since all the vehicles will not be able to be checked in one year, cars and trucks with an odd numbered model year will be checked in odd numbered years, and even numbered ones in even numbered years.

You can have your vehicle tested up to six months before the registration expires. If you choose not to have your vehicle tested and are caught driving around with an expired registration you can serve up to 90 days in jail and be fined $100.

Paula Ortiz, an Aquinas continuing education student lived in Texas, where emissions testing is already in progress. She said, "There would be road blocks set up, it is a mess. People always found ways around having it done; a lot of them just couldn't afford it."

The test has been a large part of the argument against the testing. Just what is the $24 fee for? The stations, which cost $15 million dollars to build, and the more than 200 employees involved in their operation, do eat up a portion of the required $24 fee, about $18 of it. The remaining six dollars is divided between a program which will work towards reducing gas vapors at service stations and the state.

The test is expected to take less than 15 minutes per vehicle. After paying the required fee, an inspection will be done on the vehicle. If there are holes or leaks in the exhaust system, the car must be repaired before being tested. If the car or truck makes it past this initial testing, it will then have a tail pipe coupler attached to the tail pipe to collect emissions, at the same time the car is put on a treadmill. If a vehicle has a model year of 1975-1980 it will undergo a different "idle test." If the vehicle fails either test, the owner will be given information sheets that can be taken to a mechanic so that proper repairs on the exhaust system can be made. In order for the vehicle registration to be renewed, the vehicle must return to the test center and pass the tests.

This process, which is hoped will greatly decrease the air pollution in West Michigan, is being viewed as too costly and a waste of time by many Michigan residents. Aquinas students joined with area colleges in the eighth annual re-creation of King Jr.'s March for Freedom last Monday that commemorated the slain leader.

Leading the march was Aquinas President R. Paul Nelson, Academic Vice President of Compassion College, Robert Suggs, and Vice President of Instructional and Administration Services for Grand Rapids Community College, Pat Pulliam.

"This is the first time it hasn't been snowy, slushy or unusual!" quipped Nelson moments before the march headed down the sidewalk in groups of four.

The crowd of over two hundred marched briskly from the fieldhouse and up through Monroe Mall to the sweet sound of young voices singing "We Shall Overcome."

"He was a great leader of African/Americans," said twelve-year-old Mia Yulah Dartee from Jackson Park Middle School whose parents look at the fieldhouse downtown. "He deserves the best."

"We owe him a thank you for this day." said Anisha Pruitt, 14. "I would like to be an African/America leader someday."

Her friend, Schera Swagerty, 12, felt he was the best leader they ever were. "If I could, I would like to thank him personally," she said.

Sgt. Charlotte Louis, from the GRPD, spoke on taking back our neighborhoods and the shocking things she sees as on a daily basis that make her cry.

"These are the things that move me so get involved," she said in a speech that urged us all to take the unity of the service out into our daily lives.

Elia Lampkins, Dean of Student Services at GRCC, said the march continues to grow with support from area colleges, universities and schools.

"When you see the kids, it's beautiful."
Professor-in-the-College
Mike Williams

Course offerings from Dr. Michael Williams were conspicuous by their absence in the Registrar's class listings for the fall of '94. Williams, whose official title, Professor-in-the-College, allows him to normally teach an interdisciplinary load focusing on philosophy, education, and urban studies, was compelled to put his desire to educate on hold for a semester and focus on completing his second book, *The Parent Centered Early School: Highland Community School*. Williams has been engaging in the actual information gathering and writing processes for the book since 1989.

"I see the book as kind of the final chapter in my work at Highland Community School," said Williams of the small, inner-city Montessori school that he helped found in Milwaukee, Wisconsin 25 years ago. "Its purpose is to show the school as a model for public education in an urban environment.

Besides employing the Montessori ideal of education—fostering individuality and creativity in children, Highland's story is unique for a number of reasons. The school focuses on the values of cultural diversity and community, which, as Williams said, "is tough to pull off, getting people to do their own thing, yet live and learn together."

After heading the school for five years, financial necessity dictated that Williams accept a position at Aquinas College. Since coming to AQ in 1974, he has stayed in contact with Highland, and, in 1988, he attended the school's 20th reunion. A moving experience that sparked within him the desire to tell Highland's story.

"The creation of the school represents for me one of my major life's works," said Williams. "Writing the book brings that full circle." He added, "Not that my teaching at Aquinas isn't my life's work. I love it here, but the school and book are unique."

In 1992, Williams completed the first draft of the manuscript for *The Parent Centered Early School: Highland Community School* in Milwaukee. It was submitted to Teacher's College Press, but returned for improvement. So Williams applied for a sabbatical from the college, which was granted for the fall semester of 1994. The book is now complete and Williams is eagerly awaiting a response from the publisher.

Williams commented on his feelings about the state of the book: "It's good," he said, "now I feel like I'm a true writer."
Minimum Wage Increase In the Works

By Sarah Mieras
Times Contributing Writer

How many of us have worked for minimum wage? How many of us have, or are, flipping burgers, pumping gas, answering phones and taking orders for minimum wage, or slightly above it? How many of us are aware of the bare minimum that $4.25 an hour provides?

Due to the rising cost of living, President Clinton has recently proposed an increase in the federalally mandated wage of up to a dollar an hour. However, the raise is not yet official, and Clinton's aides are uncertain what he will settle for a hike of less than a dollar.

What could an increase in the minimum wage mean? In Michigan, its effects will most likely be slight, since many typical minimum wage jobs such as fast food restaurants are already paying above the minimum wage.

Jessica Kalmiwicki, an Aquinas sophomore who has worked in the fast food industry, said, "Past food just doesn't pay enough. It isn't easy work, a lot of what you have to do is manual labor type stuff." She continued to discuss what a raise in the minimum wage would mean for companies. "A raise in the minimum wage will get more people to live on. People can be working full paying job market will get more money for the employees will help the employers keep their turnover rate down, which is better for them in long run," she said.

Mike Leal, a manager of a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant and a student at GRCC, expressed his frustrations about being able to keep employees for any period of time. "I think we just don't pay people enough to keep them here. I mean who wants to do this? It isn't glorious or anything, especially for only $4.25. So we spend half of our time training new employees. If we paid more, maybe people would stay, and then the low paying job market will get more competitive," he said.

Leaf also talked about how the rising cost of living affects minimum wage earners. He said, "The minimum wage isn't enough for people to live on. People can be working full time and still be too poor to survive; that just isn't right."

However, Carol Bateman, a continuing education student, doesn't believe that the cost of living has increased that much since the last minimum wage hike in 1991. "It just hasn't gone up that much, it's fine the way it is," she said.

Whether or not the increase goes through Congress, critics agree that the job market in Michigan will not be affected too much, since Michigan is at an all time low in jobless rates. Which is short, means that a majority of people looking for jobs already have jobs and are in search of higher wages, and since most employers are already paying above the minimum wage an increase will have little effect.

Mackers Replace Hoops As New CBA Mascot

By Jeff Maloney
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The new ownership of the Grand Rapids CBA basketball team, the Mackers, has brought excitement to the Welsh Auditorium this season. With only half of the 28 home games already played, there are plenty of games to see this year at Mackerville (a.k.a. the Welsh Auditorium.)

After the January 10 win in Mexico City over the Mexico Artecas, the Mackers sport a 14-10 record. First year coach and former Ball State University coach Dick Humaker has led the team to a 10-4 record in December. Currently, the Mackers are in third place in the Midwestern Division of the American Conference. They are two games behind the Quad City Thunder, and just one game behind the second-place Chicago Rockers. Team captain and former Detroit Piston Carl Thomas who spent his college days at Eastern Michigan University, is back in Grand Rapids for his fourth season. Thomas recently set a new CBA record with nine three-pointers in a single game against Quad City on January 4 at the Welsh.

Mackenzie Kennedy, a former teammate of Thomas at EMU, is back on the team to help bolster the front-court. Dave Johnson, a former Portland Trailblazer and Chicago Bull is averaging nearly 20 points per game.

Steve Thompson, a former Syracuse star is averaging 20 points and six assists per game.

The new Mackers will not only offer you excitement on the court during the game, but in between quarters as well. The Paper Airplane Toss between the first and second quarters, where the person who gets their airplane closest to the Calder logo at center court wins a gift certificate to the Mackers souvenir stand, is one of many contests that take place during home games at the Welsh.

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The Mackers start a five-game home stand with a game against the Fort Wayne Fury on Tuesday, January 17, at 7:05 pm. Single-game tickets range from $7.00 for Gus Lot tickets, to $40.00 for the Nicholson seats.

As Gus says, "If these seats are good enough for Jack, why change the name?" Fifty tickets for the February 7 game against the league-leading Sioux Falls Skyforce will be available through the Student Activities Office the first week of February. Come on you Mackers Fans, support Gus and the boys, and who knows, maybe you might get to meet Gus himself.
Prayer In Schools?

By Melissa Wysoczki
Times Contributing Writer

Every year, as high school commencements take place across the country, the age-old question of whether prayer at commencement should be allowed arises. This year the question of religion in the public sector has surfaced a few months early with an article recently published in a Sunday issue of The Grand Rapids Press. The Press announced the results of a survey conducted among 600 individuals asking their opinion on whether they would support voluntary moments of silent prayer in public schools. Sixty three percent of those polled were in favor of allowing for voluntary moments of silent prayer in public schools.

President of the Grand River Elementary PTA Kim Gonzalez commented in The Grand Rapids Press that "Kids have lost faith as it is, once they get used to it, it would be fine."

The question, however, is not whether the students would get used to it, but rather if students should have to get used to such a change. Freedom of religion is guaranteed to all Americans in the First Amendment of the Constitution, which reads, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or the free exercise thereof..."

With the first amendment in mind, the Supreme Court has already had to render judgement on exactly what constitutes too much religious influence in a public school. Rulings in both 1962 and 1985 have banned the reading of prayers and moments of silence designated for meditation and prayer in public schools, citing both acts as having too much of a religious nature for a public school.

Such rulings echo the opinions of some Aquinas students who do not believe religion belongs in public schools. Molly Caldwell believes, "calling on God is not for everyone. I'm not Catholic, I don't want to, they should do so on their own time."

Joel Walen offered his opinion by commenting, "Public schools shouldn't involve God. Sure, freedom of religion is freedom of religion, but there's a time and place for everything." According to another Aquinas student, Carrie Iwankowitich, church, is not the only place for God. "God is not only part of your church life, but your everyday life." One student who would be in support of having a private moment sees little difference between a new law and the current law. The current law allows teachers to call for moments of silence as long as they are not specifically designated for prayer. "The only difference would be that a teacher would be announcing this time as one in which students could partake in individual, private prayer," remarked Sean Cramer.

The term "voluntary" was a key factor, however, for many students when voicing their opinions. Jill Veenstra offered that it is "everyone's own choice to pray, and if it's voluntary, then I don't see why you can't do it, regardless of what you are."

Colleen Gilginas displayed her concern for such a law when she offered her own thoughts. "Voluntary private moments of silence would allow students who want to pray to do so individually and silently and those who do not want to, to abstain without being pressured into doing something they don't want to," she said.

In addition to these opinions is the view of Rico Cammon, who would also support such a measure. "I believe it allows students to stand and reflect on their God they should have the right to," he said.

Just as current laws protect students in public schools who do not wish to practice their religion, what about those who come from a religious background, Catholic or otherwise, yet can't attend a private school due to financial constraints? Should they be discouraged from their beliefs? Such was the concern of Aquinas student Angela Churilla. "If prayer is part of a child's background and is allowed as a voluntary choice in public schools, the child should be allowed to pray. Since it would be voluntary, others wouldn't have to participate if they didn't want to," offered Churilla. After all, the constitution does grant American citizens the right to believe in and practice whatever faiths they choose.

Jennifer Leet still hesitated in her opinion in regards to this issue. "It depends," commented Leet, "but I couldn't see it happening at my high school. No one would take it seriously."

Religion, however, is a serious issue, and just how it fits in with public education demands careful and serious consideration. This consideration currently rests upon those in the new Republican controlled U.S. Senate. The Senate is expected to vote on a proposed constitutional amendment which would allow for prayer in schools by July Fourth of this year.

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John Proulx

By Curt Wozniak
Times Assistant Features Editor

If your first impression of freshman John Proulx is something like "My, what a relaxed, yet sophisticated young man," then that is quite a testimonial to the general accuracy of first impressions.

Proulx, whose name, French in origin, is pronounced, "proo," survived some childhood teasing brought about by his unusual surname virtually unscathed. "Kids used to call me 'Pepe le Proulx,'" the Grand Rapids native said with a nostalgic smile. Proulx graduated from Catholic Central High School and, although his home is less than a ten minute drive from campus, he enjoys the independence and social interaction that campus life offers. Although he accepted a scholarship to play tennis at Aquinas, more attracted him to AQ than solely the opportunity to compete in his favorite sport.

"By going to Aquinas, I can keep my jobs in the area," explained Proulx. "When you're in music, you have to work up a reputation . . . staying in Grand Rapids nurtures that." John Proulx's reputation is that of a gifted young jazz pianist with a satiric voice, and those jobs include playing piano at Ann's Restaurant during the week, local churches on weekends, and occasional parties or receptions throughout the year.

A degree in music from Aquinas and the career objective of "jazz pianist" await Proulx, whose love of jazz is deeply established. "A lot of kids our age are into all this 'Alternative' music," said Proulx, "so I guess it might seem a little strange that I listen to so much jazz, but the way you learn is by listening." Proulx points to Oscar Peterson, Monte Alexander, Oliver Jones, and Harry Connick, Jr. as some of his musical influences, but his major inspiration was closer to home. Proulx's grandfather was a jazz guitarist. His parents are also musically inclined.

When asked if he believed that he was using his talents for good or not evil, Proulx responded, "It brings me happiness and, hopefully, it brings happiness to others, too, so I think that it's good. I suppose if I hit too many wrong notes things could turn evil." If you've happened to catch Proulx with the AQ Jazz Band, Vocal Jazz Group, Concert Choir, Improv Groups, or any of his numerous other gigs, you know that there's not much chance of that.

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Disclosure has been hyped as one of Hollywood’s “controversial” films (that is, it deals with graphic issues regarding sex), a la Basic Instinct or Fatal Attraction, both of which also starred Michael Douglas. However, Disclosure does little more than rehash its predecessors, except with less depth in the character department, and in a more boring manner.

Plot-wise, the film involves Douglas as a highly-competent computer programmer whose ex-lover (Demi Moore) becomes his supervisor. Of course, there’s tension between the two, which results in the “big scene” where Douglas is sexually harassed.

The film goes downhill from here. Douglas then faces the possibility of losing his job, not just because Moore accuses him of sexual harassment, but as a result of his apparent incompetence on the job. The company they work for is also on the verge of a huge merger, and the impending harassment lawsuit could hamper the business.

We, the audience, are supposed to sympathize with Douglas, since he is the victim. We’re also supposed to cheer as when all his problems are solved by some pretty amazing coincidences. Why can’t real life be like this? The film wraps up so neat and tidy, and everyone is happy, except the audience, who should be tired of this cliched garbage.

Moore is just going through the motions here. Her character is a stock Hollywood stereotype; she’s remorseless, evil, shallow, and unrealistic. The only thing upsetting about this film is how it mercilessly manipulates the audience into hating Moore and feeling sorry for Douglas. Even a minor role by Dennis Miller can’t save this film, since he’s inserted just to sell jokes for comic relief.

The only thing that Disclosure has going for it is Douglas. His character does show a degree of subtlety and realism when he finds difficulty fending off Moore’s seductive moves. Douglas does his best with a mildly interesting character.

Disclosure is basically an unchallenging, vapid, no-brainer of a film. The reverse sexual harassment issue could be dealt with in a much more realistic manner, instead of dumb luck playing a bigger role in the story than the characters. Disclosure is, at its best, moderately entertaining.

By Joe Stimac
Times Assistant Editor

A benefit to being an editor, other than hanging around Zuke, is that we get to write our own column. As I am sure you have noticed, the heading on my column is “Small Corners and New Orders.” Why did I choose this to be my column, I will never know. I like the idea of small corners, I get quite used to them in school. New Orders? Well, I liked New Order and I needed a half figure. I will probably never run for any office and if I do, I will not be afraid to express myself within the natural limitations of grammar rather than political ones. Personally I would rather type, or say “plants” rather than “botanical companions.” Call me lazy if you wish.

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Sports Editor

Due to the long break and conflicting schedules, the sports staff has been unable to get together to discuss the latest M.A.D.I. top 15 for this week's issue. Consequently, I thought I would take this time to bring to light some of the major sporting news that has occurred in the past several weeks.

January first and second—possibly the biggest sporting days for the entire year, Bowl Day. In which the Nebraska Cornhuskers under head coach Tom Osborne took the national title with a win over Miami in the Orange Bowl. I tend to disagree; I feel that Penn State should have at least been given a share of the title. Both teams were undefeated and faced equal levels of competition throughout the season. This, for about the tenth year in a row, brought up the point of a playoff system in College football. My younger brother had the idea that Nebraska and Penn State should meet in the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis, a neutral site, and play for the National Title: Why not?

Also, on the topic of football, the NFL is coming down to the Super Bowl between San Francisco and San Diego. We all know what the end of the pro season means: the sacrificial coaches. That’s right, the poor guy’s team who went 4-12 or 7-9 is held responsible for every dropped pass, fumble, missed block, and loss, is informed that he and the family should move to Canada because he’ll never coach in this league again. I realize that the owners want wins, and the eventual championship, but, without a few years and faith in a coach to develop a system, it will never happen. I’m not telling the owners and management what to do but it is not always the coaches; they are just a scapegoat. Oh, bye the way I pick the 49ers over the chargers by 12.

Now, on to the more important news that occurred in the past few days only. The NHL, commissioner Gary Betman and the player union boss Bob Goodnaw. The agreement was a “compromise” on both sides, with these key points:

- In the first three years of the agreement players may become free agents at age 32. The next three years of the deal, it is lowered to age 31. The players originally wanted 30 and the owners 32.
- Three salary arbitration walkways over each two-year period for players making at least $550,000, or more than two walkways in one year.
- First round draft picks are given a salary cap of $350,000, increasing annually.
- A draft for 19-year-olds; 18-year-olds are eligible to enter.

Recreational pay for the missed games was not included in the deal.

I welcome Hockey back with open arms and I’ll see you next time with another SportsLook.

By Rob LaSarre
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Amazing Games Offer New Athletic Entertainment

Are you getting tired of watching the same old sports (at least the ones that aren’t on strike) week after week? Do you crave something new and interesting? If you answered “yes” to both of these questions, then Amazing Games is for you. This television program is about as alternative a sports show as can be seen. Each episode showcases a different country and searches out games that range from the obscure to the obscene.

One recent show featured Spain as its country in the spotlight. Among the games that were covered was the “Running of the Bulls,” a yearly tradition of applied insanity. This consists of dressing those who wish to crowd-climbing daughter, “We knew early on that this event is that more people aren’t killed.

The gate to the pen is then thrown open and a huge holding pen where the bulls are kept. This consists of dressing those who wish to

While this particular event may not seem terribly impressive, some of the other games

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covered were much more interesting. These included people stacking, grass cutting, and handball. One of Spain’s top competitors in

By Adam Baxt
Times Staff Writer

For most of us Christmas is a time of rest and relaxation. It is also a time to sit back and say thanks. However, for the Aquinas Men’s basketball team, Christmas was just the opposite this year. The Saints shocked the basketball world on December 17 when they beat the much celebrated, and very much despised cross-town rival, the Calvin Knights.

“This win is truly one of the greatest in school and the school’s history,” said Coach Rick Albro. The win was also sweet revenge for the Saints.

Remember, on November 22 the Saints lost the Knights at Calvin with five minutes to play, only to lose by nine points. This time the Saints didn’t lose their composure. They used a steady defense and a textbook offense to achieve one of the greatest wins in school history. Senior Nate Newick, who led the Saints in scoring against Calvin, commented on the game.

“I have waited a long time to beat those guys. I feel we should have had them the first time, so this win was extra special.” Newick continued, “I just hope we finally got the respect we deserve.”

Riding the wave of emotion from the Calvin win, Aquinas traveled to Kalamazoo for the Hornet Classic Tournament. The winning streak continued as the Saints defeated the home Hornets before a hostile crowd. The game was a see-saw battle between two evenly matched teams. In the end the Saints defense shut down the Horners offense, clinching the tournament championship.

By Adam Baxt

On Saturday, January 7, the Saints were in the role of Cinderella again. This time they were in the breadbasket of a gym known as the Holland Civic Center. The Hope faithful were expecting an easy game, but in the first few minutes a pin could have been heard dropping onto the floor. The emotionally driven Saints came out firing, stunning the predominantly Flying Dutchmen crowd.

Soon however the Saints adrenalin ran low and the talents of the Dutchmen took over. The win streak was over.

On Wednesday, January 11, Aquinas took on the Saints from Siena Heights College to open the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) season. Aquinas was hoping that the momentum from the preconference season would help them against Siena. Myron Guyton scored a game-high 22 points and dished out four assists for the Saints.

Braz Wawrzyczek and Eric Smith poured in 12 and 10 points respectively. Freshman Paul Ulfig hauled down a team-high five rebounds, but all of it wasn’t enough as Aquinas fell to Siena 84-77. Even though the Saints lost, the conference season has just begun. The Saints have proved that they can play with and beat just about anyone. These Saints are ready to celebrate Christmas in July if that is what it takes to go to Nationals.

By Adam Baxt

Cure Your Winter Doldrums

• SKIING •
BITTERSWEET: Located in Orange (15 minutes north of Kalamazoo), 16 runs are available. Hours are 9:00-10:30 a.m.-noon, everyday and prices range from $13.25 to lift tickets and $10.15 for rentals. Snowboarders are welcome and rentals are available for $30.

BOYNE MOUNTAIN: Located two-and-a-half hours north of Grand Rapids, Boyne offers both cross-country and downhill skiing. There are 25 downhill trails and five lifts available. Hours are 9:00-4:30 a.m.-p.m. everyday with night skiing available on Friday and Saturday from 6:00-10:00 a.m.-p.m. Call 1-800-BOYNE for more information.

BOYNE HIGHLANDS: The Highlands offers downhill and seven lifts with night skiing available on 6:00-10:00 a.m.-p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Daily lift operations are 9:00-4:30 a.m.-p.m. Call 1-800-BOYNE for more information.

CANNONSBOURG: Located just 15 minutes north of Grand Rapids, Cannonsburg is open 10:00-10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10:00-10:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Lift tickets are $16 midweek, and $22 on weekends. Rentals are available for $10 midweek, and $12 on weekends. There is also a half pipe, and snowboard rentals available. Everyday college specials are available, including two for one lift tickets and $5 rentals.

Call 1-800-GO BOYNE for more information.

• ICE SKATING •
For those interested in skating in Grand Rapids, here are a few suggestions. BELKNAP ICE ARENA located on Coldbrook NE, as well as the new PATTERSON ICE ARENA located on Patterson SE, offer indoor skating opportunities. Call for rates and times.

Free skating is available throughout the city. MONROE PLAZA AMPHITHEATRE, MADISON PARK, and NORTH PARK all offer free outdoor skating. Also, MCKAY JAYCEE PARK and RICHMOND PARK offer both skating and hockey.

All city skating facilities are often from 4:00-9:00 PM on weekdays, and from 1:00-9:00 PM on weekends. Call the Parks and Recreation Hotline at 456-3699 for more information.

• SLEDDING •
Shooting in Grand Rapids is available at the following places: RICHMOND PARK; MULICK PARK; PINEY PARK; CALVIN COLLEGE; THE COMPOUND, which is located at 5365 Hall SE.
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