## **METRO-IOWA**

# TODAY Wednesday, Nov. 8

#### MUSIC

Asako Urushihara, violin, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall, University of Iowa; \$6.

#### **FILMS**

"The Great White Hope," 7:30 p.m., McRaith Auditorium, Mount Mercy College.

#### MEETINGS

8:30 a.m. — Cedar Rapids Board of Review, scheduled hearings until 4:30 p.m., City Assessor's Office, City Hall.

9 a.m. — Cedar Rapids City Council, council chambers, City Hall.

10:30 a.m. - Linn County Board of Supervisors, board room, Administrative Office Building.

- Hiawatha City 7 p.m. Council, City Hall. 7 p.m. - Linn County

Historical Review Committee, conference room, Administrative Office Building.

7 p.m. — Southwest Quadrant Committee, fourth-floor conference room, City Hall. 7 p.m. — Time Check/St. Patrick's Neighborhood Committee, Time Check Recreation Center, 1131 Fifth St. NW. 7:15 p.m. - Northwest Quadrant Committee, Time Check Recreation Center, 1131 Fifth St. NW.

#### **CITYLINE Calendar**

Call CITYLINE'S Calendar of Events (Category 8000) for more information: Cedar Rapids, 363-. 7000; Iowa City, 337-7000.



By Lisa Ann Williamson Gazette staff write

Today marks two months since the Sept. 8 murder of Cedar Rapids convenience store clerk Brian Schappert.

Though no big leads have broken, Shappert's death has not been forgotten. Not by the police, family, friends, or employer.

The calls to the Cedar Rapids detective bureau have dwindled to about one per week, from concerned people who offer information. "As long as we have calls coming in, there is a better chance that we can find the person or persons responsible," said Assistant Police Chief James Barnes.

He complimented the people of Cedar Rapids who came forward with information to contribute to the investigation. "This is the biggest kind of crime that could happen. It makes people angry and they want to see justice served. Nobody wants to solve



this crime more than we do," he

said. Schappert, 22, was murdered while working the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift at the Kum & Go store at 2743 Mount Vernon Rd. SE. Police said his throat was slashed in an apparent robbery.

Barnes and the two detectives working on the case remain optimistic. The detectives say they have interviewed numerous possible suspects, looked at hundreds of vehicles, and have followed leads from many phone calls.

Krause General Oil Company, owner of the convenience store, has offered a \$5,000 reward for any information leading to the arrest of a suspect.

Barnes said, however, that the reward is not a motivator for the people who have called.

The company also has had two group sessions of crisis management to allow Brian's fellow employees to air their grief and deal with some of their feelings. "Brian's murder affected many

employees in our organization," said Kyle Krause, company vice president. "From part-time clerks to the senior vice president. "We lost a friend and a valuable employee to an awful tragedy. It's not something we will ever forget," he said.

The company has arranged to continue crisis counseling on an individual basis for those who want to participate.

The store where Schappert was killed no longer operates 24 hours a day. Instead it is open 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Internal security measures have been tightened, Krause said, and a consultant has advised the company of additional security methods.

Gazette photo by John McIvor 'GREASE' AT WASHINGTON: The musical "Grease," about growing up in the 1950s, will be presented Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 in the Washington High School Auditorium. Among the cast members are, from left, Brook Kosek (as Sandy) and Matt Russell (as Danny) and, standing, Zach Helvey (as Kenickie). Tickets are \$4.50 for adults, and \$3.50 for students and senior citizens.

# C.R. asks state for **\$1 million for PMX**

#### By Heather Sloman Woodin Gazette City Hall reporter

Cedar Rapids is asking for \$1 million --- the maximum request allowable — in state funds to help PMX Industries locate at Cedar Rapids.

Officials of Poongsan Corp. of Seoul, South Korea, announced Friday they had selected Cedar Rapids as the site for their first North Amercian copper and brass mill. The \$124 million project will employ 700 people in four or five years, officials said.

The Cedar Rapids City Council today will approve an application to the state for \$1 million from the lottery-funded Community Economic Betterment Account. The Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED) never has approved the maximum \$1 million award for a single project, according to Todd Bergen, project specialist for the Cedar Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce. The IDED board meets Nov. 16 to consider the request.

The application is for a forgivable loan, which means the state will not require repayment if PMX meets its anticipated employment. The money will be used as a down payment on the purchase of the 525,000-square-foot Harnischfeger building at 5300 Harnischfeger Dr. SW, Bergen said. PMX will remodel and expand the plant over the next two years, creating a large number of construction jobs.

The city's contribution to the project is a five-year tax abatement, estimated at \$255,150. In addition, the city will make improvements to 60th Avenue SW and Harnischfeger Drive. City officials will request an undetermined amount from the state's RISE (Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy) account to pay for up to 80 percent of those improvements.

CRANDIC officials may request a RISE grant to pay for rail improvements in the area, Bergen said. Iowa Land and Building, a real estate subsidiary of IE Industries, is financing the purchase of the plant and will forgive the first \$400,000 in interest.

CHILD CARE! In Sunday's Gazette learn more about the family issue of the '90s: Quality child care at affordable prices. It's an issue that is increasingly involving businesses, governments and in Iowa, public schools.

In today's world 57 percent of all women with children under 6 work outside the home, compared with 12 percent in 1950. Staff writers Sue Davis Smith, John Kirsch and Kurt Rogahn will take an in-depth look at these problems in a series on child care starting Sunday, November 12.

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### Linn-Mar band playing at Freedom Bowl

The Linn-Mar High School band and is expecting 18 incoming

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will accept an invitation to perform at the Dec. 30 Freedom Bowl in Anaheim, Calif., it was decided at last night's school board meeting.

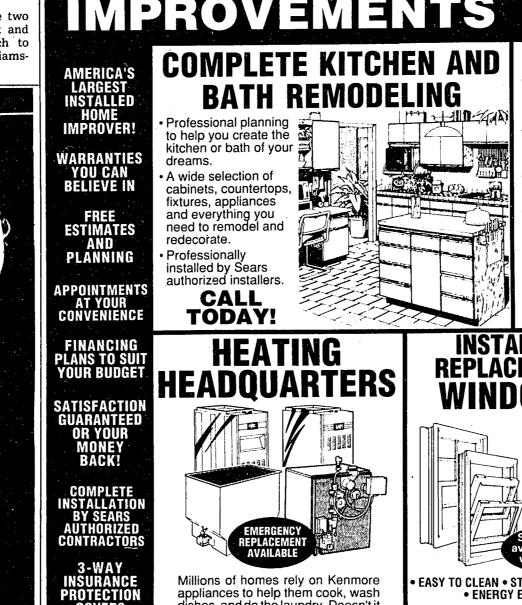
Band Director Steve Colton told the board the trip, costing \$500 per student, would be undertaken without additional cost to the district. Hearing no objection, Superintendent Glen Easterday said he would approve the trip.

Easterday also reported he has approved six outgoing transfers

transfers under Iowa's new Open Enrollment Act. The transfers are distributed relatively equally throughout all grade levels.

The board approved 13 incoming transfers, 12 from Marion Independent and one from Central City. Another five are expected from Cedar Rapids. Outgoing transfers include two

each to Marion Independent and Cedar Rapids and one each to College Community and Williamsburg.



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