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U.S. hostages may be held in Iran

By Mohammed Salam
The Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Some of the eight American hostages in Lebanon have been taken to Iran, where a powerful anti-American faction wants to put them on trial, a Beirut weekly magazine reported Saturday.

Ash-Shiraa, which last year broke the story of secret U.S. arms sales to Iran, added that a more moderate Iranian faction favors freedom for the hostages, but only in return for U.S. weapons bought by Iran and never shipped.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Pete Martinez said, "if such reports were indeed true, we would consider it a matter of the utmost gravity and would hold the Iranian government directly responsible for the safety and well-being of the hostages."

"The very notion of a 'trial' for the hostages is outrageous," he added. He renewed U.S. demands that American hostages be freed, saying they are innocent victims.

Al-Ittihad, a semi-official newspaper in Abu Dhabi, meanwhile said that missing Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite was

twice taken to Iran for talks with officials. The paper did not say if Waite was still in Iran.

The Lebanese magazine said Hussein Ali Montazeri, the man chosen by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini to succeed him, "demands that the American hostages ... be brought to trial, especially since some of them have already been taken to Iran."

ASH-SHIRAA, which reportedly has good sources in the Iranian government, attributed its information to unnamed sources "close to Montazeri's office" in the holy city of Qom.

The American hostages in Iran are "being subjected to thorough interrogations by the Iranian intelligence under the direct supervision of Minister of Security and Intelligence Sheik Mohammad Mohammadi Rey Shahri," the magazine said.

Rey Shahri's official title is minister of information.

The magazine indicated Montazeri and his radical followers have rejected the views of a top-level committee formed by Khomeini to supervise the negotiations for the foreign hostages' release.

Ash-Shiraa reported earlier this month

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The funeral music? It's Dire Straits

By George Houde
C-N Staff Writer

Under a bright blue sky, Timothy Roger Leo McNamee was memorialized and buried Saturday.

Hundreds of friends and relatives gathered to pay their respects in the small orchard next to his home. Birds sang. Men prayed. Women wept.

"Society has lost something," said Larry Harrington, former Scoutmaster of twin brothers Tim and Thomas McNamee and a longtime family friend.

At noon, 10 pallbearers, some in Hawaiian shirts, some in suits, some in both, carried the body of Tim McNamee from the log home he and his brothers built. He was dressed in a sports jersey with the number 12, black jeans and cowboy boots.

He lay on a simple wood platform covered with a bearskin, his head resting on the bear's head. The funeral bier was his vintage red Corvette and he was laid across it, shaded by apple trees.

The procession was led by Thom and Jake McNamee and law partner and friend Timothy

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Saxophonist Willie Bangek of J.P. and the Cats, helps Fountain Square Plaza. The food and entertainment provide some of the entertainment on the Centrum gala continues from noon to 9 p.m. today featuring stage during Saturday's Enjoy Elgin celebration in Christian and Gospel music. More photos, page

Papal tone draws fire

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Two ranking Communist Party officials met with Pope John Paul II in Poland's holiest shrine Saturday and



USS Stark attack 'waiting to happen'

By Dave Skidmore

an incident like this has not oc-

●McNamee —a lawyer, Irishman

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Mahoney.

Funeral music was by Dire Straits.

BESIDES HIS family, in attendance were judges, police officers, civic leaders, politicians, professional athletes, models, business associates and softball and football buddies. There were handsome men and beautiful women.

Irish flags were displayed. Several hundred cars of every size and make were parked in the empty field next to the house. Motorcycles were parked in the yard.

The sweet smell of new-mown hay drifted in the air.

The Rev. Edward Gillespie, the superintendent of St. Edward's High School when McNamee graduated in 1970, led the mourners in prayer. McNamee's father, brothers and several friends and associates commemorated him with accolades, anecdotes and tears.

"I'm here to say goodbye to my oldest son," said Roger McNamee. "No one worked or played harder."

"This is his wish. This is what he wanted," said John Skillman, former Carpentersville police chief, referring to the memorial service. "For those of you who didn't know what an Irish wake is, you got a taste of it last night."

The wake at the home on Illinois 31 just south of Algonquin Friday night drew hundreds of friends and acquaintances. At one point, there was nearly a two hour wait in the line to pay last respects.

McNamee, 34, was found Tuesday morning shot to death at the hand of an unknown assailant. Police are investigating the murder. Friends and family have said that he had no known enemies.

"A more honorable man in the bar association we could not find," said circuit court Judge Gene Nottolini. "When Tim was in the courthouse, everyone knew he was in the courthouse and I mean that in a positive sense."

"Tim was my Irish brother, I was his Greek brother," said George Karas, owner of Village Quire Restaurant in West Dundee. "For us, Tim will never die."

Known as "Mackers" by friends, McNamee was born Nov. 17, 1952, in Chicago, one of 11 children. His mother was Joanne Mulvey McNamee. The parents are



Friends, above, kneel by the vintage red Corvette and wood platform that serve as the funeral bier for attorney Tim McNamee as they pay their last respects Saturday morning. At right, Tim Mahoney, in dark jacket, McNamee's partner in their Carpentersville law firm, stands by Tim McNamee's twin brother, Thom.



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now divorced.

From the start, the twin McNamee brothers, second oldest children in the family, were practically inseparable and shared a rough and tumble childhood in which they were kicked out of one Boy Scout troop after another until Harrington finally took them in and made them Eagle Scouts in Carpentersville Troop 54.

"They always paid their own way, through St. Ed's, through college," recalled Harrington, who would be only one of several men to shed tears during the eulogy. "Thom worked construction to support themselves while Tim struggled to get his law practice going. They're a good, tight old-fashioned Irish family. They helped their sisters with their weddings. They helped their brothers through school."

The log home—a home obviously built by bachelors for bachelors—is decorated with mementos and photos of McNamee equipped with a handsome grin and the

matching eyes of a rogue.

There are photos of Tim and Thom everywhere; at a beach, on a boat, at the U.S. Mint, on a vacation, at a party. In one photo, they both have mustaches. In another, they no longer have mustaches but both wear glasses. Sometimes they have long hair, sometimes short.

"IN THE photos, you can usually tell which one is Tim," said a friend. "He always smiles."

The twins went through high school together, college together and law school together.

From a photo album dated 1981: "Merry Christmas Timmy. Love, Mom." It is filled with baby photos, growing up photos, teenage photos. There are news clips: Thursday, Feb. 4, 1971, "Two Brothers Earn Eagle Scout Rank."

The brothers gaze out from the faded Courier-News photo in unison, wearing identical badges and insignia, the same uniforms, hair

style and eye glasses, inseparable brothers and buddies. Leafing through the pages gives the archeological testimony of not only one man's life, but that of two men, and of those that were and remain close to them.

Known as a "people's lawyer" and not a "big money lawyer," McNamee worked long hours and played softball and football. He led a flamboyant and dashing lifestyle, but always had time for friends and those in trouble, said those who knew him. A handsome All-American type, he was admired by men and liked by women.

"My brother was a fearless and tenacious champion of the people. He was a rebel," Thom McNamee told those gathered at the service. "He told me that when you die, you leave two things—your friends and your name. Mackers left us wealthy as friends."

"And he told me that one person's death can inspire another's life."

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the first kidney would probably show signs of rejection sooner or later because it was from a cadaver," said Wiewel, who was 10 years old when the first transplant was performed.

The transplanted kidney lasted longer than expected, but about four years ago, Wiewel, (then known as Sandy Schlieben) began to show signs of chronic rejection. She knew she would soon have to find a kidney donor and that her sister, who was too young to donate for the first surgery, would be a likely candidate.

Wiewel called her sister last Christmas and told her she might need her help.

"It was Christmas and I guess I was in the spirit of giving," Benike joked. "She said she might need another kidney and I told her, no problem, you can have one of mine. Two weeks later, she called back to take me up on it."

BENIKE, A nursing student who works as a nursing assistant, talked to doctors, nurses and kidney patients and learned that donating a kidney was not experimental surgery and that chances were excellent she would recover and lead a fully normal life with one kidney. Reassured, she decided to help her sister.

"I figured it as a gift from God," she said. "He gave me the opportunity to do this for her; to expand her life and give her a better quality life. I wasn't able to do anything before and that was frustrating."

A series of blood tests, psychological evaluations and tissue sampling followed to determine if the women's tissues were compatible and whether they were mentally ready for the stress of the surgery. Wiewel was injected with her sister's blood a quarter of a pint at a time and periodically tested to see if she was building up antigens to the blood.

Any positive blood test would have meant the presence of antigens and a great likelihood that Wiewel would reject her sister's kidney. The tests went on until two days before the surgery, and fortunately, all the results were negative.

"I WAS SURE something was going to go wrong, but Sherri was really optimistic," Wiewel recalled. The surgery went smooth-

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