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being questioned by the FBI late Wednesday, reportedly about 10 of the deaths of 28 young blacks slain in Atlanta in the last 22 months, sources said.

One source, who asked to remain anonymous, said the man was taken into custody earlier in the day on the basis of evidence gathered from court-approved electronic surveillance devices placed both on his automobile and at his home.

The same source said FBI agents were seeking another court order late Wednesday to obtain samples of the man's body fluids.

The FBI would neither confirm nor deny the reports. City police also refused official comment.

But there was activity at the storefront office housing the special police task force that was formed to investigate the slayings that date back to July 1979, and reporters and camera teams jammed every entrance of the FBI's local office.

Earlier Wednesday, on the Public Broadcasting System's MacNeil-Lehrer Report, FBI Director William Webster said he was "optimistic" about progress in the case.

"We are not without leads," Webster said. Atlanta Turn to Page 7

Ms. Patri ready to begin new life

By Dorothy Austin

Red roses trembled in Jennifer Patri's lap as her press conference began here Wednesday.

"I haven't had roses for a long time," said the 35-year-old Wau-paca farm woman who served 3 years of a 10-year sentence for manslaughter in the shooting death of her husband in March 1977. During the trial, she was portrayed as the classic battered wife who shot her husband after years of domestic abuse.

Ms. Patri was paroled from Taycheedah Correctional Institution and went to her brother's farm near Weyauwega Tuesday.

In a small conference room packed with reporters and television cameras, she sat, shaking, next to her attorney, Alan D. Eisenberg, 831 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Asked about her children, Lori 16, and Dawn, 15, she said, "I didn't see them until yesterday morning, 6 a.m., and they went about the normal routine of getting off to school."

Ms. Patri said she arrived at 1:30 a.m. Tuesday and did not wish to wake them, because it was exam week.

Her nervousness diminished as questions continued. She paused before each answer, thinking, and chose her words carefully. Ms. Patri seldom smiled except when talking about getting a job.

She wore a new hairdo, a cool print dress and white sandals. She looked sunburned and healthy. She wore no makeup.

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Rare crane hatching in Baraboo

Special to The Sentinel

Baraboo — The first Siberian crane chick bred in captivity was tediously poking its way through its eggshell in an incubator at the International Crane Foundation here Wednesday night.

The mother is a crane named Hirakawa, who was blown off her migratory route and obtained from Japan, said Scott Freeman, the foundation's education director.

The paternity is in doubt, Freeman said. It could be either Wolf, a 65-year-old crane who has been a foundation resident for several years, or Tillman, a younger Siberian imported last year from West Germany, Freeman said.

A Sandhill crane actually did the sitting, Freeman said. George Archibald, foundation director, called the event "a very historic hatch."

Siberian cranes are on the endangered species list. About 150 of the birds are believed to exist throughout the world.

Archibald said a Siberian chick at the St. Louis Zoo in the 1950s did not survive.

A video camera was zeroed in on the chick, documenting its arrival, which is expected sometime Thursday.

Freeman said the chick "pipped" through the eggshell Wednesday morning. Crane Turn to Page 8

3 Catholic priests tell of struggle with personal, career problems

Fourth of a series

Three priests talk about their homosexuality; one tells of his struggle; another recounts his suspension and the hatred he experienced; the third tells of troubles that have left him isolated.

Think of him as Jim. He doesn't want his real name used because he doesn't want his parents hurt.

Jim is a Catholic priest. He has had a male lover, but now is mulling over the idea of a "completely celibate life."

Yet, he says, the possibility exists that he will meet a man willing to share a sexual relationship — "an honest one."

Jim is 35. He doesn't live in Wisconsin.

He says he is at peace with himself after many years of struggling, of "living that part of my life in the dark," of thinking of himself as an outlaw.

When Jim was in high school he hadn't been able to put a label on his sexuality.

"But in terms of a feeling, yes, I

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knew I was different. There was that fear of being different, especially if you'd hear jokes about being gay or queers or fags. There was a sexual feeling and a sexual kind of energy that I definitely knew was directed toward people of my own sex. But I wouldn't admit it to myself or even

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dare think that, 'Am I a homosexual?'"

He attended a seminary high school.

Acknowledging his homosexuality was gradual, "like trying out the water step by step, and eventually you pass through that line, wherever it is... and you keep growing in it. At least I did."

Eventually, he had stepped over an imaginary boundary, "acknowledging something that I knew was al-

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