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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 B. 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 Hira-kawa, 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 Tilliman, 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.

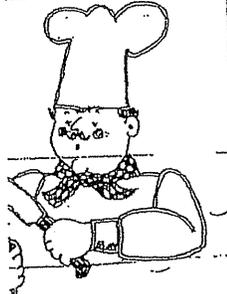
"But in terms of a feeling, yes, I dare think that, 'Am I a homosexual?'"

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 always there." Clerics Turn to Page 7

Information for this series on homosexuality and the clergy was compiled by Milwaukee Sentinel reporters Dan Patrinos, Ron Legro, Jim Bednarek and John Fauber.

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He says his "coming out" wasn't like "Superman ripping off his clothes and saying, 'here I am, I was taking one step at a time.'"

"I told my bishop because I thought it was politically smart to do that. He respected me as an individual and he trusted me," Jim figured it was better to tell the bishop before somebody else did.

Later, Jim moved to another diocese. He told his new bishop he was a homosexual.

He's now in an ecclesiastical limbo, doing some secret work and picking up the pieces that will earn him his living. Recently, he received a promotion from another bishop to do some church work.

"My impression is that the bishop is aware that this is going on and it has to be faced as a private matter. But if a man makes it a public matter, then obviously he (the bishop) will have to uphold the standards of the community," he said.

Jim says he hasn't reconciled his view of celibacy with his lifestyle.

"I believe that celibacy is truly a vocation, but I have that charism," he says. "I don't know, but I think I'm capable of it. I'm not sure I want to be celibate. It's a legitimate spiritual tool in the Christian tradition. And

discuss whether he was sexually active, he said.

"What happened next was the worst part of my life," he said.

Students called him "faggot" and "queer" as he walked around campus. "He was an alcoholic who couldn't face the fact that he was gay. I decided that I could no longer afford to be the same thing — to suppress my sexuality from my life. It was too self-destructive."

For years, a Wisconsin priest has lived on the edge of trouble.

He says he has been shunned and rebuffed by some of his colleagues in the Church. Life has left him stranded, isolated from others.

He is a homosexual. His attraction is to young men, usually teenagers. Even some homosexuals, with whom he shunned him.

His bishop is aware of him and his orientation. In fact, the priest has been seeing a psychologist.

So, he stands at the edge of the crowd, watching, waiting to see what will happen next.

In his present Wisconsin parish, he has been given few duties.

Wherever I go, it will always be the same. The same attractions, different names, different locations. How will it end? My story isn't finished. God isn't finished with me. What is my role? Is it to be a man? Or a priest? Or what? Is the noble act?

In an interview and a written account of his life, he said his orientation led to repeated problems and repeated transfers to new positions.

Friday: Living with fear and guilt.

His grade school years were not happy. "I didn't quite feel that I belonged. I didn't have a best friend. I wasn't one of the boys, and I was lauded for being a sissy."

He had his first homosexual contact in a seminary. The incident came to the attention of the rector. He was told he might not be ordained. But his bishop "decided that since this was a first occurrence, my ordination should not be delayed."

His first two assignments as a priest gave him teaching duties and responsibilities among young boys. Both assignments led to sexual involvements.

A series of other indiscretions and new assignments followed.

Finally, his home diocese in Wisconsin placed him in a parish where he fell in love with a youth.

"I didn't play any games. I told the truth. But people don't want to hear the truth."

Now, he is uncertain about his future.

Last November, he wrote a brief account of his life. His six, single-spaced typewritten pages ended with this:

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ways there. But now I was an outlaw. He felt anxious about being discovered. He was living a kind of jekyll-and-hyde existence, moving between the homosexual scene and seminary life.

"You acknowledge something that is very basic to you. . . . It keeps driving and driving and driving you towards people of your own kind."

His first step into the open was his resignation from a parish where he had been for several years after his ordination. The clash, he says, between his homosexual desires and those of the heterosexual church members became too great for him.

By then, he says, he was beyond the guilt stage, feeling that as an honest struggler, "this was an honest confession. I am a good person. I know that."

About the time he left the parish — but not the priesthood — he was in a bar, he calls it a marriage — that lasted two years.

During that time, he says, "I was beginning to realize . . . that my sexual self is a gift. . . ."

"I knew that if my lifestyle was wrong, it wasn't because of the sexual element. But it was because of the deceit and lying and everything else that was involved."



John and Jodie Enders will receive the 1981 Foster Family Award Thursday. The couple have brought 50 children into their homes over the years.

Love fills foster home

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cousin, Federation of Foster Parent Associations.