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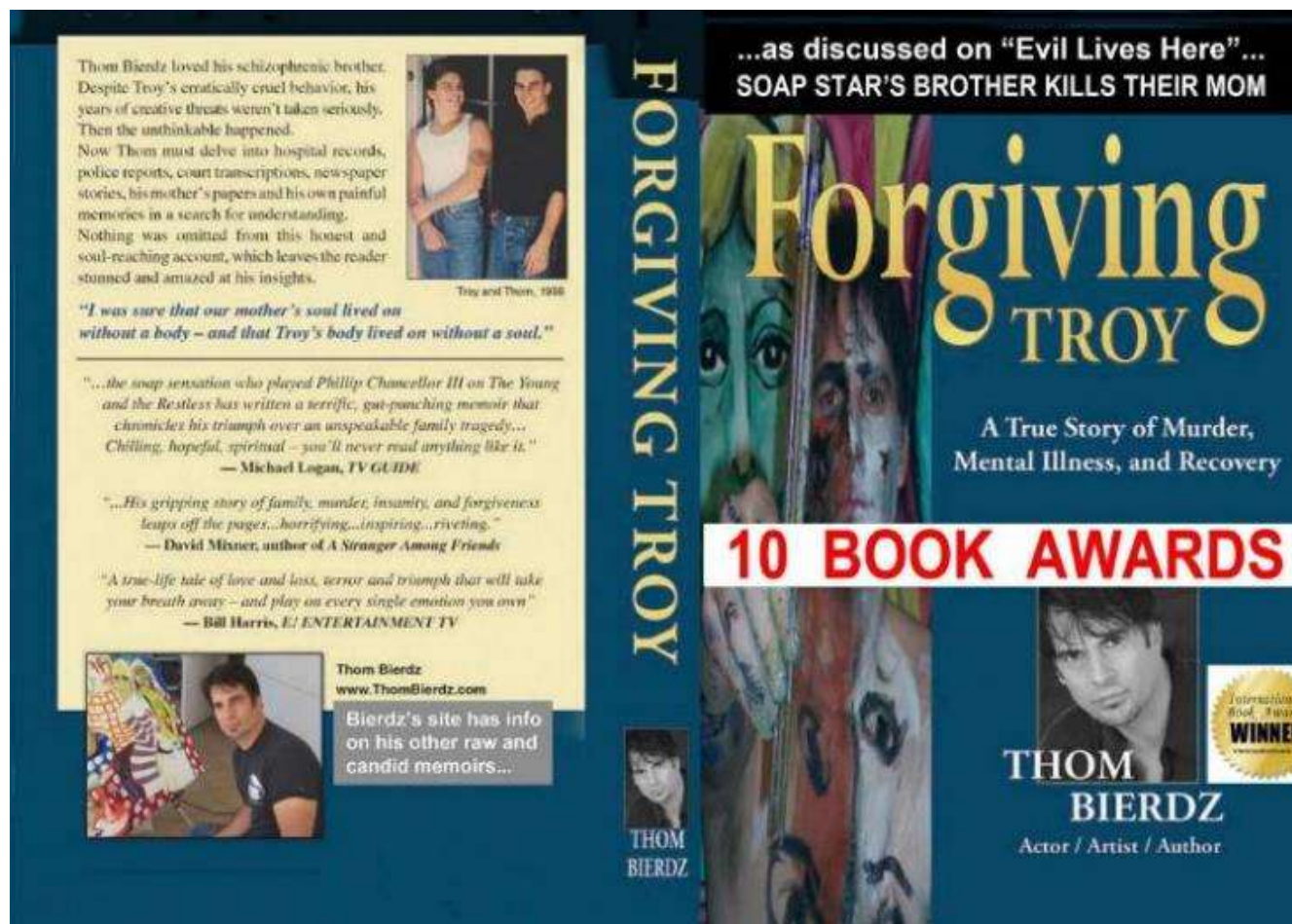


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NEWSPAPERS WHEN TROY KILLED HIS MOTHER



YOUNG & RESTLESS STAR'S MOM MURDERED — AND YOUNGER BROTHER IS PRIME SUSPECT

SOAP star Thom Bierdz has been caught up in a real-life horror story — his mother was murdered, and he thought he was next.

Phyllis Bierdz was found dead on the kitchen floor of her home in Kenosha, Wis., the weapon — an aluminum baseball bat — nearby. She'd been bludgeoned savagely, and police think his brother, 18-year-old Troy Bierdz did it.

They warned *The Young & Restless* star that his younger brother was at large and he could be next.

"I talked to Thom in California the day after the murder, and warned him that his brother might be heading that way," says Kenosha Police Lt. Dennis Conrad. "He was scared, because Troy had threatened him and another brother, Craig, in the past."

Bierdz, 24, left *Y&R* just three weeks ago after playing the alcoholic Phillip Chancellor for two years. His parents — Thomas Sr. and Phyllis — divorced when he was 12, and the split had a devastating effect, as the children bounced from mother to father and back again. "I couldn't get along with either of them for awhile," Bierdz says. "None of my brothers could."

But while Bierdz and his mom eventually became close, kid brother Troy got into more and more scrapes with the law.

"He was a bad one," says Lt. Conrad. "The last time he was up on charges, in April, everyone — except his mother — argued for a prison sentence. But the judge gave him probation and time in a halfway house."

In fact, Troy was on a "weekend pass" from the halfway house when the murder took place. He'd been charged with stealing his mother's car, but she'd pleaded with the judge to spare him any prison time.

"The other family members and friends wanted to lock him up, and the assistant district attorney wanted jail time, too," says Lt. Conrad.

Exactly one week after the murder, Troy was arrested in the border town of Laredo, Texas. "He was breaking into a car at a local shopping mall," says Lt. Conrad.

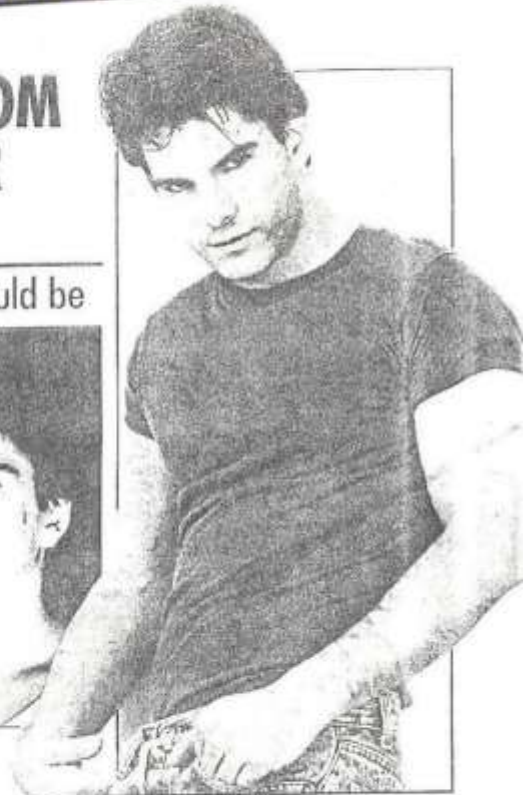
"After running a check on his identification, the arresting officer realized they had a murder suspect in custody. Now we're trying to extradite him back to Wisconsin on a first-degree murder charge."

Troy and his mom had had Friday night dinner at an aunt's house, then returned to their own white frame home about 8 p.m.

Six hours later, a bizarre phone call came in to the 911 emergency police line in Marion County, Illinois — about 250 miles southwest of Kenosha. The caller said: "This is Thom Bierdz. I killed my mother Phyllis."

Lt. Conrad suggests Troy was just trying to throw blame on his older

Thom Bierdz feared he would be the next target



Phyllis Bierdz, above, told friends she was afraid son Troy (center) would kill her someday. Friends say he was jealous of brother Thom (right).

brother. "Thom got all the attention," says Conrad, "and from where the call was made, it seemed that Troy was heading for California. So we called Thom and warned him."

Bierdz immediately left his Los Angeles home to stay with friends. When he arrived home for the funeral, he hired two bodyguards and the police provided additional protection for him and the family.

The Kenosha police put out an all-points bulletin for Troy Bierdz, an expert with knives and karate.

"He's told people he'd like to kill someone just to see what it felt like," says Conrad. "Ironically, even his mother told friends she was afraid he'd kill her someday."

Lt. Conrad says Kenosha (population: 80,500) has fewer than five murders a year. "It was a terrible scene in that kitchen," he recalls. "It looked like Mrs. Bierdz might've been trying to escape out the back door, and the killer caught her and hit her once by the door, then dragged her back near the stove and hit once or twice again."

The murder occurred just two weeks after Troy had telephoned his brother, threatening his life. "Thom didn't really take it seriously," says an insider. "He'd had trouble with Troy before. I think Troy was jealous of Thom's success."

Bierdz is back in Los Angeles, and according to an associate: "Thom and his brother Craig feel safer now, but the tragedy has been devastating."

"Things will never be the same in their lives. They can't even talk about it yet."

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Ed's jealousy turned to violence when he ran Linda's car off the road while

wasn't even at the studio. As police closed in, Phillips sprayed his truck with lubricant and set it afire — then aimed the gun at his chest and pulled the trigger. He died instantly. After the incident Kercheval issued a statement in which he said: "Information that we have received indi-

BIZARRE SUICIDE: Ed Phillips' body (arrow) is wheeled away after he set fire to a truck and killed himself on the lot where "Dallas" is filmed. Lawmen believe he was after Ken Kercheval (above).
Phillips was here with the intent to harm me and I thank God me and my family were spared that. My greatest sadness is for his children."
— MICHAEL GLYNN and DIANE ALBRIGHT

Soap Star Gets Death Threat From Brother Charged in Mom's Murder



"YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS" hunk Thom Bierdz with his mom, who was beaten to death with a baseball bat.

In one of the most chilling star-stalker cases, top soap opera hunk Thom Bierdz of "The Young and the Restless" was forced to spend a week in hiding — because his own brother had threatened to kill him!
What's more, the actor — best known to fans as the character Philip Chancellor — had a good reason

to be worried: His brother Troy is charged with beating their mother to death with a bat on July 15 . . . just a week after threatening Thom. "Thom was very concerned for his safety and was in hiding," said Capt. Robert Young, who investigated the murder that took place in Kenosha, Wis.
Troy, 19, has a history of run-ins with the law and was sent to live.

with Thom last year after their mom asked 27-year-old Thom to help his younger brother, said a friend of the actor.
But the boy got in trouble in California, too, and Thom sent him back to Wisconsin. "Troy hated Thom for sending him home," said the actor's friend. "About three weeks ago he phoned Thom and told him if he got the chance, he would kill him."
Fortunately, Troy was arrested in Laredo, Tex., on July 21 — six days after his mother was found dead.
— KEN POTTER



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Soaper's agony as his brother sought after mother's murder

POLICE have thrown a tight security blanket around terrified and grief-stricken soap star Thom Bierdz, after his 19-year-old brother allegedly bludgeoned their mother to death with a baseball bat.

The brutal killing of Phyllis Bierdz, 49, has forced the 23-year-old actor, who played Philip Chancellor on the Young and the Restless, into hiding. Police fear he could be his brother's next victim.

"Thom's brother Troy has threatened to kill him in the past," says a source close to the family, "just like he threatened their mother. Troy had told her that he might enjoy the sounds of her bones breaking."

The horrifying crime has rocked Thom's peaceful hometown of Kenosha, Wisconsin — but the grisly murder didn't shock people who knew Troy Bierdz.

TIMOTHY KINNEY, the murder suspect's childhood friend, says Troy dreamed of being front-page news.

"He said if something like this happened, he would go down fighting — there would be a bloodbath," Kinney says. Kenosha Police Cap-

tain Robert Young confirms that there is good reason to believe Troy is a walking time bomb. "He's unstable," says Young. "He's capable of anything."

Chillingly, another insider reveals that Phyllis Bierdz had handed over to authorities "poems, notes and drawings that Troy did,



Thom Bierdz & mom, Phyllis. Police fear he'll be next victim

depicting bloodbaths, killings and knifings."

Last December, Troy was charged with trying to choke a nurse at a mental health facility. Eerily, the nurse bore a striking resemblance to his 4-ft. 11-in., 90-lb. mother.

Thom remains under wraps — haunted by his last visit with his mother this spring.

"He's devastated he didn't stay longer," says a source close to the family. "Things might have been different."

— HUGO ROSS

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on location when Phillips stormed the Hollywood st and sprayed the sound with shotgun blasts. He turned the weapon on him-

Hostage

Police say a home straitjacket, plastic hands and a length of rope were on the scene, suggesting lips planned to take the hostage.

"He definitely wanted to front Kercheval over business arrangements," confirms City Police Sgt. Hank Davi-

In 1985, Kercheval became one-third partner in the Capital Popcorn Company with Ed and Linda Phillips.

But when the company ran into money troubles, she sold Kercheval their share of the business, which was worth, according to published reports.

Then, in April, 1988, she and Linda Phillips voted

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Wisconsin play catch-up with the rest of the state in rainfall totals, an agriculture official said.

"We're all smiling around here," said Peter Senn, Wisconsin director of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service in Madison.

Much of the state has enjoyed a relatively rainy growing season, but the fickle rains always seemed to skip southeastern Wisconsin, Senn said.

Until this week.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, rain clouds

Service station at Mitchell Airport above normal for July.

The May rainfall totals were 0.2 inches above normal, but June was dry, with rainfall totals 1.7 inches below normal.

Through Tuesday, the weather service reported a July total of 2.31 inches of rain, 0.19 inches above the normal of 2.12 inches for this date in July.

As of early Wednesday, the storm had dumped 1.36 inches of rain at the

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Agency is considering the measure as one way to cut ozone pollution throughout the region from Chicago north to Wisconsin, said David Kee, director of air programs for the EPA's Midwest regional office.

Other measures under consideration include:

- Producing gasoline that does not

Kenosha woman feared son in months before her death

By JOEL DRESANG
of The Journal staff

Kenosha, Wis. — After her son stole her car, tied shut the doors of her house and cut her telephone lines last October, Phyllis Bierdz told police that she feared for her life.

The young man had "threatened to kill someone, and his actions toward me meant I could be that someone," the terrified mother had said.

On Tuesday, Kenosha County authorities filed a criminal warrant accusing Troy A. Bierdz, 19, of having used a baseball bat to beat his mother to death over the weekend. Authorities said Bierdz was still at large Wednesday.

"We saw it coming. A lot of people saw it coming," said Lawrence Mahoney, a probation field officer familiar with Bierdz. "What happened is not too surprising to anyone who

dealt with this individual. His violent behavior was predictable."

Court documents and police reports reviewed Tuesday suggest Bierdz was on the verge of violence.

In October, after stealing his mother's car and leading authorities on a chase to Racine County and back to Kenosha, Bierdz locked himself in the car and let his wrists bleed after cutting them with knives, according to police reports.

Bierdz's mother had found poems, notes and drawings from Bierdz that depicted Satan worship, the reports say.

Shelly Rusch, Kenosha County assistant district attorney, recommended that Bierdz be sentenced to a maximum five years in prison for the theft of his mother's car and for fleeing police officers. He was sentenced in April to a year in jail and five years of probation.

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The Clark Oil and Refining Corp. on Chicago emits thousands of tons of ozone-forming

Mitchell Street Festival won't be held this year

By ANNE E. SCHWARTZ
of The Journal staff

The Mitchell Street Festival will not be held this year for the first time in 17 years, the Greater Mitchell Street Association acknowledged Wednesday.

The festival, once billed as "Wisconsin's Biggest Block Party," is a South Side tradition that attracted more than 70,000 people in 1986. More recent attendance figures were not available.

The event featured music, food and carnival rides and has been held on Mitchell St. between S. 6th and S. 13th Sts. since 1972.

"People have come to count on the festival," said Kevin Wehrhahan, manager of Sam's Liquor Store, 732 W. Mitchell. "It's been a South Side institution for a long time. I just don't understand it."

Association director Kathy Baillargeon said the festival had outlived its usefulness.

"The fair had reached a point where merchants weren't getting anything out of it anymore," Baillargeon said.

Baillargeon said the festival would be replaced by a series of family-oriented activities the weekend of Sept. 8-9. The weekend will promote Mayor John O. Norquist's program to increase awareness of the city's neighborhoods among Milwaukeeans and visitors, she said. The Riverwest area was highlighted in June.

Merchants, however, said the lack of a fair would be felt.

"We are really unhappy the association has decided to do this," Wehrhahan said. "That festival increased traffic in the area so that people who never came here before would find out we're here. Our customers have told us that it's a big disappointment for them not to have the festival."

crime in the area might be

"Every time they have there's been some trouble who asked that his name enough to upset the business.

Connie Holzman, owner of the Mitchell St. area, said the festival had

"The festival was good could still be good, but I could agree that revising it to cat

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Unsolicited offers — glossy pamphlets with
general information — started arriving in the
mail 18 months ago, she said. Starting salaries
range from \$24,000 in Wisconsin and other
Midwest states to nearly \$40,000 on either
coast, where the cost of living is higher, she
said.

Some offers include signing bonuses from
\$500 to \$2,000. One ad for a hospital in the

down to San Diego by Navy recruiters for four
days last month. She said recruiters gave them a
tour of the Navy base and hospitals, but no hard
sell.

"There was a lot of free time," she said. "We
had all our evenings free. They took us to night
clubs, out to dinner, to malls. . . . We had time
on the beach, but it rained."

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Man held in slaying of mother

Collect call leads Texas police to suspect in Kenosha case

By DAVE STEWART
of The Journal staff

Just hours after Kenosha police alerted
authorities in Laredo, Texas, to be on the
lookout for murder suspect Troy Bierdz, two
young men were arrested and accused of
trying to break into a car in that city.

One of the men turned out to be Bierdz,
19, who is wanted in the bludgeoning death
of his mother, Phyllis Bierdz, 49, last week-
end.

Police thought Bierdz was in Laredo
because a collect phone call from him — or at
least from someone they strongly suspected
to be him — was received at the Kenosha
County Public Safety Building Friday, Ken-
osha Police Lt. Dennis Conradt said.

"Why in the world he would call collect,
I'll never know," Conradt said.

The caller, who gave a name police say is
an alias, offered a few names of people in the
Kenosha area who he said were likely sus-
pects in the Phyllis Bierdz murder, Conradt
said.

The man being held in Laredo matched
exactly Kenosha authorities' description of
Bierdz. Bierdz has distinctive tattoos on his
upper arm. Police think the man arrested
with Bierdz was a hitchhiker.

The FBI had entered the case Thursday,
when the license plates from Phyllis Bierdz's
car were found near a car in Illinois from
which license plates had been stolen.

As it turns out, at least two switches of
license plates took place, because Phyllis
Bierdz's car, identified in Laredo through its
registration number, carried yet another set
of plates, police said.

When Bierdz drove away from Kenosha
last weekend, it was at least the third time he
had stolen his mother's car, according to
police and court records.



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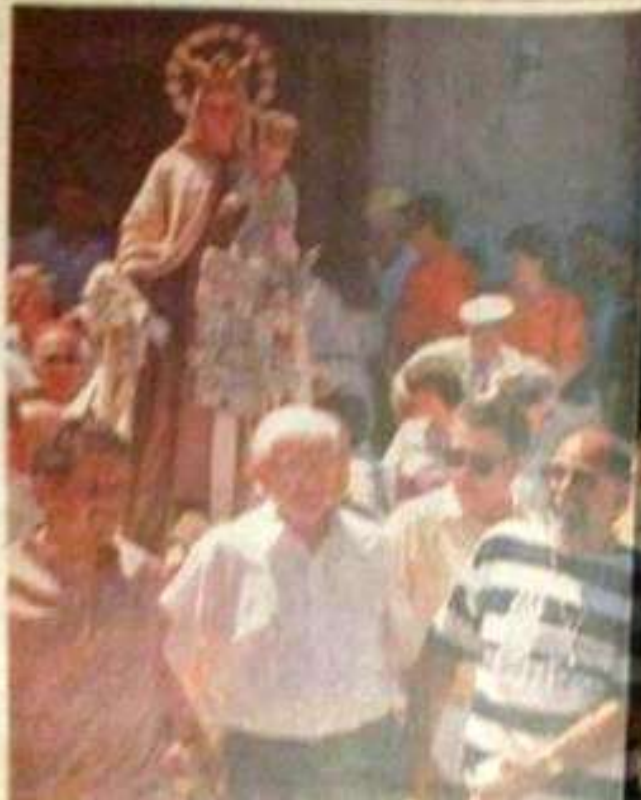
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Warrant sought for woman's son

By Barbara Henkel
Staff Writer

Tracy Bierdz, 28, the youngest son of Kenosha woman Phyllis Bierdz, 40, is being sought by police for a warrant issued for his mother's arrest. The warrant is being sought because of a charge of sexual abuse of a minor.

The warrant, 488-474, was issued by the Kenosha County Sheriff's Office on July 12. Bierdz, 28, was last seen in Kenosha on July 12. He is believed to be in the Chicago area.

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Phyllis Bierdz



Tracy Bierdz

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Bierdz has personality disorder: Therapist

Murder suspect's diagnosis makes him very dangerous

By Barbara Henkel
Staff Writer

Kenosha Police continue to search for Tracy Bierdz, 28, accused of beating his mother to death last Friday with a baseball bat.

Police are working to verify whether telephone calls made this morning to various relatives and associates of the young man

are coming from the suspect. The calls began shortly before 4 a.m. after the murder was long reported.

Bierdz is wanted on a charge of first-degree murder, accused of beating his mother, Phyllis Bierdz, 40, 488-474, to death in her home Friday. He has not been seen since.

Bierdz suffers from a personality disorder, said a therapist

who treated Bierdz, said a local mental health provider, but he said the psychiatrist at that institution who diagnosed Bierdz was probably correct when he said he was not mentally ill.

He said persons suffering from mental illness can be helped through conventional psychiatric care.

Personality disorder — as Tracy Bierdz was — of having a personality disorder, do not respond to conventional psychiatric therapies, he said. People with personality disorders should be treated, he said, because there is a way to treat them and they do know what they will do.

The provider did not want to be identified and said he studied anyone locally would want to be identified talking about Bierdz's emotional problems.

"He's a big trouble," the provider said. He also felt Bierdz at Waukegan Mental Health Institute and Menomonie Mental Health Institute, Wisconsin, where Bierdz was sent by a Kenosha County Judge for psychiatric evaluation, prayed Bierdz correctly as suffering from being antisocial and suffering from a personality disorder, but not being mentally ill.

Persons with personality disorders generally do not have

emotions, the provider said. They do not feel remorse, guilt or conscience, he stated.

"They stopped him when you called for years and years," the provider said. "We don't know why. Maybe it's the confidence, or just as they get older they just run out of energy, or they learn to change their behavior."

Confessions as given to what Bierdz Bierdz, an assistant district attorney and government investigator for the local office of the state Department of Protective and Patrol Services, remembered when Bierdz was sentenced April 5 for shooting his mother's car and shooting police

in Kenosha.

Bierdz recommended the man receive minimum 10 years in prison.

Sentenced, Bierdz received a four-year sentence that was stayed. He was placed in prison for the five years, with one year to be served in jail. Bierdz was allowed to be home on a halfway house in Wisconsin for the employment certificate when he was to undergo one year and other treatment.

It was while he was on the house that Bierdz was told that Bierdz allegedly was involved in a strike in Kenosha last year.

Bierdz convicted for choking nurse

Murder suspect had tried to buy his friend's shotgun

By Barbara Henkel
Staff Writer

Troy Bierdz, 19, wanted by Kenosha police on a charge of murdering his mother, was recently convicted on a charge stemming from an incident when he choked a staff member at the Winnebago Mental Health Institute where he was a patient.

The arrest warrant issued here Tuesday alleges Bierdz struck his mother, Phyllis Bierdz, 49, across the head with a baseball bat at her home, 6349 47th Ave., Friday night, after they returned home from a family dinner at a relative's.

Bierdz's body was found Saturday afternoon about 1:30 p.m. by a nephew and the victim's father when they went to the home as previously arranged to do some electrical work, the complaint said.

Assistant Police Chief Robert Carney this morning said police now believe the suspect left the state shortly after the brutal beating.

An all points bulletin has been issued nationwide for the suspect who is believed to be armed and dangerous.

Carney asked that anyone with information about the suspect contact police.

"There may be some people who feel their information is insignificant, but it might be what we need to break this case," Carney said.

According to the complaint, Troy Bierdz was dropped off at his mother's home about 4 p.m. Friday by a cousin who had picked him up at a Milwaukee halfway house for the emotionally disturbed.

According to the complaint, Troy Bierdz went to a friend's house about 6 p.m. and asked if the friend still had a shotgun and if he was willing to sell it.

The complaint said Bierdz told his friend he wanted the gun to kill his mother.

The friend didn't sell Bierdz his shotgun.

Bierdz brought with him from the halfway house a baseball bat

that was later found at the murder scene.

Bierdz was awaiting sentencing in Winnebago County on a felony charge of false imprisonment.

Bierdz had originally been charged in that county with battery by an inmate, but that was amended July 6 when Bierdz pleaded no contest to the amended charge.

Bierdz was charged as a result of an incident Dec. 8, 1986, at the Winnebago Institute. According to a report in a court file here, Bierdz allegedly grabbed a female staff member and tried to choke her by holding his hand around her neck. The report said it took at least four people to get Bierdz to release the woman.

A doctor at the facility said in his report that it was noteworthy that Bierdz attacked "the smallest-built woman working there that night."

Bierdz's mother, Phyllis, was about 4-foot-11-inches and weighed 100 pounds.

Funeral services were held for her Tuesday amid heavy police security in case the suspect appeared.

The Winnebago psychiatrist, and several others who ex-

amined Troy Bierdz there and at Mendota Mental Health Institute, Madison, diagnosed the young man as anti-social and suffering from a personality disorder, but not psychotic.

Troy Bierdz admitted to doctors he occasionally used marijuana and cocaine and alcohol. However, hospital charts indicated a strong history of alcohol and substance abuse, reports said.

While at the two mental health institutes, reports indicate Troy Bierdz displayed bizarre behavior. He shaved the sides of his head, refused to eat, and urinated on himself.

On Dec. 14, 1988, while at Winnebago, Bierdz swallowed a spoon and had to be taken to a hospital where it was removed.

The psychologists and psychiatrists who examined Bierdz said he was able to mimic mental illness.

"He can mimic symptoms of mental illness to his advantage whenever he needs to," wrote Dr. Inam ul Haque, staff psychiatrist at Winnebago.

Dr. Edward D. Meyer, also of Winnebago, reported Bierdz "attempted to portray himself as being psychotic, since he made

the bizarre statement that he has been hearing voices since a child — this is nonsense."

Bierdz was sent to the two facilities for psychiatric evaluation after being charged last October with stealing his mother's car and spending through the city while being chased by police.

According to reports, Bierdz was taken from the car, bleeding from self-inflicted knife wounds to his arms. He was taken to Kenosha Hospital and Medical Center but escaped a few hours later.

After he was recaptured a few days later, he was ordered to Winnebago. After evaluation there he was returned to Kenosha County Jail, but after several suicide attempts was ordered to Mendota for a second evaluation.

Psychiatrists at both facilities stated Bierdz said the self-abusive behavior and the attack on the Winnebago nurse were all attempts to avoid being jailed.

On April 6 Bierdz was placed on two years' probation, with the condition he be transferred to the Milwaukee halfway house and receive counseling and treatment.

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Bierdz caught near Mexico

Murder suspect nabbed in Texas

By Debbie Metro
Staff Writer

A Kenosha man wanted in the baseball bat bludgeoning death of his mother has been arrested in Texas.

Police in Laredo, Texas, Friday arrested a man they identified as Troy Bierdz, 19, sought in the death of his mother Phyllis Bierdz, at their Kenosha home on Friday, July 14. Bierdz is being held in the Laredo County Jail in Laredo, Texas.

go to Laredo this morning to begin the extradition process to Wisconsin, Assistant Police Chief Robert Carney said Friday night.

The Bierdz case received nationwide publicity because his brother Thom, 27, until recently played Phillip Chancellor on CBS-TV's soap opera "The Young and the Restless." His other brother, Craig, 25, also lives in California.

Laredo police arrested



Bierdz pleads guilty to mother's murder

By Dan Jensen
Staff Writer

Two months ago, Troy Bierdz wrote a note saying he just wanted to walk into court and plead guilty to murdering his mother.

Tuesday afternoon he did just that.

Against his attorney's advice, the 19-year-old defendant entered guilty pleas to first-degree intentional homicide and operating a vehicle without the owner's consent.

Bierdz was charged with the July 14 baseball bat bludgeoning of his mother, Phyllis Bierdz, 49, in her home at 6349 47th Ave. He fled in her car to Laredo, Texas, where he was arrested for attempting to break into a car. He was returned to Kenosha for trial.

On Aug. 12, while in County Jail, he sent a note to Court

Commissioner Frank Parise, declaring himself guilty of murder and asking for quick sentencing.

Later, though, he pleaded not guilty. His attorney, Assistant Public Defender Dan Bielski, raised the issue of Bierdz's ability to assist in his own defense.

Bierdz was examined by psychiatrists and twice was found mentally competent.

Tuesday, Bielski indicated to Judge Bruce E. Schroeder that his client had rejected his recommended plea of not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect.

Instead, Bierdz accepted a plea agreement under which Assistant District Attorney Bruce Becker will not offer any recom-

mendation at his Nov. 14 sentencing.

Judge Bruce E. Schroeder must sentence Bierdz to life imprisonment, which means he must serve at least 12 years, nine months before being eligible for parole consideration.

But, under a new Wisconsin law which became effective this year, Schroeder could require Bierdz to serve more time before reaching parole eligibility, even, making that period so long as to keep him behind bars for the rest of his life.

Bierdz is the first Kenosha, and one of the first people in the state, to face the possibility of life in prison with no parole.

Schroeder questioned Bierdz extensively about his understanding of the charges and the effect of his decision.

In a quiet, resolute voice, Bierdz answered yes when the judge asked him if knew what he

was doing and whether he felt he was "doing the right thing under all the circumstances."

Bierdz also denied hearing strange voices or being subject to forces he couldn't control, claims which had been made in earlier court appearances when Bielski challenged his client's mental competence.

In 1988, after being charged with car theft, Bierdz was examined at the Winnebago and Mendota mental health institutes. Psychiatrists then diagnosed a personality disorder but concluded he was not mentally ill.

Questions again were raised, however, after the murder when a rambling journal, purportedly written by Bierdz, was found in his mother's home. In it, he recounted how as a child he had killed and tortured animals and insects and fantasized about murdering innocent people.



Bierdz

CRIME STOPPERS

A woman, 27, was sexually assaulted about midnight July 8 at a home at 5800 Sixth Ave. The male suspect was described as being in his 30s, about 5-foot 5-inches, medium build with dark, collar-length hair and a mustache.

The assailant was wearing a multi-colored long-sleeve shirt and dark-colored corduroy pants. He wore dirty high-top tennis shoes with a design on the sides and spoke with a Mexican accent. He was last seen in the downtown area.

Anyone with information about this or other felony crimes is asked to call Kenosha Area Crime Stoppers, 656-7333. Callers do not have to give their names and all calls are confidential.

Crimes Stoppers pays rewards of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of persons responsible for felony crimes.

Bierdz awaits extradition hearing

If extradition waived, suspect could be returned this week

By Barbara Henkel
Staff Writer

An extradition hearing for murder suspect Troy Bierdz, 19, will be held today or Tuesday in Laredo, Texas, where Bierdz was jailed after being picked up by Laredo police Friday.

Bierdz, accused of bludgeoning his mother, Phyllis, 49, to death with a baseball bat July 14th, has the right at the hearing to either waive further proceedings or to fight extradition.

If he waives extradition, he could be returned to Kenosha as early as this week. If he fights extradition, the Kenosha County

district attorney's office will have to prepare a formal requisition to Texas Gov. William P. Clements. Several hearings would have to be held, said Kenosha Sheriff's Department Deputy Raymond DeVries, who coordinates transportation of prisoners.

He said if Bierdz fights extradition, it could be several months before he might be returned here.

Sheriff Allan K. Kehl said this morning he would have to weigh how cooperative Bierdz is before deciding whether to send deputies to Laredo to pick up the suspect or use a professional

prisoner transportation firm the department has used for several years.

Two Kenosha Police detectives are in Laredo gathering evidence, Assistant Kenosha Police Chief Robert Carney said this morning.

The detectives — Albert Aiello and William Brydges — flew to Texas Saturday to confirm the man being held there is Bierdz. Carney this morning said the detectives have confirmed the man looks like the suspect, but are awaiting a match of fingerprints to make a positive identification.

Bierdz and Ricky Mohrmann, 25, a hitchhiker from Virginia, were stopped by Laredo police after they broke into one car and were attempting to break into others Friday afternoon. It was later determined that Bierdz,

who had given Laredo police an alias, was probably the suspect in the Kenosha murder. The vehicle identification number on the car he was driving matched the number of the car reported missing from Phyllis Bierdz's home after the murder.

Carney this morning said Aiello and Brydges interviewed the suspect and Mohrmann Sunday and will do follow-up work today.

"The investigation is far from over," said Carney.

Laredo police were told Friday afternoon by Kenosha Police to be on the lookout for Bierdz after police traced a collect phone call they received to Texas.

Bierdz's father lives in Austin, Texas, but he had not been contacted by his son, police said.

Bierdz extradition case moving quickly

By Barbara Henkel
Staff Writer

Paperwork necessary for the extradition of murder suspect Troy Bierdz from Texas is moving quickly through channels.

The request from Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson to William P. Clements, governor of Texas, for a warrant extraditing Bierdz was expected to arrive in Austin today.

Thompson's request was sent Friday, within a day of the arrival of a petition from the Kenosha County District Attorney's office.

A spokesman in the Texas governor's office said the warrant could be served on Bierdz, 19, in a matter of days. Bierdz is in jail in Laredo.

The request for extradition will be reviewed by the Texas Criminal Justice division before

going to the governor and then the secretary of state for signatures.

Bierdz is wanted on a first-degree murder charge for bludgeoning his mother, Phyllis Bierdz, 49, to death in her home at 6349 47th Ave. on July 14.

Bierdz and John R. Mohrmann, 25, Arlington, Va., were picked up by Laredo police after breaking into cars there July 21.

Mohrmann was returned to Kenosha last week on a charge of being a material witness to the murder.

Bierdz, according to court documents, picked up the hitchhiking Mohrmann near the I-94 and Highway 50 intersection the night of the murder.

Bruce Becker, assistant district attorney, said Mohrmann has been cooperative with the investigating authorities. Becker

said Mohrmann can be held until Aug. 7, at which time there may be restrictions on whether he can leave the area.

Becker said because of Mohrmann's cooperation, "we don't want to hold him any longer than necessary. A lot of it will depend on when Bierdz will be brought back. We've asked that the extradition process be expedited."

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Bierdz on way back

*Extradition from
Texas approved*

By Barbara Henkel
Staff Writer

Troy L. Bierdz, accused of first-degree murder in the bludgeoning death of his mother July 14, is expected to be in jail in Kenosha by Friday night.

Arrangements were being made this morning to send a Kenosha Police detective and a Sheriff's Department deputy to Laredo, Texas, to pick up the 19-year-old murder suspect.

Bierdz has been held in custody there since July 21 when Laredo police caught him and another man, John R. Mohrmann, 25, Arlington, Va., burglarizing cars in parking lots of shopping malls.

Laredo police soon learned that one of their burglary suspects — Bierdz — who had given them an alias, was wanted by Kenosha police on a murder

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Judge Frank J. Parris

I Troy Bierz, am competent and would like to plead guilty of the charge of the death of my mother. I Troy Bierz would simply like to walk into court plead guilty and be sentenced the same day I want a speedy sentence.

(Troy Bierz)

Witnessed by Judge G. H. Winters #209
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Copy of Troy Bierz's letter to the court

Bierz note confesses to murder

By Don Jensen
Staff Writer

In a letter to the court, murder suspect Troy Bierz Wednesday afternoon declared himself mentally competent and guilty of the bludgeoning death of his mother.

The confession, written in his jail cell Wednesday afternoon, was delivered through a police officer to Court Commissioner Frank Parris

border town and later were returned to Keroshka. Mohrman is expected to be a key witness for the prosecution, based on remarks allegedly made to him by Bierz.

Wednesday's note to the court contrasted with Bierz's actions while in custody in Texas. There he denied his identity and declined to waive extradition proceedings.

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Bond for Bierdz set at \$1 million

By Don Jensen
Staff Writer

A \$1 million cash bond was ordered Monday afternoon for 18-year-old Troy L. Bierdz, charged with first-degree murder in the July 14 slaying of his mother.

Bierdz, who was returned to Kenosha Friday from Ohio where he was apprehended July 21, made the initial court appearance before Judge William Frank Puglia.

Frank Puglia set Bierdz's bail at \$1 million, payable in cash or by a surety company, for Tuesday, Aug. 22.

Bierdz charged with slaying his mother, Phyllis, 40, who was hospitalized by a knife slash to the back, Aug. 14, 1989, was held in the county jail.

Phyllis was the fifth victim killed by slaying in 1989, including the slaying of her mother, Phyllis, 40, who was hospitalized by a knife slash to the back, Aug. 14, 1989, was held in the county jail.

without bond at the state to appear, entering the same bond either to his attorney or to the state. Bierdz's attorney, David J. Breda, said he will pay the bond. Breda said he will pay the bond.

The prosecutor's motion for pretrial detention without bond was denied. The judge said that Bierdz's initial appearance was a normal legal procedure and another hearing of the matter would be held on Aug. 22, a date set by the court.

After the hearing, Bierdz fell from the courtroom, falling to a 17-foot fall, according to a Kenosha News reporter. The

slaying of his mother, Phyllis, 40, who was hospitalized by a knife slash to the back, Aug. 14, 1989, was held in the county jail.

The case has been assigned to Judge James Bradenbaugh for trial. Bierdz is being represented by attorney David Breda, 1000 N. Lincoln St., Kenosha.

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KENOSHA TODAY

Thursday, August 24, 1989



Witness John Fox describes his discovery of Phyllis Bierdz's body Bierdz to go to trial

By John Krerowicz
Staff Writer

Accused murderer Troy L. Bierdz was bound over for trial this morning after a two-hour preliminary hearing today before Court Commissioner Frank Parisi.

The case was assigned to Judge Jerold Brestebach, but defense attorney Don Biecki requested a substitute judge. A hearing on that request is scheduled for 9:35 a.m. Friday.

Bierdz, 18, is charged with first-degree, intentional

slaying of his mother, Phyllis, 40, who was hospitalized by a knife slash to the back, Aug. 14, 1989, was held in the county jail.

The preliminary hearing was held with testimony from a relative who found the victim.

Witness John Fox, Phyllis's neighbor, testified he found her on July 14 lying on her kitchen floor.

"There was a mess on the floor and I saw the body and it was Phyllis," Fox said. "She was dead."

Fox also said he saw in the apartment a baseball bat that he had brought with him to police house the day before.

Also testifying this morning was Steve Winkler, who said Troy came to him the evening of July 14 and asked a shotgun so he could kill mother.

The defense attorney at Winkler if the statement alarmed him.

"I thought he was just Winkler said.

John R. Mohrman, 25, Lincoln, Wis., also testified this morning.

Troy Bierdz had Winkler after the slaying, picking him up. Mohrman, 1944, the son of a wealthy

Life means life for Troy Bierdz

*No parole
for 50 years,
judge says*

By Don Jensen
Staff Writer

For Troy Bierdz there's the barest chance that, a half century from now, he could be paroled from a life sentence for murdering his mother.

But at his sentencing Thursday, the 19-year-old murderer showed no indication that he even cares.

Judge Bruce E. Schroeder ordered the mandatory life sentence, adding the proviso, as a new Wisconsin law permits, that Bierdz not be eligible for parole consideration for 50 years.

He will be nearly 70 before he can even apply for release. The odds are great that Bierdz will never leave prison during his lifetime.

"Troy Bierdz is morally dead," wrote Assistant District Attorney Bruce Becker in a memo filed with Schroeder before the sentencing. "He shows no sense of conscience or guilt... the happy attitude of supreme indifference to the murder and its consequences..."



Bierdz sentenced

Troy Bierdz stands as Judge Bruce E. Schroeder pronounces sentence Thursday in Kenosha Circuit Court. Convicted of killing his mother on July 14, Bierdz, 19, was sentenced to life in prison with no possibility of parole for 50 years.

accepted while attempting to

"He shows nothing. He is a shell, a void, a slate wiped clean by his actions..."

*Don Bielski,
public defender*

tencing Thursday afternoon.

In his presentence memo, Becker outlined the defendant's history of uncontrollable and violent behavior dating to his childhood. He said Bierdz murdered the only person who, in the past, had tried to protect him from the consequences of those acts.

Assistant Public Defender Don Bielski said there was nothing he could say about his client in mitigation which would not be insulting to the victim or her family.

Bierdz today is "morally bankrupt," Bielski said. He not only shows no remorse, "he shows nothing. He is a shell, a void, a slate wiped clean by his actions..."

Bielski distinguished moral bankruptcy from Becker's morally dead characterization, saying that dead is forever and he felt there was a chance his

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Teen gets life in prison for killing mother

By GINA RARICK
Sentinel staff writer

Kenosha — Troy A. Bierdz, who killed his mother with a baseball bat and showed no remorse for the crime, was sentenced Thursday to life in prison with no eligibility for parole for 50 years.

"In terms of crimes that have no explanation, this is a classic," Circuit Judge Bruce E. Schroeder said before imposing the sentence.

Bierdz, 19, beat his mother, Phyllis Bierdz, 49, to death with a baseball bat at the family's Kenosha home July 14.

According to police reports, after Bierdz killed his mother he stole her car and drove to Texas, where he was arrested July 21.

Bierdz pleaded guilty to the charge of first-degree intentional homicide. He had several previous convictions, including assault and theft.

"There are no redeeming qualities

in Troy Bierdz's life. He is morally dead," said Asst. Dist. Atty. Bruce W. Becker.

Don Bielski, Bierdz's defense attorney, contended that his client was not morally dead, but morally bankrupt.

"What does Troy Bierdz want now? He wants his cigarets and his TV. He is not interested in this court proceeding," Bielski said. "But perhaps even in the lowest form of human spirit, a spark can be rekindled."

Schroeder said Bierdz was a threat to society.

"If he was willing to kill his mother, it seems a far easier thing to kill a brother or a cousin or a stranger," Schroeder said.

About 40 people attended the sentencing, and Bierdz said nothing on his own behalf. He will receive credit toward his parole eligibility date for the time he has served since his arrest.



Troy Bierdz, sentenced in his mother's murder in 1989, is fifth



Dean Sabin, sentenced for two murders in 1986, is fourth

Longest prison sentences

The 10 longest prison sentences imposed in Kenosha courts are:

BOOK AWARDS

The International Book Awards

GRAND PRIZE: Spirituality "Sacred Light" Award

WINNER: Autobiography/Memoir category

WINNER: Gay & Lesbian: Non-Fiction category

WINNER: Non-Fiction Narrative category

WINNER: True Crime: Non-Fiction category

The National Best Books Awards

WINNER: Autobiography/Memoir category

WINNER: True Crime category

WINNER: Audio-book Non-fiction Unabridged category

Indie Excellence Book Awards

WINNER: Autobiography category

LAMBDA Awards

FINALIST: Autobiography

BOOK REVIEWS

"Matricide! Suicide! Paranoid schizophrenia! Sound like elements of a juicy soap opera? Not to former *The Young and the Restless* hunk Thom Bierdz - those horrors are part of his true family story. And the actor is going public with them in his startling new autobiography..." Gil Kaan, *NATIONAL ENQUIRER*

"A true-life tale of love and loss, terror and triumph that will take your breath away - and play on every single emotion you own." Bill Harris, E! ENTERTAINMENT TV, *NATIONAL ENQUIRER*

"...not as much about forgiveness as it is about the kind of strength and spiritual carpentry necessary to repair the disengaging structure of one American family." Lucian K. Truscott, author of *DRESS GRAY*

"Encompassing universal themes of love, forgiveness and redemption...even in the most tragic situations, hope abides and family triumphs. Being likened to *A BEAUTIFUL MIND* and *RAINMAN*, his story will both break your heart and heal your spirit." Nicholas Snow, *NOTES FROM HOLLYWOOD*

"True story of fame found and lost, murder, mental illness, mysticism, emotional dysfunction and soap opera - both on and off screen." Olivier Bjorksater-Bleylock, *DNA MAGAZINE*

"As a writer, I am amazed at how many people come to me and say their story is interesting enough for a memoir...On the other hand, Thom Bierdz's book had to be written. His gripping story of family, murder, insanity, and forgiveness leaps off the pages...horrifying...inspiring...riveting." Political activist David Mixner, author of *A STRANGER AMONG FRIENDS*

"Shakespearean in its tragic underpinnings, *FORGIVING TROY* fearlessly tackles a litany of societal ills that ostensibly seem insurmountable, yet the book reverberates with the clear ring of redemption. Author - artist - activist Thom Bierdz has dysfunction running through his veins, but just like a junkie in the process of hardcore rehabilitation, he wages a war against his demons." Michael Kearns, *IN MAGAZINE*

"An epic, raw and overwhelming story of tragedy, chaos, humanity, and ultimately compassion. A rare book that dives, unapologetically and uncensored, into the workings of an American family torn apart by matricide and mental illness. Highly recommended!" Jeffrey Keen, *USABOOKNEWS.COM*

"Millions of viewers fell in love with Thom Bierdz on *The Young and the Restless* unaware that his real life was more dramatic than any soap opera. This book proves he is not just another pretty face- but an artist of substance, power and talent." Daniel R. Coleridge, *TVGUIDE.COM*

"A different kind of psychic message from a mom figures prominently in Thom Bierdz' inspirational memoir...fascinating, profoundly moving stuff...It is so worth your while!" M. Logan, *SOAP OPERA DIGEST*

"Very special...Thom became obsessed with delving into his mother's murder and his brother's mental illness, which resulted in a reconciliation with the sibling who ended their mother's life and produced the haunting and painfully honest memoir...that mixes Bierdz's writing with his paintings. I promise you, it's a really engrossing and deeply personal read." Brian Hernandez, *DAILY NEWS.COM, FRONTIERS*

"Bierdz has the courage to be truthful about his own erratic behavior in the aftermath of this terrible tragedy. But he came to recognize that we all have the power to control our destinies...Thom Bierdz, a proud gay man, is now one of Los Angeles' most successful and in-demand artists. His journey from darkness into the light is one of the year's most illuminating and inspirational reads...the sublime, haunting *FORGIVING TROY* will stay with you long after you finish reading it." David Alexander Nahmod, *EXPRESSGAYNEWS.COM*

"It's been said that the greatest mark of the human spirit is its ability to overcome impossible personal tragedy, and no one exemplifies that statement more than artist Thom Bierdz." Joe Thompson, *IN MAGAZINE*

"A truly amazing and intriguing book.....you will want to call your family and tell them how much you love them.....my glass will be half full for the rest of my life." Dana Caprina, *GAY CHICAGO MAGAZINE*

From readers:

...your book is stunning. Truly and sincerely stunning. I've been consumed by it all week, either reading it or thinking about it constantly -- you have not helped my chronic insomnia any this week. I like to think I'm usually fairly articulate, especially since I write for a living...but I'm a touch at a loss for words. Your honesty is so raw, your personal journey so haunting, I'm in a mixed state of being pained, empathetic, overwhelmed, exhilarated and incredibly inspired...

...the book as a whole, swept over me in a way in which I felt what was being described at a spiritual level more than a cognitive level...I also appreciated that you resisted imparting too much of the "I" and "me" factor into the book...You took a story that, in the wrong hands, could be reduced to a made-for-tv movie where the only feelings that it would evoke in the viewer would be "ooh" or "ick", and turned the story into something that touches the reader at a spiritual level.

...I'm totally NOT surprised that TV GUIDE would rave about your book. Yours is an amazing story of overcoming unimaginable odds.

...what you have written is going to change perceptions, lives.

...you are a great reminder that we can overcome anything with enough courage and determination.

...you may well have written the most self-analytical biography since Brian Wilson's book "Wouldn't It Be Nice." That one was brutally honest. Congratulations, Thom, you're not just another Hollywood bimbo...

Have you ever read any of the works of Richard Bach by any chance? "Jonathan Livingston Seagull?" "Illusions?" Been pondering ad nauseum the last time I was effected quite this way by another book, and it suddenly dawned on me...Trust me, the fact that I'm asking you this is as high a compliment as I can pay an author. "Illusions" changes my life literally every time I read it, although it's been quite a few years since the last time. Just had to ask :)

I felt like I was intruding into your soul. Honest, I thought...I shouldn't be here. This is private. That is how good your style of writing is...

I knew while watching you on *The Young and the Restless* that there was something about you, your acting or maybe just your presence that came through the television. I truly believe there is a power that can not be explained and that power is with you for sure.

I have never, ever read such a moving, brutally honest and well written autobiography... I finished reading it last night and said WOW. I really could not believe how one person can go through so much and still be sane...it really is life changing mate. I really believe the book can show people that anything is possible...

The feelings that you describe and the journey you experienced for your healing are so relatable. I think people would read it thinking it is a story about matricide, or schizophrenia etc. What you walk away with is a story that sits with you about family, relationships, feeling unsure and the gift of living your life with integrity...

It's an amazing book. Period. It was like a chocolate candy bar that I simply couldn't put down...Your book is truly a testament to love and forgiveness, and I can't wait to recommend it to everyone I know...What a gift you have given to the world...

Thom is just friggin' out there...laying himself bare. It's staggering...

...As a person who talks for a living, I rarely find myself speechless...Thom's words are as vivid as his paintings and will be with me for the rest of my life...

...inclusion of your paintings made the read so interesting in the way that not only could I feel what you experienced emotionally through your words, but also through your paintings...I look forward to the movie version of 'Forgiving Troy'. I believe your mother is watching over you with great pride and satisfaction for what you have overcome and for taking the journey of forgiving your brother. I'd like to finish by saying that as you, I too believe that, the one who forgives is the one who benefits the most.

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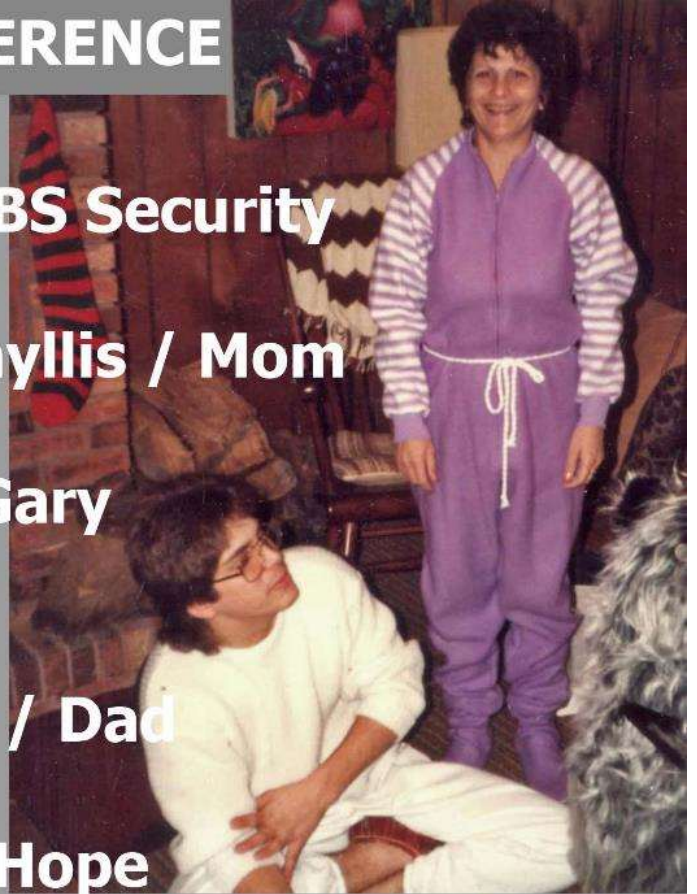
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Troy & Phyllis / Mom

**Cowboy Gary
& Thom**

Troy & Al / Dad

Phyllis & Hope



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Phillip and Thom Bierdz in a scene from 'The Young & the Restless'.



TURNING... Phillip Bierdz... Thom Bierdz...



THOM BIERDZ
Actors I admire: Al Pacino, Robert DeNiro, Lesley Ann Warren and Tom...

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Thom Bierdz... in a car accident...



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Phillip is playing the role of Phillip... Thom Bierdz...



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Mommy Dearest: Like Amber, Nina (Tricia Cast, L) was... Bierdz, wed Mrs. Webster.



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Thom Bierdz... speaking...



Life... Thom Bierdz...



Thom Bierdz... and...



"Hey, what's about... man." Life to... Thom Bierdz...



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Thom Bierdz Speaks Out On Shocking Return... was completely out of his mind... relates. "He didn't even remember it, and then over the course of a year, things came back to him."

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Portrait Of An Artist

The Young & The Restless

Thom Bierdz (ex-Phillip, Y&R) has an incredible story to tell

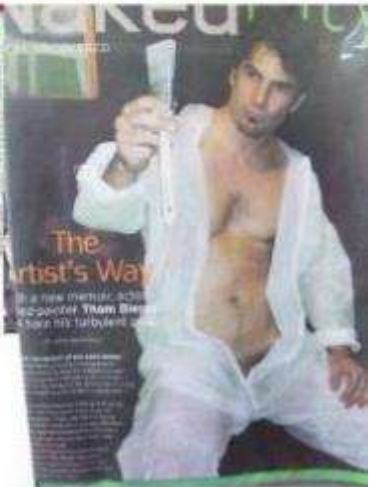
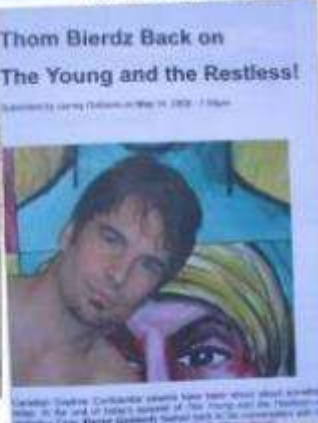
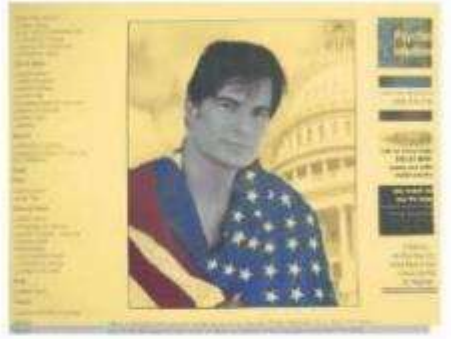
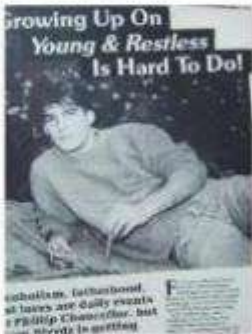
Back in 2002, Thom Bierdz (ex-Phillip) related to *Soaps In Depth* that his mentally ill brother, Troy, murdered their mother and threatened to kill him, too, just after his THE YOUNG & THE RESTLESS exit in 1989. As part of his path to healing, Bierdz had begun writing about the experience. It took years to complete, but the tale — which was expanded to cover other aspects of his life (including his

Bierdz's book has been cited time and again

watch documentary prison footage and preview the text).

"When I saw Troy in prison, he was not the mean, killing monster that I had thought; he was this ravaged boy who





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Milwaukee
 Features
Phil Kasper
 Milwaukee's Phil Kasper has been named as the new head coach of the Milwaukee Brewers. Kasper, 52, has coached in the major leagues for 17 years, including stints with the Milwaukee Brewers, St. Louis Cardinals, and New York Yankees. He was named head coach of the Brewers on Monday, replacing the late Ned Yost.

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Who is the real Phillip Chancellor?
 The real Phillip Chancellor is a mystery. The show's creator, James L. Brooks, has said that the character is based on a real person, but he has never revealed who it is. The show's cast members have also been asked about the character, but they have all refused to say who the real Phillip is.

Observer Showbiz
Observer Victorian Sport
 The Observer newspaper has published a special section on Victorian sports. The section features a collection of articles and photographs that provide a detailed look at the various sports that were popular during the Victorian era.

A FAN'S TRIBUTE
 A fan's tribute to the actor Phillip Chancellor III. The tribute features a collection of photographs and articles that celebrate the actor's career and his impact on the television industry.

Surviving a real-life soap opera
 The actor Phillip Chancellor III has survived a real-life soap opera. The story details the actor's struggles with his family and his career, and how he has managed to overcome these challenges.

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 The real Phillip Chancellor is a mystery. The show's creator, James L. Brooks, has said that the character is based on a real person, but he has never revealed who it is. The show's cast members have also been asked about the character, but they have all refused to say who the real Phillip is.

The Other Side
 The actor Phillip Chancellor III has been featured in a new television series called "The Other Side." The series explores the actor's life and career, and how he has managed to overcome the challenges of fame.

Observer Showbiz
 The Observer newspaper has published a special section on showbiz. The section features a collection of articles and photographs that provide a detailed look at the world of television and film.

Skin-Feed
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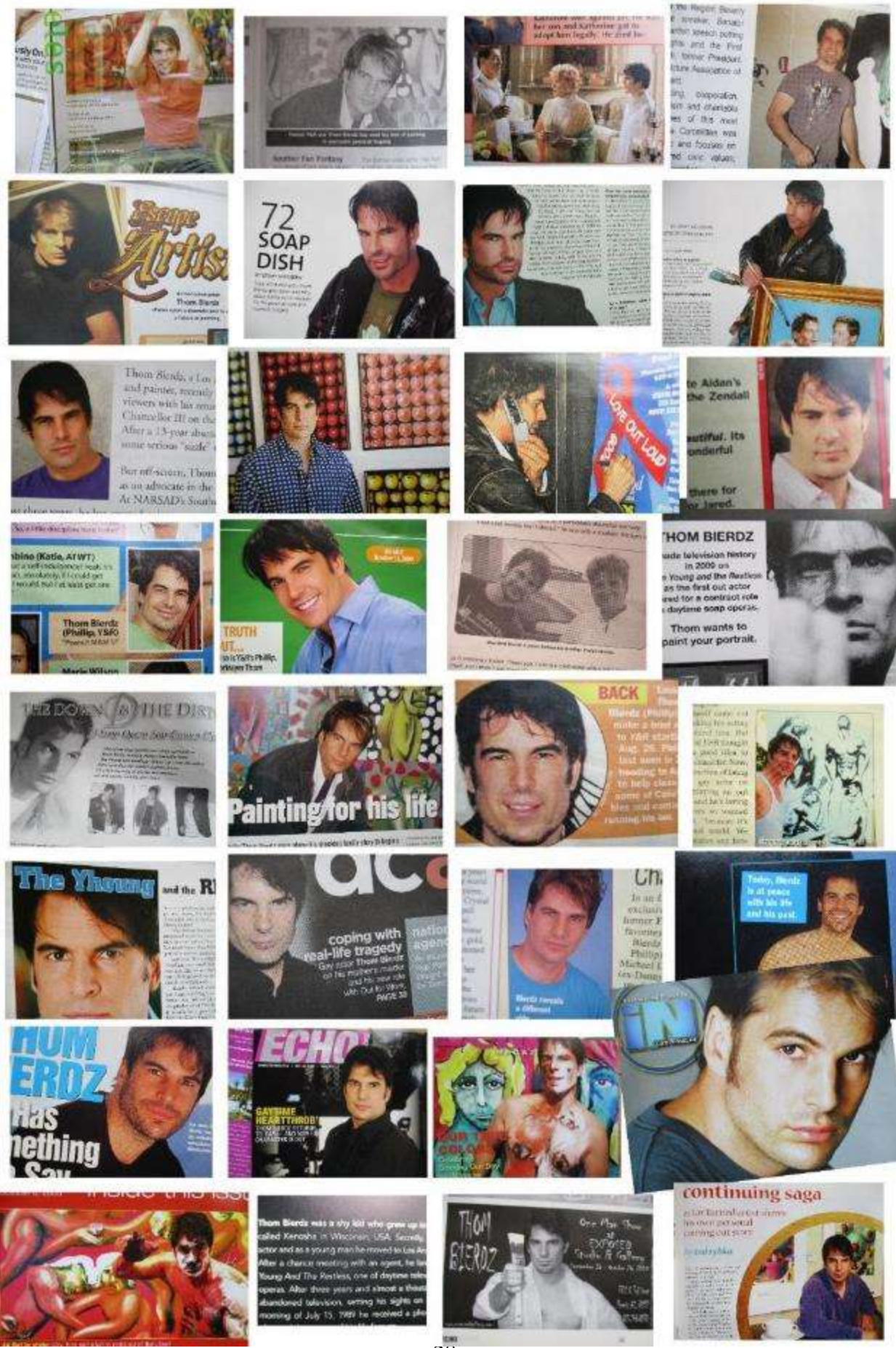
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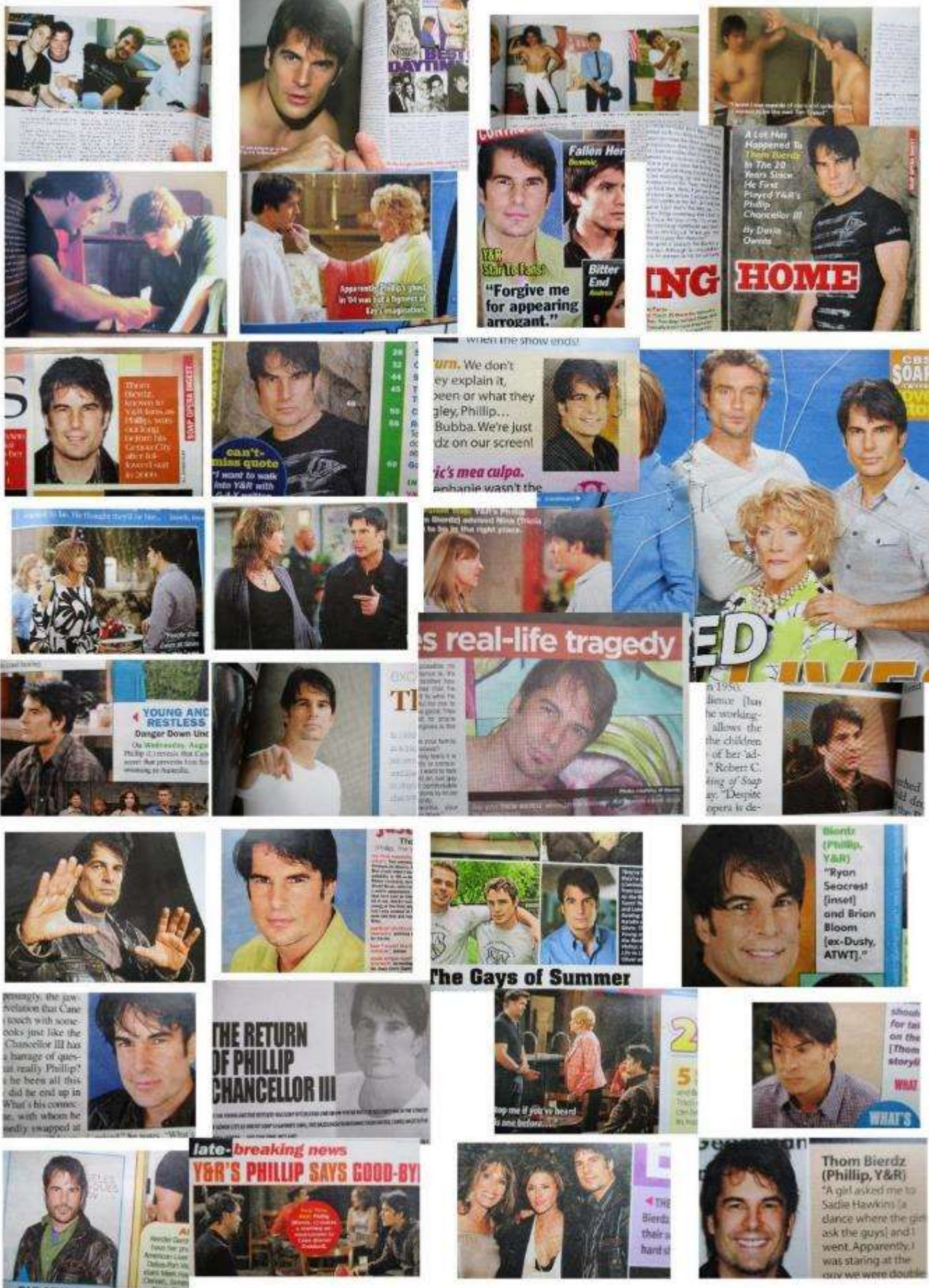
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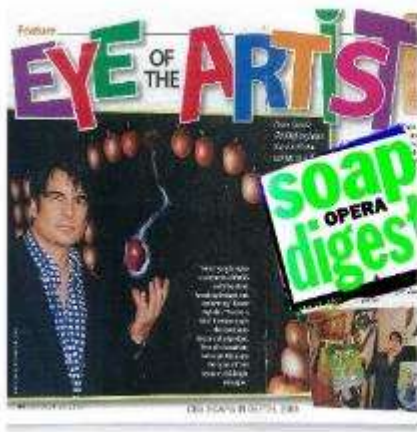
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Thom BIERDZ: a man a his assassinée par son propre frère
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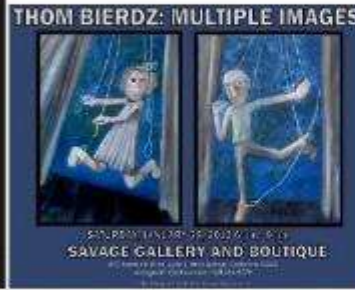
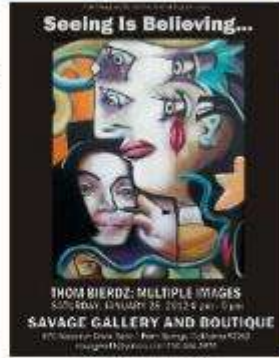
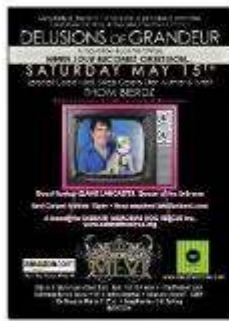
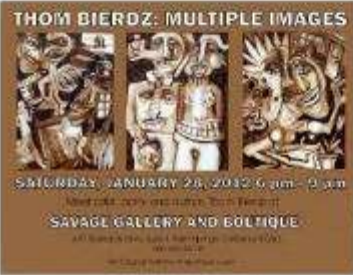
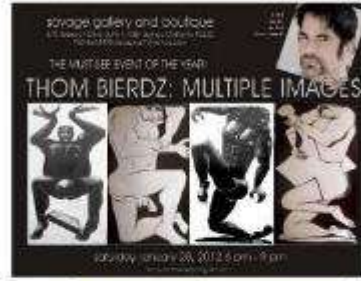


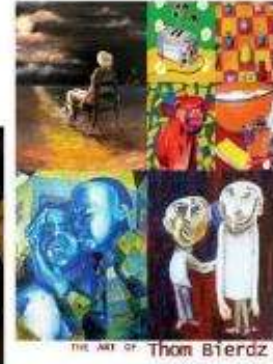




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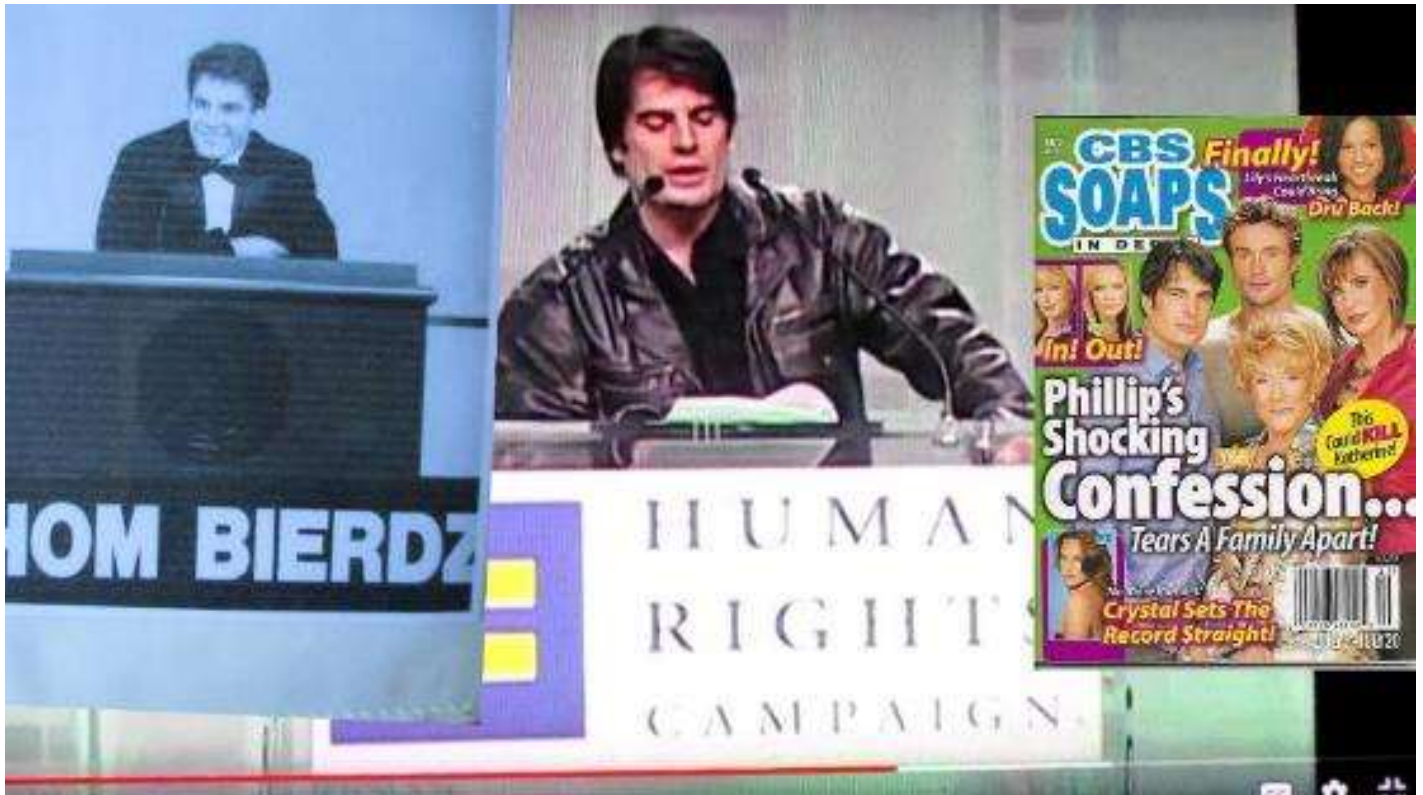
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BIO OF THOM BIERDZ



President of American Art Awards, World Art Awards & Art Collectors Choice Awards. Bierdz (born March 25, 1962) is a fine artist and 12x author, but best known for his portrayal of legacy character Phillip Chancellor III on the daytime drama *The Young and the Restless*, recurring from 1986. He was a repeat guest star (1995) on *Melrose Place*, guest starred twice (1994, 1995) on *Murder She Wrote* and once (1994) on *Matlock* and *Robin's Hoods*. Other TV and movie roles include *Highway To Heaven*, *St. ire*, *The Last Place On Earth*, *The Gladiator*, *Warm Texas Rain*, *Hungry For Love*, *The Cavanaugh's*, *The Takedown*, *Win Lose Or Draw* and *The New Hollywood Squares*, Bierdz played Bobby Burton on the web series *Old Dogs New Tricks*.

In 1997, filmmaker Bierdz's film, *Heart Of The Oak*, won Best Experimental Film at Philadelphia International Film Festival and Best Experimental Film at University of California Davis snagging the coveted Golden Calf Award.

His memoir, *Forgiving Troy*, gained 10 book awards...

TV interviews on *Forgiving Troy* subject matter include [Entertainment Tonight](#), [CBS News](#), [NBC News](#), [FOX News](#), [SoapTalk](#) with [Lisa Rinna](#), [Brunch](#) and [Joan Quinn Profiles](#) and many podcasts.

His *Forgiving Troy* book also spawned a documentary of the same name, directed by [Warren Hohmann](#) of [KTLA News](#).

Being the first openly gay soap actor with a principle role, he was honored by the [Human Rights Campaign](#) and gave this speech in Minnesota: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gTuxWpJDEt0&t=304s>

Also a painter, the art world embraced Bierdz in 2004 when [Scarlett Johansson](#) hosted his Soicher-Marin gallery show.

In 2005 he won the [Out Magazine Best Emerging Artist of Los Angeles](#) and in 2006, for raising a great deal of money for charities through his paintings, was awarded the [Key to the Light Award](#) from [The Thelians](#).

Bierdz founded www.AmericanArtAwards.com in 2008 and World Art Awards in 2023. Every year the online fine art sites honor the best 20 galleries or museums, which in turn award breakthrough artists in over 50 countries.

"Bierdz is able to paint on that instinctual level." [GENRE MAGAZINE](#), Mitch Rustad.

"Bierdz is now one of Los Angeles' most successful and in-demand artists." [EXPRESS NEWS](#), David Alexander Nahmod.

"...he has become Hollywood's favorite realist painter and is in high demand." [THE BAY AREA REPORTER](#), Belo Cipriani.

"...Scarlett Johansson launches him amid the A-list celebrity art-collecting scene." [THE ADVOCATE](#), Anne Stockwell.

"A spectacular launching of a new talent in the art world." [METRO G](#), Joe Flazh.

"Recognized as the city's premier emerging artist." [OUT MAGAZINE](#), Joe Landry.

"On par with Picasso, Van Gogh, Matisse and Warhol," [HIGHLIGHT HOLLYWOOD](#), Tommy Lightfoot Garrett.

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In 2018, Investigation Discovery's #1 show, [Evil Lives Here](#),
interviewed Thom for the episode The Soap Star's Secret
([on Forgiving Troy material, about 30 million views so far](#))

\$\$\$ POTENTIAL

Initially this story was written because Thom felt an obligation to share his miraculous bigger-than-life journey. You can say that looking for the silver lining, he discovered gold. That gold was a renewed relationship with his brother, an elevated heart, plus many spiritual miracles--- but for prospective agents' interest, that gold can also be financial.

What Do You Do When Your Brother Kills Your Mother?, the Oscar-worthy sentimental family drama is unique in the sense it is also a bio-flick of Thom as an artist (many paintings figuring into the script), which will give Thom more temporary press than any fine artist alive. Savvy representatives with tons of wealthy connections can make the most of this opportunity.

This link has a step-by-step [cross-marketing strategy](#):

<https://thombierdz.com/blue-x-paintings-cross-marketing-plan/>

Art collectors or investors can see those 100 BLUE X paintings priced here:

<https://thombierdz.com/store-2/#!/TOP-100-100-MOST-COLLECTIBLE-PAINTINGS/c/13177078/offset=0&sort=normal>

10 minute YouTube video: photos, [video](#), documents, art, news, talk shows
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y7hfZJGZGO4&t=4s>

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