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the FBI that Kaczynski's letters bore a resemblance to the Unabomber manifesto published under pressure in *The Washington Post*.

The plea bargain covered the three deaths and the maimings of two scientists. As part of the plea bargain, Kaczynski acknowledged responsibility for all of the Unabomber attacks.

He will be sent to a high-security federal prison, possibly in Lompoc or in Colorado.

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But the families of the victims said politics had nothing to do with the Unabomber's actions.

"He's diabolical, evil, cunning, a murderer," said Susan Mosser, whose husband, Thomas Mosser, died before her eyes in New Jersey after he opened a bomb sent by Kaczynski.

"Lock him so far down that when he dies he'll be closer to hell, where the devil belongs," she said in addressing the court.

Six of the Unabomber survivors came forward to describe their grief, pain and anger. Most sat in the witness box, face-to-face with the man they addressed as "Ted" and denounced as the personification of evil.

"I lost my innocence to this man, and I fight daily to find the carefree happiness ... that was taken from me," sobbed Gary Wright, who was maimed by a bomb he opened in 1987 in Salt Lake City and still finds shards of shrapnel in his skin.

Geneticist Dr. Charles Epstein, who lost some of his hearing and part of his hand in a Unabomber attack, bitterly addressed Kaczynski's decision to accept a plea bargain, calling him a coward out to save his own neck.

"I reject the notion that your mental state excuses what you did," he said. "By some convoluted form of logic, you were portrayed as a victim of a prosecutor who would see a deranged man put to death."



Unabomber victim Nicklaus Suino became emotional at a news conference Monday in Sacramento, Calif., following the sentencing of Theodore Kaczynski. Suino was injured in 1985 when a package he was handling blew up. Associated Press Photo

Epstein's wife, Dr. Lois Epstein, also a Harvard-educated physician, invoked the biblical precepts of her Jewish faith. For those he blinded, she said, "may your eyes be blinded by darkness to the incredible beauty of the sun, the moon and the stars." And for those who lost their hearing, "may you become deaf as your eardrums implode from stony silence."

"And may your eventual death occur in the way you lived, in a solitary manner, without compassion or love," Epstein said.

David Geierter, a Yale University computer scientist who lost part of a hand, did not appear. He sent a written statement in which he said

Kaczynski should have been put to death.

"We took the easy way out," he said, "by deciding to let him live. ... He is in the same category as plague and cancer, creating widows and orphans."

He and other victims praised Kaczynski's brother, David, for turning in his brother. During the hearing, the defendant never looked at his brother.

Afterward, David Kaczynski stood outside the courthouse and offered the regrets his brother would not.

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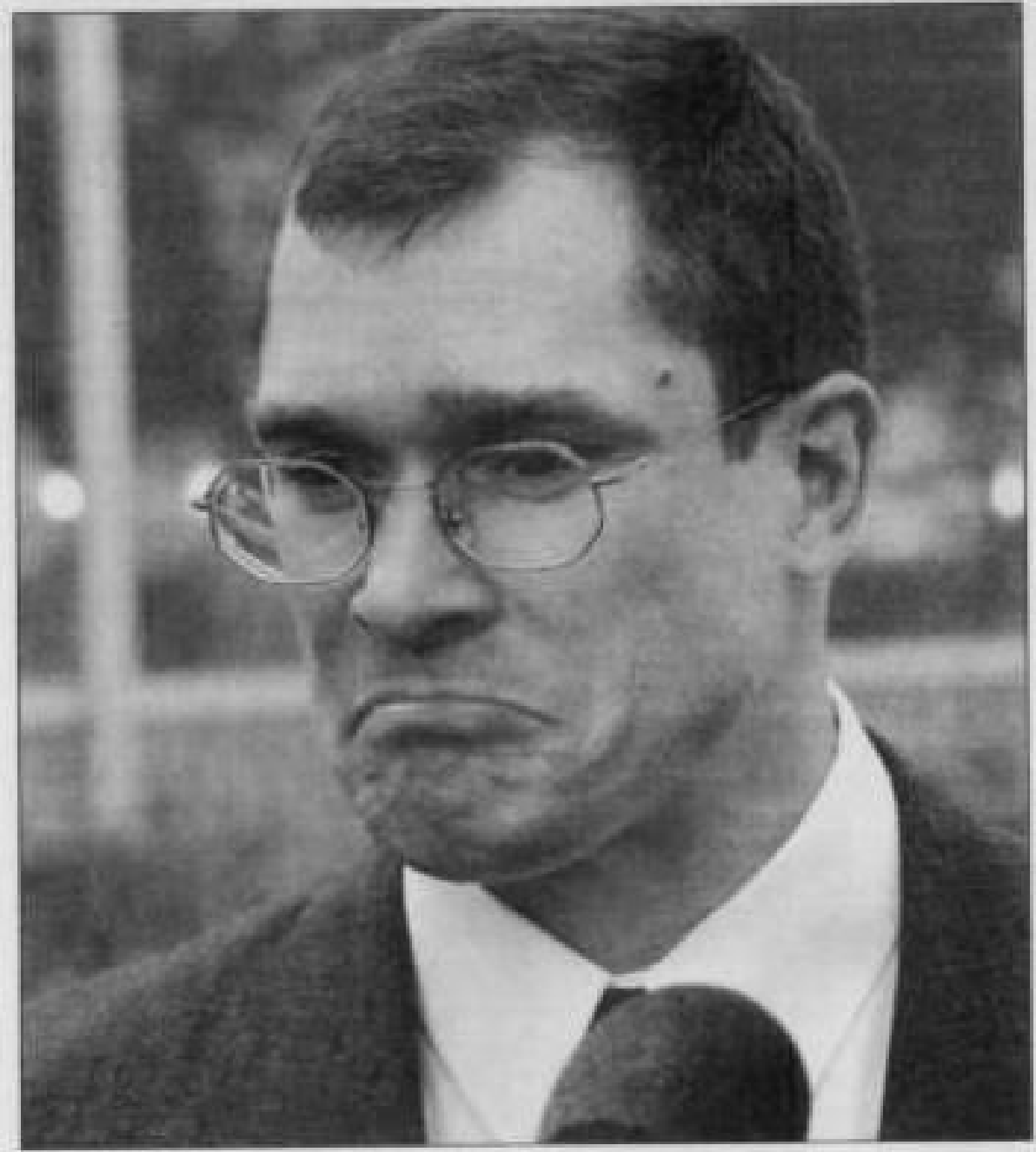
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