

# Unabomber: Timeline of bombings

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# 1978

**May 25, 1978 — Northwestern University,  
Evanston, Illinois**

Unabomber Ted Kaczynski's first bombing occurred at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and injured campus police officer Terry Marker.

# 1979

## **May 9, 1979 — Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois**

Unabomber Ted Kaczynski's second victim was John Harris, a graduate student at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. The explosion caused minor injuries.

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Chicago Tribune (Chicago, Illinois). May 10, 1979. Page 51.

## **November 15, 1979 — American Airlines Flight 444**

Unabomber Ted Kaczynski's third known bombing was targeted at American Airlines Flight 444 between Chicago and Washington. Twelve people were treated for smoke inhalation.

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Chicago Tribune (Chicago, Illinois). Nov 16, 1979.

# Bomb explodes in NU; researcher is burned

By Patricia Leeds

A NORTHWESTERN University graduate researcher suffered shock and burns Wednesday when a bomb in a cigar box exploded as he opened it in a study room of the school's Technological Institute.

John G. Harris, 35, a native of Toronto, was treated at Evanston Hospital for cuts on his arms and burns around his eyes. Police said the force of the blast blew his eyeglasses off his face and singed his eyebrows and lashes.

A fellow student, Bushan Karihaloo of Newcastle, Australia, said he was in a study cubicle a few feet away when "I heard a very loud bang, and then

screams."

He said he saw "what looked like pellets left over from an explosive material similar to that in firecrackers" in the bottom of the cigar box.

A UNIVERSITY spokesman said the bomb had been rigged with batteries and wires. It apparently had sat for several hours before Harris opened it. Police were at a loss to explain what material was used to set off the blast or what the motive for building the device was.

Karihaloo said he, Harris, and several other graduate students had been conducting research related to metal fatigue in the study room, on the second floor of the institute building at 2145 N. Sheridan Rd.



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# Bomb explodes aboard O'Hare flight

By Joan Zyda and Storer Rowley

A SMALL BOMB is a small peach exploded Thursday aboard an American Airlines 737 jet in the air between Chicago and Washington, D.C., filling the passenger cabin with smoke, but the plane landed safely.

There were no injuries among the 73

passengers and 6 crew members aboard, who were evacuated swiftly and safely through a rear exit of the aircraft, an airline spokesman said. Damage to the plane was described as minor.

As Flight 444, which left Chicago at 10:25 a.m., approached the capital, the pilot and forward passengers heard a muffled explosion.

Shortly later, smoke seeped into the passenger compartment, and the pilot brought the plane down early at Dulles International Airport, about 28 miles west of Washington, the spokesman said.

HOURS LATER, a caller reporting to represent an Iranian student group claimed responsibility for placing the

bomb, saying the students were upset by American efforts to deport them.

The calls, received by The Tribune and three other Chicago news organizations, said other bombs might be placed "on the CTA and in shopping areas" if the government continued to try to send some of the Iranians home.

The sound made by the bomb aboard the aircraft was described as "a sucking

explosion, like an implosion," by Art Plotnik, 42, of Chicago, one of the passengers.

"THERE WAS a quick loss of pressure. What was frightening was that at the same time there was kind of a sweet, chemical smell. Those of us who travel all the time had never smelled anything like it."

Plotnik, editor of American Libraries magazine, was among about 20 librarians and others from Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin bound for Washington to attend the White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

"Then smoke—like as cigaret smoke—started coming up (the) overheads and

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# 1980

## June 10, 1980 — Lake Forest, Illinois

Unabomber Ted Kaczynski's fourth bombing seriously injured United Airlines executive Percy Wood in his Lake Forest, Ill. home.

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The Dispatch (Moline, Illinois). Jun 11, 1980. Page 9.



PERCY A. WOOD

## Package bomb blast injures top executive of United Air Lines

LAKE FOREST (AP) — Police say they have no leads on the origin of a package bomb that exploded in the home of United Airlines President Percy A. Wood Tuesday night, leaving him with "extensive" cuts and lacerations.

Wood, 60, was reported in good condition today following surgery in Lake Forest Hospital. He suffered injuries to his face, left hand and left leg, a hospital spokesman said.

Police said a guard had been posted at the airline executive's hospital room.

FBI agents at the Wood home said the U.S. Postal Service has primary jurisdiction in the case because the bomb apparently was delivered by mail. Agents said the FBI, along with the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms division of the Treasury Department and Lake Forest police, will continue investigating the bombing.

CHICAGO FBI spokesman George Mandich said the explosive was contained in "not too big a package" delivered to Wood's home in the wealthy lakeshore suburb north of Chicago.

He said he knew of no history of threats to Wood or the company.

Thus far, no persons or organizations have claimed responsibility in the bombing, Mandich said.

Wood underwent surgery late Tuesday to remove fragments of the bomb from his face and hands. Lake Forest Hospital spokesman Joyce Fitzgerald said Wood had suffered "extensive" cuts and lacerations to the left side of his face, his left hand, and left leg.

Doctors said Wood suffered "no permanent damage," Ms. Fitzgerald said, but added that he may require plastic surgery.

According to police and the FBI, the incident occurred at Wood's home at approximately 3:48 p.m.

Police Chief Bernard Prais said Wood was alone in the house at the time of the explosion. Prais said the airline executive told him the bomb was contained in a paper-wrapped package he took from the home's roadside mail box.

PRAIS DESCRIBED the bomb as being disguised as a book, approximately 2 inches by 5 inches by 7 inches. The package, which apparently contained a pipe bomb, exploded as Wood was opening it in the kitchen, Prais said.

He said that following the explosion, Wood walked to the house of neighbors who summoned the ambulance and police.



# 1981

## October 8, 1981 — Defused, University of Utah

Unabomber Ted Kaczynski's fifth bomb was discovered at the University of Utah, and was defused before it could injure anyone.

The Daily Utah Chronicle (Salt Lake City, Utah). Oct 9, 1981. Page 1.

**Bomb forces Business Building evacuation**

by Kim Osborn  
Chronicle staff



The Business Building and surrounding area were evacuated Thursday after a bomb was discovered on the third floor.

Police Chief Wayne Shepherd received a call at about 11 a.m. reporting a strange-looking box in the hall of the Business Building.

"We got a call about a package with a spring on it that seemed quite suspicious," Shepherd said.

Shepherd and several police officers investigated and found a package about 12 inches high and 8 inches wide sitting next to the wall in a hallway of the third floor. The package was wrapped in brown paper and carelessly tied and taped.

"It was definitely a homemade-type bomb because of its crude construction," Shepherd said.

A special bomb squad from Fort Douglas, as well as firemen and paramedics arrived after it was determined to be a bomb.

"We used a stethoscope and several other methods to determine it was a bomb," Shepherd said.

It consisted of one gallon of gasoline, a long pipe full of gunpowder and several batteries, and was enclosed in a wooden box.

At about 11:30 a.m., classes were disrupted and a fire alarm was sounded to evacuate the building. Students were also directed to stay at least 50 feet from the building. Classes were cancelled for several hours.

The bomb squad did not move the bomb until it detonated it by shooting a corner of the package with a special device used to separate the components. Sandbags were placed around the bomb to absorb the explosion.

The detonation caused a loud pop and splattered the walls with gasoline.



University Police Chief Wayne Shepherd fields questions from the media after a bomb was discovered Thursday morning in the Business Building.

Lt. Richard Richardson of the University Police carries remnants of the detonated bomb from the Business Building.

*Chronicle photos by John Allen*

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# 1982

## **May 5, 1982 — Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee**

Unabomber Ted Kaczynski's sixth bomb injured Janet Smith, a secretary at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee. Smith suffered burns and shrapnel wounds.

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The Tennessean (Nashville, Tennessee) Thu, May 6, 1982. Page 1.

## **July 2, 1982 — University of California, Berkeley**

Unabomber Ted Kaczynski's seventh bomb injured Diogenes Angelakos, a University of California Berkeley engineering professor. Angelakos suffered severe burns and shrapnel wounds.

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The San Francisco Examiner (San Francisco, California). Jul 2, 1982. Page 21.

# Letter Bomb Blast Hurts VU Secretary

By **RANDY HILMAN**

A Vanderbilt University secretary was injured yesterday when a homemade bomb mailed to her office in a package exploded in her hands as she opened it.

Janet Smith, 39, of 4420 Prescott Road, a secretary to Dr. Patrick Fischer, head of Vanderbilt's Computer Science Department, was taken by ambulance to Vanderbilt Hospital. Her condition was reported as good.

**SHE SUFFERED** powder burns and cuts to her chest, arms and hands and underwent surgery to suture the larger cuts, a hospital spokesman said.

Ben Purser, Nashville FBI agent-in-charge, said jurisdiction in the case rests with the investigative arm of the U.S. Postal Service.

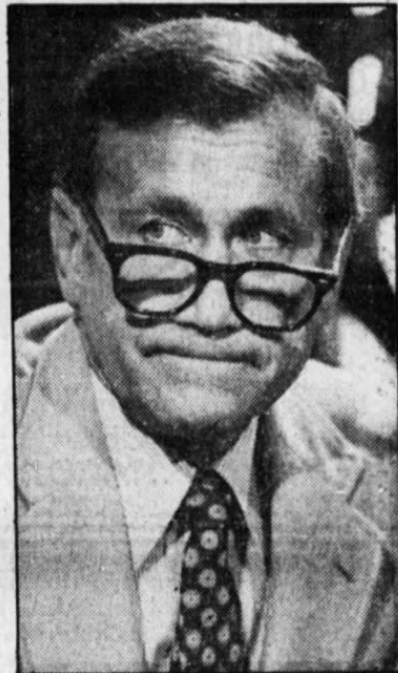
However, he said the FBI "will stay in touch" with the case.

A **POSTAL** inspector at the scene refused to talk to reporters.

Purser described the bomb as a "low order" explosive, but said he had "no idea" how it was constructed.

After the the 4 p.m. blast in an office in the Engineering Building, the university received an additional bomb threat at Light Hall, possibly by the same woman who telephoned a similar threat at the same location two nights ago, a university spokeswoman said.

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**James F. Neal**  
*Accepts chief counsel post*

## Neal Appointed

# Bomb injures UC professor

By Don Martinez  
Examiner staff writer

**BERKELEY** — A University of California professor was injured by a bomb that exploded in the campus' engineering building early today.

The bomb went off in a coffee room on the fourth floor of Cory Hall, sending Professor Diogenes J. Angelakos, 62, of Berkeley to Herrick Hospital with injuries to his face and hands.

According to Vi McFall, a spokeswoman for Herrick Hospital, Angelakos was in "good condition" late this morning. She said he was undergoing surgery to his right hand in an effort to save two fingers. He also had minor abrasions on his face, she said.

A police investigator said Angelakos, who is director of the campus electronics research laboratory and vice chairman of the electrical engineering and computer sciences department, was in a coffee room shortly before 8 a.m. when he noticed a box with exposed electrical parts.

When he picked it up to move it,

the explosion occurred, said the investigator.

The building was evacuated and searched and an hour later reopened. Campus public information officer Wallace Ravven said the university received no phone calls warning of the bomb prior to the explosion.

The windowless coffee room suffered "blast damage," according to a police investigator, darkening the walls and ceiling.

Cory Hall is located at the northeast corner of the campus, near Hearst Avenue and Gayley Road. Summer classes at the university started last Monday.

Faculty member Donald Rogers, an associate of Angelakos, said the professor was the first one in the coffee room this morning. He said Angelakos noticed a small shoebox-sized container lying on the floor, picked it up to move it or investigate it, and it exploded.

Nearby staff members ran into the coffee room when they heard the blast and found the professor lying bleeding

on the floor. He appeared to be in shock, Rogers said.

One staffer called the 911 emergency number, and rescue personnel arrived swiftly.

According to Rogers, it appeared to be a gasoline bomb.

"We smelled a strong odor of gasoline in the hallways after the blast," Rogers said.

Rogers said the hospital gave him this information on his colleague's condition:

"His face is OK. His glasses didn't break and they protected his eyes. There are flash burns to his hands."

According to Rogers, "we've never had any problem in this building before. It's always been calm on this side of the campus. Even during the anti-war demonstrations 10 years ago, we would get an occasional waft of tear gas, but that's about all.

"I've worked here 25 years and never seen anything like this before," Rogers said.

# 1985

## **May 15, 1985 — University of California, Berkeley**

Unabomber Ted Kaczynski's eighth bomb was his second delivered to the University of California Berkeley. The bomb injured graduate student John Hauser, who lost fingers and suffered partial vision loss in one eye.

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The Los Angeles Times (Los Angeles, California). May 16, 1985. Page 7.

## **June 13, 1985 — Defused, Boeing facility in Auburn, Washington**

Unabomber Ted Kaczynski's ninth bomb was found at a Boeing aircraft manufacturing facility in Auburn, Wash. The bomb was defused.

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Longview Daily News (Longview, Washington). Jun 14, 1985. Page 4.

## **November 15, 1985 — University of Michigan**

Unabomber Ted Kaczynski's tenth bomb injured University of Michigan psychology professor James McConnell and research assistant Nicklaus Suino.

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Detroit Free Press (Detroit, Michigan). Nov 16, 1985. Page 1.

# Box Explodes in UC Berkeley Lab, Shattering Graduate Student's Arm

By GEORGE RAMOS and MARK A. STEIN, *Times Staff Writers*

BERKELEY—A small, white plastic box exploded Wednesday in a computer lab at the University of California, Berkeley, shattering the right hand and arm of a 26-year-old Air Force captain who apparently had tried to open it.

The injured man was identified as John Hauser of the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo., a graduate student taking special training at UC Berkeley. He underwent six hours of surgery at nearby Herrick Hospital. Doctors said later that Hauser will never regain full use of his right hand and arm and may lose sight in his left eye. Hauser is a pilot, a university spokesman said.

The blast destroyed the small lab in Cory Hall in the northeast corner of the sprawling Berkeley campus. There was no fire.

University spokesman Ray Colvig said that there is no evidence to link the bombing to a two-day meeting of the UC Board of Regents, scheduled to start Thursday in another building about half a mile from Cory Hall. The regents are expected to discuss university investments in firms that do busi-

ness in South Africa, the subject of a generally peaceful 35-day demonstration by students here.

"We know of no connection between what went on in that building and what's going on anywhere else on campus," Colvig said. He added that there is no apparent connection between the lab bomb and a dissimilar pipe bomb that was found and disarmed Monday at San Francisco State University.

Andy Packer, 24, a mechanical engineering graduate student and a friend of Hauser, said he was in an adjoining room when he heard the explosion at 1:45 p.m. "I raced into the hall," Packer said. "There was a lot of smoke. He (Hauser) was screaming, and his arm was totally wrecked."

Three professors administered first aid until Berkeley Fire Department paramedics arrived. One of the professors, Diogenes J. Anelakos, suffered similar injuries in the last campus bombing, which occurred in the same building in July, 1982. That case has not been solved.

University spokesman Tom De-

bley said that Wednesday's explosion occurred when Hauser took a break from his work and reached over to touch the box, which Packer said no one had noticed until then.

Cory Hall is a four-story concrete structure that is home to the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

Colvig said that he is not aware of any connection between research done in the building and either the U.S. military or the South African government, two frequent targets of Berkeley radicals.

University spokesmen were uncertain how the explosion might affect security for the regents' meeting. Before the incident, 86 campus police officers from four University of California campuses had been recruited for the job, with assistance available from the Berkeley and Oakland police departments.

In addition, UC Police Lt. William Foley said, demonstrators outside the meeting will be kept under surveillance from a helicopter.

## **Bomb removed safely**

AUBURN, Wash. — A pipe bomb found in a Boeing Co. airplane parts fabricating complex Thursday was removed and safely detonated after a small building was evacuated, authorities said.

No damage or injuries were reported.

Harold Carr of Boeing said the device was uncovered by two custodial supervisory workers who became suspicious of something they saw in a package receiving area in Boeing's Building 17-04 in Auburn.

Spokesmen said they knew of no threat received in connection with the bomb.

# Package bomb explodes at U-M professor's house

By BETSEY HANSELL  
Free Press Staff Writer

A bomb in a package addressed to a University of Michigan professor exploded Friday afternoon, injuring an employe at the professor's house, police said.

The package was delivered by mail to the Scio Township home of James McConnell, a psychology professor, said Sgt. William McFarlane of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.

At 2:51 p.m., Nicklaus Suino, who works for McConnell, opened the

package, which exploded. Suino was taken to the University of Michigan Hospital where he was in fair condition Friday night, police said.

Marlys Schutjer, a friend of McConnell, said the family has been asked by police not to comment.

McFarlane said the Sheriff's Department, the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms and the U.S. postal inspector are investigating.

Anyone with information should call the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department at 791-8400, or the tip line at 973-7711.



## December 11, 1985 — Sacramento, California

Unabomber Ted Kaczynski's eleventh bomb was the first fatal explosion, killing Sacramento computer store owner Hugh Scrutton.

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The Sacramento Bee (Sacramento, California). Dec 12, 1985. Page 1.

# Mystery blast kills capital merchant

**By Edgar Sanchez**  
**Bee Staff Writer**

A Sacramento businessman was killed Wednesday when a bomb that had been left behind his store blew up in his face, authorities said.

The blast shortly after noon mortally wounded Hugh Campbell Scrutton, 38, owner of RenTech Computer Rentals in the Century Plaza shopping center at 1537 Howe Ave., Sacramento sheriff's investigators said.

The device exploded just moments after Scrutton left his store through the back door and headed for the parking lot, according to reports. The blast blew Scrutton about

10 feet.

The first person to arrive at the scene said Scrutton cried out, "Oh my God! Help me!"

Scrutton, of Carmichael, was pronounced dead at 12:34 p.m. at University Medical Center. He reportedly took the full force of the blast in his chest. There were no known witnesses.

The blast shook the entire shopping center, and shrapnel was scattered up to 150 yards from the point of the explosion.

Shrapnel penetrated the store's rear wall, but no one else was hurt.

**See BOMB, page A23**

# 1987

## February 20, 1987 — Salt Lake City, Utah

Unabomber Ted Kaczynski's twelfth bomb was left in the parking lot of a Salt Lake City computer store, and injured store owner Gary Wright when he attempted to remove the device. This bombing led to one of the earliest police sketches of Kaczynski.

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The Salt Lake Tribune (Salt Lake City, Utah). Feb 21, 1987. Page 13.

# Bomb Explodes in Salt Laker's Face

## 2 Witnesses Saw Device Planted in Parking Lot

By Stephen Hunt  
Tribune Staff Writer

A 26-year-old Salt Lake City man was seriously injured when a pipe bomb he picked up off a parking lot exploded in his face at about 10:40 a.m. Friday, police said.

The explosion occurred when an employee of CAAMS Inc., 270 E. 900 South, picked up a nail-studded object left in the firm's rear parking lot by an unknown man an hour before, police said.

Gary Wright was listed in serious but stable condition late Friday at an area hospital. Shrapnel from the pipe bomb lacerated Mr. Wright's face, arms and legs, said Salt Lake City Police Lt. Keith Tolman.

Two employees of the computer sales business described the bomb as appearing to be two two-by-fours or a block of wood with nails sticking out from it, Lt. Tolman said.

The employees told police they watched from inside the business as a man placed the object beside the left front wheel of an employee's car at about 9:40 a.m. — one hour before it exploded in Mr. Wright's face.

The man "hurried away" toward 300 East after he noticed the two employees were watching him, Lt. Tolman said. The employees told police the man carried a white canvas bag that appeared to contain another object shaped like the bomb.

The two employees delayed notifying police about the man's suspicious actions while they apparently attempted to contact their boss about the incident, Lt. Tolman said.

"They were alarmed. They were afraid to touch the object," Lt. Tolman said. "We don't know why we [police] weren't notified."

Meanwhile, Mr. Wright returned from a service call at about 10:40 a.m. and parked right beside the bomb.

"He pulled up, got out and picked it up," Lt. Tolman said.

Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents and police bomb squad investigators sifted through the bits and chunks of metal and wood strewn about the parking lot. Debris was blown more than 100 feet, Lt. Tolman said.

Initial investigation indicated the bomb was a 12-inch length of 1-inch-diameter pipe encased in two hollowed pieces of wood.

Following the explosion, Salt Lake County Sheriff's detectives were dispatched to a Holladay home where Mr. Wright was living and waited for about 30 minutes to see if the suspect would go there.

The man observed planting the bomb is described as white, about 28 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, 165 pounds, with blondish, curly hair. He was wearing a multi-colored parka with a hood, sunglasses and jeans, police said.

Lt. Tolman called the case a "dilemma." There is no apparent motive for the bombing and few clues about the suspect.



—Tribune Staff Photo by Stephen Hunt

**Fragment from nail-studded pipe-bomb that seriously injured Gary**

**Wright lies in parking lot of Salt Lake City computer sales business.**

# 1993

## **June 23, 1993 — Tiburon, California**

Geneticist Charles Epstein was injured in Tiburon, Calif. by Unabomber Ted Kaczynski's 13th bomb. Epstein lost several fingers and suffered hearing loss as a result of the blast.

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The San Francisco Examiner (San Francisco, California). Jun 23, 1993. Page 1.

## **June 24, 1993 — Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut**

Just one day after a bomb injured geneticist Charles Epstein in California, another bomb from Unabomber Ted Kaczynski severely wounded Yale computer science professor David Gelernter.

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The Missoulian (Missoula, Montana). Jun 25, 1993. Page 21.

# Genetics expert badly injured by bomb

Parcel explodes at his Tiburon home

By Eric Brazil  
and Jim Herron Zamora  
OF THE EXAMINER STAFF

Dr. Charles Epstein, one of the nation's foremost medical geneticists, was reported in fair condition at Marin General Hospital Wednesday, recovering from injuries inflicted when a package delivered to his Tiburon home exploded in his hands.

Epstein, 59, called "a major force in human genetics" by a colleague, "has no idea why this occurred," said John J. Covert, acting special agent in charge of the FBI in San Francisco. "He had no clue who did this."

Covert said the 8-inch by 11-inch package bomb was delivered in a padded envelope with the mail to the Epstein home on Noche Vista between 11:30 and noon on Tuesday. His daughter took it inside between 1 and 1:30 p.m.

About 4:30 p.m., Epstein opened the package and it exploded.

The explosion blew out kitchen windows and screens, ripped a table top off its legs and scattered glass about the kitchen.

Covert said the doctor lost two or three fingers on his right hand and suffered abdominal injuries as well as a broken right arm. He was taken to surgery shortly before noon on Wednesday.

"The investigation thus far has  
[ See BOMB, A-10 ]



Associated Press

**CONNECTICUT** State Police vehicles sit parked in front of the computer science center on the Yale University campus Tuesday in New Haven, Conn., after a mail bomb exploded there. David Gelernter, 38, director of undergraduate studies in computer science, suffered serious wounds when a bomb went off in his office on the fifth floor of the building.

## Mail bomb wounds Yale professor

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — A mail bomb severely injured a Yale University computer scientist Thursday, and the FBI was investigating a possible link to other explosions, including one that maimed a California professor this week.

David Gelernter, 38, was opening his mail in his office at 8:15 a.m. when the explosion occurred, said John Sennett, an FBI spokesman. Later, after the bombing was reported on radio, someone called in a threat to the medical center where Gelernter's brother, a Yale geneticist, works.

The bombing occurred just two days after a geneticist at the University of California-San Francisco, Dr. Charles Epstein, lost several fingers when a mailed package bomb exploded at his home.

The FBI was looking for possible connections between the two cases and other recent bombings, "both solved and unsolved," Sennett said.

FBI officials in Washington pointed to a 1989 Reader's Digest article on unsolved mail bombings, some targeting professors and computer specialists. The bomber sent or placed 12 devices from 1978 through 1987, killing one man — 38-year-old computer-rental store owner Hugh Scrutton in Sacramento, Calif., in 1985 — and injuring 21 other people.

FBI bomb examiner Christopher Ronay in Washington determined one bomber was behind the dozen incidents based on the meticulous handiwork employed. The FBI would not say Thursday whether the same person was suspected in this week's bombings.

The serial bomber struck at the University of Illinois in Chicago, Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Vanderbilt University in Nashville, the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and twice at the University

of California at Berkeley.

The FBI said authorities had to presume that David Gelernter was an intended target, although no motive was clear.

"We're looking closely for any kind of motive, including those that are terrorist in nature," Sennett said.

Gelernter, an associate professor and director of undergraduate studies in computer science, is an outspoken conservative, said a colleague, Professor Vladimir Rokhlin.

Dr. Joel Gelernter, a Yale psychiatrist whose speciality is genetics, works at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in neighboring West Haven.

After the bombing, someone called the medical center switchboard and warned: "'You are next,'" said Louise FitzSimons, a VA spokeswoman. Federal agents checked Joel Gelernter's mail, but the hospital wasn't evacuated.

The blast caused David



AP/R Kowlessar

Gelernter severe wounds to the abdomen, chest, face and hands. He remained in critical condition Thursday evening at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

Gelernter ran a block from his fifth-floor office to the university health clinic to get treatment, leaving a trail of blood, authorities said.

# 1994

## December 10, 1994 — North Caldwell, New Jersey

Unabomber Ted Kaczynski's 15th bomb killed Burson-Marsteller advertising executive Thomas Mosser at his New Jersey home.

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Daily News (New York, New York). Dec 11, 1994. Page 272.

# Mail bomb kills ad 'exec

## Motive sought in death of Young & Rubicam veep at N.J. home

By ZACHARY MARGULIS  
and DON SINGLETON  
Daily News Staff Writers

A top Madison Avenue advertising executive was killed in his palatial New Jersey home yesterday when a booby-trapped package exploded as he opened it.

Thomas Mosser, 50, was recently named executive vice president and general manager of Young & Rubicam Inc., Worldwide, one of the largest ad agencies in the world.

Authorities couldn't immediately determine a motive for the death, Essex County Prosecutor Clifford Minor said last night.

There was no indication the executive was involved in any criminal activities, or that any threats had been made against him or his family, Minor said.

Police said that when the explosion occurred about 10:45 a.m., Mosser was in the kitchen of his two-story hill-top home in North Caldwell on Aspen Drive in a heavily wooded, wealthy Essex County community.

Mosser's wife, Susan, and his two children, ages 13 years and 15 months, were also in the house, North Caldwell Police Chief James Rush said.

"Thank the good Lord, no one else was injured," he said.

The kitchen was heavily damaged by the blast, authorities said.

Sources said the distraught Mrs. Mosser was concerned that the attack could be related to her husband's business, particularly to his recent promotion.

Officials were checking for possible links to other unsolved bombings, including a

and a half of the initial call. Officers called for a medical helicopter, but the call was canceled when it became apparent that Mosser was dead, one officer said.

Neighbors said Mosser had returned home late Friday night after a business trip.

By early afternoon, agents of the FBI, the federal Bu-

reau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Essex County sheriff's bomb squad and local police were combing the house for clues.

Mosser's body was removed from the house at 4:45 p.m.

At least three New York Police Department bomb squad detectives went to the headquarters of Young & Ru-

bicam at Madison Ave. and 40th St. yesterday afternoon with an explosive-sniffing dog.

A spokesman for Y&R said the detectives checked the mail room. As the detectives left, one said they had found no trace of explosives.

The police team also searched the offices of Y&R

Chief Executive Officer Peter Georgescu, but found no indication of any explosive device, sources said.

In North Caldwell, neighbors described the Mossers as quiet people.

"They're just very nice people," said Arlene Hayward, who lives nearby. "We see them go to work every morning and come back every night."

"Nationwide, this kind of incident is extremely rare," said Postal Inspector John Johnson.

Richard McGowan, spokesman for Young & Rubicam, said Mosser had spent "many years" with the company, most of them in Burson Marsteller, a Y&R subsidiary that is one of the world's largest public relations firms.

Young & Rubicam's client list includes many familiar brand names, including Philip Morris, American Express and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

"He just took this job as general manager and executive vice president two weeks ago," McGowan said. "He was a member of the agency's most senior operating committee, responsible for corporate duties."

"He was one of our very finest communications executives," said McGowan. "We're obviously devastated by the news. We extend our greatest sympathies to his family."

Of the explosion, McGowan said agency officials "have absolutely no signs at all and no clue to what it was all about — it came totally out of the blue."

Daily News Staff Writers Patricia Winters and Michael S.C. Claffey contributed to this account.



ANTHONY SPARNIULO

EMERGENCY WORKERS and Essex County bomb squad crew examine home of Thomas Mosser, who was killed by mail bomb in his North Caldwell, N.J., home yesterday.



# 1995

## April 24, 1995 — Sacramento, California

Unabomber Ted Kaczynski's 16th and final bomb killed timber industry lobbyist Gilbert B. Murray in Sacramento. Kaczynski is believed to have frequently sabotaged logging operations near his home in Montana.

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## Unabomber kills again

### Victim called kind, caring

By Tony Bizjak  
Bee Staff Writer  
and Jane Braxton Little  
Bee Correspondent

He was a cordial and cautious man in a contentious and sometimes dangerous public arena.

Gilbert B. Murray, California Forestry Association president, spent the last day of his life mixing business and friendship in his typically low-key manner.

Monday morning, hours before a mail bomb exploded in his hands, ending his life, the 47-year-old forester had chatted excitedly with a female co-worker about the beginnings of another life - her as yet unborn child.

The worker, who asked her name not to be used out of concern for her safety, says she peeped into his office to tell him about the videotape she had just had made of her sonogram.

"Bring it in!" he said.  
"You want to see my sonogram?" she asked, surprised.  
"Hey, it'll be neat," he said. "I'll watch it at lunch."

Murray was not the type to suspect a mail bomb, people who knew him say - even in these last few weeks, when others in the timber industry worried about increasing tensions and the possibility of attacks from radical environmental groups.

The blast that killed Murray apparently was the work of a lone terrorist - not an organized group, according to FBI investigators, who concluded late Monday that the fatal package was sent by a serial mail-bomb attacker known as the Unabomber.

Colleagues said Murray never expressed concern about his safety and never considered battles within the timber industry as personal affairs or worthy of hatred.

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Sacramento Fire Chief Gary Costamagna, left, confers with Mayor Joe Serna, center, and Police Chief Arturo Venegas following the explosion at 13111 St. Killed was Gilbert B. Murray, far right, president of the California Forestry Association.

“He cared about people and he cared about trees.”  
Mary Morgan  
Talking about Gilbert Murray



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### Timber lobbyist slain in capital

By Bill Lindelof  
and Sam Stanton  
Bee Staff Writers

The mysterious Unabomber struck again Monday when a powerful mail bomb ripped through the offices of a downtown lobbying firm, killing its 47-year-old president and sending hundreds of panicked workers streaming into the streets.

The blast inside the California Forestry Association offices at 13111 St. killed Gilbert B. Murray, a father of two who had headed up the timber lobbying group for less than a year.

Richard Ross, special agent in charge of the Sacramento FBI office, said about seven hours after the afternoon blast that investigators had found evidence that the bomb was the work of the shadowy bomber who has plagued Northern California with periodic mail bombs for 17 years.

"Based upon our preliminary assessment of some of the material at the crime scene, the Unabomber task force personnel have advised me that similarities strongly indicate that this is the work of the Unabomber," Ross said.

He declined to discuss specifics of the material that led them to that conclusion. He said only that "forensics" indicate that it was the work of the Unabomber.

A \$1 million reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the Unabomber has been offered for several years, and Ross urged anyone with informa-

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### Where the bomb was delivered

The FBI said all implications point to the bomb being mailed by the infamous Unabomber. Previous attacks have been directed at people associated with wood or wood products.

2. The receptionist takes the package to Murray. The California Forestry Association is the sole tenant of the building.

3. 2:19 p.m.: As Murray attempts to open the package in this area, it explodes, killing him and blowing out doors, walls, windows and the ceiling. There were no other major injuries.



1. 2 p.m.: The Postal Service delivers the bomb, a small but heavy package wrapped in brown paper, to the receptionist.



Authorities believe this is what the Unabomber looks like.

Source: Zenith Construction, Sacramento City Planning Department, Bee research

Bee photo/Mark Thomas and Scott Flood

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## **April 3, 1996 — Ted Kaczynski arrested near Lincoln**

Theodore Kaczynski was arrested on April 3, 1996 at his remote cabin near Lincoln.

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## Unabomber investigation centers on Lincoln 'hermit'

# IS SEARCH OVER?

By LEN IWANSKI  
Associated Press Writer  
with wire and local reports

**L**INCOLN — A former Berkeley math professor suspected by relatives of being the Unabomber was being held in the Lewis and Clark County Jail Wednesday night.

A white Ford Bronco thought to be carrying the suspect drove quickly past a crowd of journalists and cheering teen-agers and into the jail about 10:30 p.m.

A member of the Unabomber task force, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, identified the man as Ted John Kaczynski and said he had been using many aliases. Federal agents were said to have been following him for several weeks.

The authorities confronted Kaczynski at his cabin near Lincoln Wednesday and, after a brief scuffle, about 26 FBI agents searched it for evidence of bomb-related material. It was not clear

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Exclusive photo by Gregory Rice

Kaczynski is taken to the FBI's office in the Arcade Building in downtown Helena Wednesday evening.

## Media searches, and then swarms

By CAROLYNN FARLEY  
IR Staff Writer

Ted Kaczynski lived the life of a hermit.

Ironically, on the day he was arrested, members of the media and onlookers swarmed the muddy, rural road that led to his rustic home.

Because Kaczynski's plywood dwelling was tucked neatly in the backwoods near Lincoln, it took cameramen and reporters a while to find the place.

But when they did, the onslaught came with a vengeance.

More than 30 media representatives covered on the area to



IR photo by George Lane

An unidentified FBI agent appears to be bored with the whole ordeal.

stand vigil by an FBI road block awaiting the moment Kaczynski would be brought down the road in an FBI truck on his way to Helena where he would be held overnight.

Television news reporters prinzily dressed to impress gingerly picked their way through the muck in their high heels at the scene.

The more seasoned journalists,

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## Arrests shock Lincoln

Neighbors; he was 'quiet' and 'sweet'

By MARIE HOEFFNER  
IR Staff Writer

**L**INCOLN — Unabomber suspect Theodore John Kaczynski has been described by residents here as everything from the "sweet little neighbor" to the "polite man" who would ride his bicycle to town a few times a week.

Many Lincoln residents said Thursday they were "shocked" when they discovered that this man is a suspect in three deaths and 23 injuries.

"It's the same scene



IR photo by George Lane

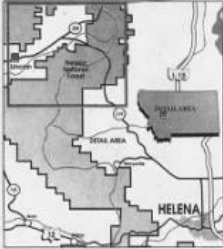
Reporters swarm around the car of area residents Bev Coleman and Ann Pryor, Coleman, a former employee of the Lincoln library, would often see Kaczynski there.

you hear about all the time," said Butch Gehring, who has lived near Kaczynski for nearly 25 years. "He's the sweet little

neighbor who stayed by himself. He was a quiet little guy. His

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**THURSDAY**  
April 4, 1996  
Mostly cloudy  
Weather details 2A  
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## Sheriff says he's 'disgusted' with the FBI's secrecy in raid

By GRANT SASEK  
IR Staff Writer

"The John Wayne of all law enforcement agencies" is how an angry Lewis and Clark County Sheriff Chuck O'Reilly described the FBI for its handling of Wednesday's raid of a Unabomber suspect's residence near Lincoln.

"I'm totally disgusted with the way the FBI is handling this," O'Reilly said Wednesday afternoon.

He didn't get any happier as the day passed.

The raid was under way for "two to four hours" Wednesday morning before O'Reilly was informed by FBI officials that it even was taking place, he said.

LATER THAT AFTERNOON, with the airspace closed above Lincoln and roadblocks set up on Siemple Pass, FBI officials still wouldn't tell O'Reilly who the suspect was or at which house the raid was taking place, he said.

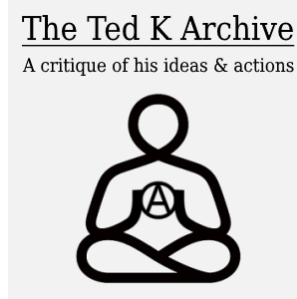
"Their attitude is that 'We don't trust anyone but ourselves,'" O'Reilly said. "So guess where the leak comes from."

The first reports of the raid came with a Washington, D.C. dateline and credited anonymous FBI officials. O'Reilly first learned the suspect's name from a member of the media.

IT ALSO WAS REPORTED that FBI agents have been in the Lincoln area for days investigating the subject but, according to O'Reilly, no agents bothered to contact the sheriff's name from a member of the media.

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A critique of his ideas & actions.



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