

**Kaczynski's brother,** David, may have cracked the case when he called the FBI after finding old letters in his mother's attic that sounded like the Unabomber. But he couldn't get the Feds to swear off pursuing the death penalty.



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featured in the book and movie "A River Runs Through It," would be despoiled by acid-laden mine waste.

Kaczynski, who had lived a Thoreau-like existence in a crude shack five miles from Lincoln for 25 years, was known as an intensely private man—polite but aloof, a bearded eccentric who pedaled into town on a battered bicycle and never really talked about himself. But this time he did. As Garland remembers it, Kaczynski showed up at her door one day looking unusually neat and clean. He proceeded to say he admired her work for environmental causes and added that he was looking for a job. "He said he was running out of funds," Garland recalled to NEWSWEEK. "He said, 'I don't know how to go out and get a job. It's been so long since I've done something like that.'" He then gave her a handwritten letter that was part résumé and part autobiography. The hermit revealed himself to be a Harvard graduate with a doctorate in mathematics from the University of Michigan and a brief history as a math teacher at Berkeley. He even traced his difficulties to growing up as "a genius in a kid's body and sticking out like a sore thumb in his surroundings as a child," Garland says.

*David Kaczynski, with mother, Wanda, after he helped finger his brother (above); Ted's shack in Montana, home for 25 years*

Like everyone else in Lincoln, Becky Garland was stunned by last week's news that the shy and gentle hermit she had known for so long may well be the notorious serial killer who, for the past 18 years, has been one of the FBI's most-wanted men. "Looking at the news, I got some monster goose bumps," Garland said. "I wish there was something I could have seen that would have made me know . . . maybe I could have saved somebody's life."

But nobody knew. From the time he went to Harvard in 1958 to the day his brother contacted the FBI last January, Theodore John Kaczynski seems to have disclosed himself to no one. He had no close friends, no wife and, as far as can be found, no lovers or intimates. He was a shy, brilliant boy who became a pathologically reclusive man—a mathematician for creativity, if not genius, who gave up a promising career in teaching and research for a grubby, lonely subsistence in one of the most rugged regions of the North American outback. The pattern of his life bespeaks



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In tracking the suspect to rural Montana, the Feds relied on details gathered since '87.

**Feb. 1987** FBI provides a sketch of the Unabomber based on an eyewitness account of a man placing a bag of wood on boards behind a computer store in Salt Lake City. The bundle explodes less than an hour later.

