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Goetz testifies for first time on shootings

NEW YORK (AP) - Subway gunman Bernhard Goetz testified under oath for the first time Monday about the December afternoon six years ago when he shot four youths on a Manhattan subway train, paralyzing one of them.

But exactly what his testimony means de-

pends on who is describing it.

Goetz, acting as his own lawyer, moved successfully to get the media banned from his depo-

sition in a \$50 million civil suit filed by victim Darrell Cabey

Ronald Kuby, the paralyzed plaintiff's attorney, said Goetz had undermined his case on the stand, while Goetz said the case could be dismissed later this week.

'Mr. Goetz made it clear he intended to destroy Darrell Cabey, to end his life. If anything, Bernie Goetz convicted himself with his own mouth," said Kuby.

But Goetz, when the three-hour hearing was over, said the key to his testimony was that he fired three times at Cabey on Dec. 22, 1984. Why did he shoot? "I was being mugged," Goetz told reporters.

The subway gunman wouldn't go any further in describing his appearance, but Kuby said

Goetz claims his first shot missed Cabey, now 22. and the second one struck the plaintiff.

When Goetz then told Cabey, "You don't look so bad, here's another," and fired again at the youth a third time, there was no bullet in the chamber. Kuby said that doesn't matter because it clearly shows intent to injure.

The soft-spoken Goetz saw things differently Goetz said he intends to move for a dismissal of the case on Wednesday after he questions Cabey in the same state courtroom.

"I believe Darrell Cabey is going to say he doesn't remember why he was shot or what happened on that subway. Darrell Cabey is going to pretend he's a mental vegetable. Everybody knows Darrell Cabey is faking," said Goetz.

Goetz, 42, was acquitted of attempted murder in the shooting but convicted of a weapons possession charge; he never took the stand at his trial. He served 81/2 months in prison on his convic-

Goetz was subsequently sued for \$50 million by Cabey, who also reportedly suffered brain damage due to the shooting. The three other teens Goetz shot all recovered.

Dr. Seuss and Stephen King banned

CHICAGO (AP) - What do Dr. Seuss, Stephen King and the editors of Webster's dictionary have in common? Theirs are among the scores of books banned or challenged in the past year, the American Library Association said Monday in launching Banned Books Week.

"We need to bring to the attention of American public the fact that our First Amendment rights are under attack," said Judith Krug, director of the association's Office for Intellectual Freedom.

A Webster's Dictionary edition was challenged in the Upper Pittsgrove Township, N.J., school district because parents objected to the definition of sexual intercourse as "the sexual joining of two individuals." said Paul Whitman, secretary of the school board.

The 1986 dictionary edition edited especially for teenagers - was removed from fourth and fifth grade classrooms last fall, but continues to be used in upper levels, he said. Whitman said he didn't know what portion of the definition provoked the challenge.

"The Lorax" by Dr. Seuss' was challenged in a Laytonville, Calif., school district last September. Parents working for a local logging company said the book portrayed their industry negatively.

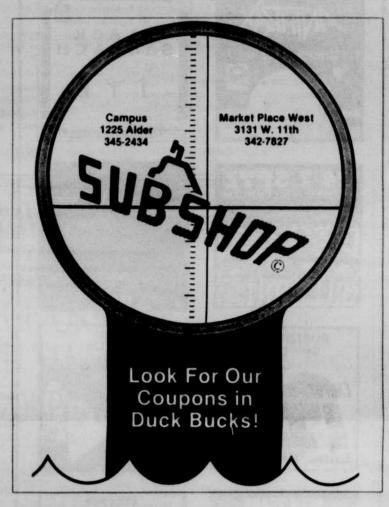
The book remained on the second-grade required reading list after the challenge, but teachers voluntarily moved it to an optional list the following spring, said Superintendent Brian Buckley.

Stephen King's "The Stand" was restricted to ninth-grade students with parental consent Whitford Intermediate School in Beaverton after some parents objected to violence and sexual language. And an-other King novel, "Christine," was pulled from the library at Washington Middle School in Meriden. Conn., after a parent complained about offensive passages

These are only a few of the incidents reported to the 51,000-member educational association between May 1989 and May 1990, Krug said.

The week runs through Sept. 29. It's part of a national effort to draw attention to the more than 1,000 instances of challenging or banning books re-ported last year, Krug said.







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