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Poll reveals
47 percent
support Goetz
in shooting

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bernhard Goetz's subway shooting attack on four teenagers asking him for money was supported by 47 percent of Americans asked about it in a Media General-Associated Press poll on crime.

The nationwide poll also indicated that 42 percent of Americans believe mugging victims have the right to take matters into their own hands, that one in five U.S. families has been touched by serious crime and that 56 percent of those victims were dissatisfied with response from the police.

Goetz, 37, an electronics engineer dubbed the "subway vigilante," gained worldwide recognition in the Dec. 22, 1984, shootings of four youths on a New York City subway train after at least one of the teenagers asked for \$5. One grand jury refused to indict him on attempted murder charges, but the case was reopened last week and a new grand jury is expected to begin hearing re-submitted charges this week.

The Goetz case prompted widespread debate on crime and self-protection and led President Reagan to say in January, "In general, I think we all can understand the frustration of people who are constantly threatened by crime and feel that law and order is not particularly protecting them."

The 1,532 adults contacted in the nationwide telephone poll were asked, "Do you believe that people who become the victims of muggings or holdups have a right to take matters into their own hands, or should they let police and the courts deal with the matter?"

Forty-two percent said crime victims had a right to strike back, 47 percent said police and the courts should deal with the matter and 11 percent didn't answer or said they didn't know.

Asked specifically about Goetz, 47 percent said they supported the actions of the subway gunman, 17 percent opposed what he did and 36 percent said they didn't know enough about the case to form an opinion.

When the responses were tallied

Around town

Duchesses needed for Cotton Pageant

Applications are now available for duchesses to the 51st Annual Cotton Pageant. Any campus organization is invited to enter a contestant, as well as sororities and fraternities. The winner receives a \$500 scholarship to TAMU. Entry fee is \$40. The pageant will be held March 29 and 30. For applications and information, call Parrice at 764-7133.

Womens club sponsors CPR courses

Two Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) courses, open to the public, will be offered at the Womens Club at 1200 Carter Creek Parkway in Bryan. Each course consists of two sessions. Today and Wednesday, a course is scheduled for 9 a.m.-noon. Tuesday and Thursday the course will be held 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Attendance at both sessions is necessary to complete the course and to receive certification form the American Heart Association and Red Cross. The only cost to participants is 50¢ for an instruction booklet. To register, call the American Heart Association at 775-1970.

Student budget workshop held tomorrow

Two workshops for treasurers of student organizations concerning budgets for student organizations allocations will be held in 137 MSC on Tuesday. One will begin at 3:30 p.m. and second will start at 5:15 p.m. All organizations must have a representative attend one of these funding budget workshops prior to submitting a budget request. Budget requests are due March 29 at 4 p.m. in the Student Finance Center.

Applications opened for peer advisor

The applications for 1985 Peer Advisors are now available in 108 YMCA. There is an information session scheduled for Wednesday at 7 p.m. in 137 MSC. This will cover peer advisor responsibilities, as well as a description of the total Peer Advisor Program. Anyone interested in being a 1985 peer advisor is encouraged to attend.

along racial lines, 33 percent of blacks said they supported Goetz, 26 percent opposed what he did, and 41 percent said they didn't know. Among whites, 49 percent supported Goetz, 16 percent opposed what he did and 35 percent said they didn't know.

The wounded youths are black; Goetz is white. In New York, some angry black leaders said the public would have been less supportive if the gunman had been black and the youths white. Federal prosecutors were asked to charge Goetz with civil rights violations, but the request was denied after prosecutors deter-

mined Goetz acted in fear and not from racial motives.

Twenty-two percent of the respondents said they or members of their families had been victims of serious crime in the past year. Among those, 56 percent were dissatisfied with police response, 39 percent said they were satisfied.

Respondents were also asked if they believed crime in their communities was more serious than other problems, just as serious or not as serious as other problems. Nineteen percent said more serious, 39 percent said just as serious and 40 percent said not as serious.

Phalanx defense system
reliability under question

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — You are the captain of the U.S.S. Heroic, a fictional American frigate plying the Mediterranean in wartime. Only seconds away, four Soviet missiles are hurtling toward middeck at nearly the speed of sound.

Your only defense is the last defense, the Phalanx system.

These radar-guided Gatling guns spit out "penetrators" at the rate of 75 per second. These are special bullets — made of super-hard depleted uranium — and to be effective they must strike the incoming missiles' 12-inch heads, churn through the armor and set off the explosive.

If the Phalanx bullets misfire, or fail to penetrate, the U.S.S. Heroic sinks. The more bullets that hit, the better your chances.

Can you count on the ammunition?

That question, involving the U.S. Navy and the navies of seven allied countries, has been asked and explored in great detail in courtrooms in Santa Barbara, Calif., and Washington in recent weeks. There was

testimony and evidence that the answer is yes. And no.

On one side is Fritz Feldmann, inventor of a break-away plastic shroud that encases the penetrators as they travel through the gun barrel. The white-haired, Swiss-born Feldmann claims he isn't being paid royalties for his invention, called a sabot. Moreover, he says his sabot was altered for the mass-production process and lost two-thirds of its accuracy because of it.

If he were the captain of a ship under attack?

"I'd want better ammunition," said Feldmann.

On the other side is the Navy, which has more than 220 Phalanx systems on 125 ships and is scrambling to triple that. The Navy and the sole manufacturer, the Olin Corporation, say Feldmann's invention wasn't distinctive enough to command royalties. They say the five million rounds of the ammunition made to date are nearly twice as accurate as required.

If you were the captain of that ship?

Peter T. Adams, the lead labo-

ratory manager for the Phalanx system at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren, Va., testified.

"If you have a weapons system that has the probability of doing a job with the current ammunition 100 percent and you are aware of ways of improving the ammunition ... What happens if you make ammunition better? Basically nothing."

The Navy tested Phalanx last May for the first time against the French-built Exocet, successfully knocking out three of four.

The debate in the U.S. Supreme Court spiced up an otherwise routine trial over royalties claimed by Feldmann, who holds three patents on the sabot. The sabot is needed to cause the penetrator to be smaller than a normal 20mm bullet.

Phalanx is used aboard ships ranging from the largest nuclear carriers to the smallest frigates, marvel of modern warfare, its radar simultaneously tracks incoming missiles and outgoing projectiles, applying corrections before the previous burst arrives in the target zone.

Kidnap

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Threats were made against Americans in Lebanon over the U.S. veto in the U.N. Security Council on Tuesday of a Lebanese-sponsored resolution condemning Israeli practices in occupied south Lebanon.

The caller's statement said: "We are definite that Islamic Beirut is full of agents from all sides, and accordingly we are working day and night to purge our region of any subversive element."

Police sources in Beirut, who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed Sunday that a Libyan diplomat had been abducted from his car on west Beirut's Corniche Mazraa Boulevard the day before. They identified him as Abdel-Basset Trabulsi, a member of the Libyan People's Bureau, the equivalent of an embassy.

There have been several kidnappings of Libyan diplomats in west

Beirut. All have been released unharmed.

The statement attributed to Islamic Holy War was given by a man speaking Lebanese-accented Arabic to a Western news agency in Beirut, which translated it into English and provided it to the AP with the understanding the agency would not be named.

The statement also threatened Swiss citizens and interests, claiming Switzerland, a neutral country, was planning to buy weapons from Israel.

After reading the statement, the caller added: "We have delayed releasing this statement until the three were taken outside Beirut."

There was no way to authenticate the validity of the call, similar to those which have followed past kidnappings of other Americans in Beirut as well as anti-American bombings and other violent activities.

Judge not
laughing at
T-shirt words

Associated Press

SAN ANGELO — As Ron Don Smith sat quietly in the courtroom gallery, he wore a T-shirt displaying two horizontal lines of large alphabetical characters that spelled nothing.

But when his wife, Karen Smith, 19, took the stand to testify about the divorce she sought, Smith, 22, smiled and folded his T-shirt, causing the character to display a common obscenity in letters six inches tall.

State District Judge Curt Smith saw no humor in the action. He stopped the Friday hearing, declared Smith in contempt of court, and sent him to jail for 72 hours.



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INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

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BREAK THE RECORD

The Intramural Track and Field Meet is fast approaching on the calendar. Entries open March 18 and close March 26. For you diehard trackstars, here is a list of Intramural track records that have stood for five or more years. Go for the gold!

Event	Record	Year
100 M Dash	10.6	1978
200 M Dash	21.47*	1978
800 M Dash	1:59.0*	1975
1600 M Run	4:24.26*	1978
110 M Low Hurdles	13.13*	1975
1600 M Relay	3:26.59*	1977
Softball Trow	350'6"	1978

Women's Track and Field

Event	Record	Year
800 M Dash	2:28.73*	1979
400 M Relay	53.39*	1978
High Jump	5'5"	1978
Long Jump	16'1/2"	1979
Softball Throw	210'2 1/4"	1976

* Indicates converted from Imperial Measure
All records for Intramural Track and Field are listed in the Intramural Calendar. For more information about the Track Meet, call the Intramural Office at 845-7826 or come by East Kyle.

IM GAMEPLAN

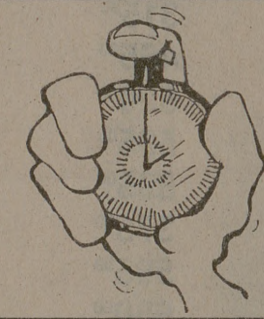
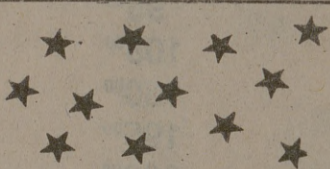
ENTRIES CLOSE:

SUPERSTARS — Budding decathletes take notice. Entries close Friday, March 22. Entrants choose 10 of the 12 events. Competitions will be held March 23 and 24. A meeting for all participants will be held Saturday, March 23 at 11:30 a.m. in 164 East Kyle.

ENTRIES OPEN:

TRACK AND FIELD — Rev up the old sneaks. Entries open today, March 18, and close Tuesday, March 26. A Scratch and Information meeting will be held Thursday, March 28 at 6 p.m. in 164 East Kyle. Field events will be held on Sunday, March 31. Prelims for running events will be Tuesday, April 2; divisionals are Thursday, April 4 and All-University will be the following Tuesday, April 9. Individuals and teams are encouraged to enter.

HANDBALL DOUBLES — Entries open today, March 18 and close Tuesday, March 26. Play begins Monday, April 1 at East Kyle. USHA Rules will apply. Matches consist of the best two out of three games. Free.

VOLLEYBALL TRIPLES AND
INNERTUBE WATER POLO

Just a reminder that Volleyball Triples and Innertube Water Polo tournaments begin tonight. Team captains who missed the team captain's meeting can pick up their schedules in room 159 East Kyle.

PENBERTHY DEADLINE EXTENDED

The Intramural Office will continue to take entries for the Penberthy Softball Tournament until 6 p.m., March 20. This tournament will be held March 22, 23 and 24. Entry fee is \$40. Games finish at midnight each night of the tournament.

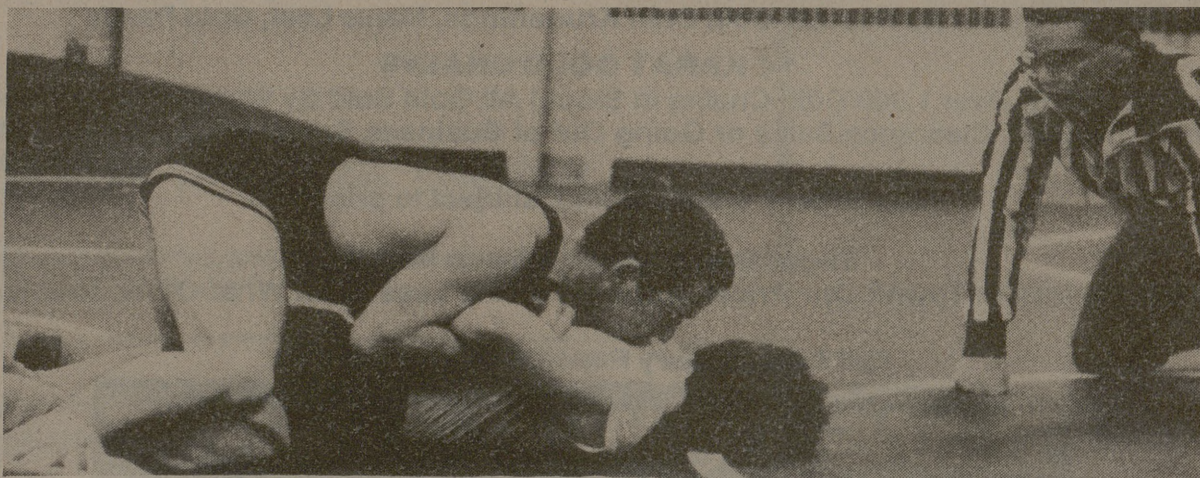
WRESTLING WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners in the Intramural Wrestling Tournament.

Winners	Weight Class
Tom Gore	118 A
Mark Okamoto	134 A
Karl Gromelski	134 B
Steven Martter	142 A
Alan Carlisle	150 A
Fredrick Brenz	158 A
Scot Parrot	158 B
Charlie Werth	167 A
Araon Dennis	177 A
Blake Walter	190 A
Randy Schrecengost	HWT

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Wrestling champ (134 lbs.-Class A) Mark Okamoto accumulates points toward his victory in the Intramural Wrestling Tournament.

WATER POLO
NEWS

The Men's Water Polo Club which placed 2nd in the National Water Polo Association Tournament will hold an organizational meeting on Thursday, March 21 at 7 p.m. in room 109 Military Science Building. Any person interested in becoming a member is encouraged to attend. For more information call Chris Blockhaus at 260-1774.