# U.S. soldier dies; sixteen wounded

### Disco visited by Americans in Panama site of grenade attack

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — An Amerisoldier has died of injuries suffered in a grede attack on a discotheque, and 13 U.S. servmen remained hospitalized Sunday, the U.S.

A statement from the U.S. Southern Comand said Army Spec. Anthony B. Ward, 21, of buston, died at 5:15 p.m. Saturday of injuries the chest and abdomen. He died at the U.S. itary's Gorgas Hospital in Panama City.

Ward was among 16 American servicemend 12 Panamanians injured late Friday in the aton the disco My Place, which was known to

requented by Americans. Witnesses said two men yelling "Long live Noga!" threw a grenade through a glass wall of disco at about 11:30 p.m., then sped away in a There was no immediate claim of responsibi-It was the first such attack on U.S. soldiers in

Panama since the Dec. 20 invasion that ousted dictator Manuel Antonio Noriega.

'We are saddened by the death of Army Specialist Anthony B. Ward and convey our heartfelt condolences to his family," said a White House statement from Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater. 'This is an unfortunate incident that mars the heroic steps the people of Panama are taking in building democracy.

Panamanian police said they had questioned several witnesses to the bombing but announced

"We ask Panamanian citizens to free their society of these types of terrorists and criminals, Maj. Gen. Marc Cisneros, commander of the U.S. Army South, said Saturday. "We must work together to bring these criminals to justice.'

The 13 hospitalized Americans were reported Sunday in satisfactory condition. Hospital offi-

that three were in intensive care, but in stable

Southern Command officials and the head of Panama's Judicial Technical Police met Saturday to discuss the case.

Although organized resistance to the American invasion died out quickly and Noriega's Defense Forces have been disbanded, Panamanian officials have expressed concern that paramilitary groups Noriega organized could resurface. Large caches of weapons are believed to remain hidden around the country, officials say.

The attack occurred hours after Noriega's wife, three daughters and grandson left Panama for Havana. As they left Panama City, they were surrounded by hundreds of jeering people who shouted "Go away beggars!"

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### Iran, Syria meet to discuss hostages' plight

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) - A senior Iranian envoy discussed efforts to free Western hostages held in Lebanon when he met Sunday with Syria's foreign minster, an informed source said.

The source, who refused to be lentified further, said the meetg between Mahmoud Hashemi of Iran and Farouk al-Sharaa of Syria "appears to be to coordinate forts between the governments of Syria and Iran to gain the re-lease of all the hostages" held by pro-Iranian Shiite Moslem miliants in Lebanon

He said Hashemi, the brother f Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani, delivered "a very cordial message" to Sharaa from Iranan Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, including an invitation for him to visit Tehran to meet ith Rafsanjani and Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ali Khame-

The source said Hashemi arrived in Damascus, the Syrian apital, earlier after a visit to Beiut, where he met with senior Shiite Moslem figures on the hos-

The source gave no other de-tails of Hashemi's trip to Lebanon or the one-hour meeting with

But another source noted: "This appears to be a serious effort the first in some time, to end he hostage ordeal ... But I don't

"Nobody can be precise about now long the process will take. There appears to be a genuine desire by the Iranian President to end this ordeal. But there are still

Earlier, the official Syrian Arab News Agency reported that Ha-shemi's talks with Sharaa, attended by Iranian Ambassador Hasan Akhtari, centered on "bilateral relations and issues of common interest.

Hashemi is director of the Tehran Foreign Ministry's Third Department, which handles Iran's relations with Syria, Lebanon and some other Arab states. He is a former senior Iranian

diplomat in Damascus and forner ambassador to Belgium. Rafsanjani, elected president in July, has often used him as his

personal emissary on sensitive

nissions abroad.

## W. German chancellor refuses to accept Polish-German border

WEST BERLIN (AP) — Chan-cellor Helmut Kohl of West Ger-position Social Democrats in public many is embroiled in controversy over his refusal to categorically accept the Polish-German border set at the end of World War II.

It has become a political issue; recognition of the boundary could cost Kohl votes in the December West German election. But his failure to renounce any future attempt to regain former territories lost in the war could delay German reunifica-

Kohl has come under attack from Poland, from the World War II Allies and from the opposition in West Germany and even in his own Cabinet for failing to give an unequivocal promise on the border.

There have been demonstrations in Poland in support of Polish de-mands to take part in talks on reuni-

But the chancellor faces consider-

The CDU traditionally has enjoyed the backing of conservative West Germans, including millions of

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- Helmut Kohl, **West German Chancellor** 

exiles from territories now governed by Poland and the Soviet Union.

More than 12 million ethnic Germans were driven from Silesia and able political risk if he declares the current border inviolable.

Kohl's Christian Democratic Union is running only a couple of East Prussia after the Third Reich was vanquished. The lands east of the Oder and Neisse rivers that were German before the war are now Pol-

ish territory, comprising about onethird of modern-day Poland.

If Kohl agrees to give up the lands, he could alienate those voters who provide his party's narrow lead over the Social Democrats.

However, Kohl's equivocating has cost the CDU support in East Ger-many, where the Social Democrats are expected to win a majority in March 18 elections.

West German political parties have been active in the East German campaign in an attempt to increase their voter base in anticipation of unification.

Kohl has to be worried that the addition of a solidly Social Democratic East German electorate could tip the political balance and deprive him of his dream of being the first chancellor of a reunited Germany.

"In many speeches I have said that no one wants to connect the unity of the Germans with moving the borders," Kohl told East German television on Wednesday. "I don't know what more I can say."

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Democracy in Nicaragua may curtail asylum

### Chance of forced return small

MIAMI (AP) — A successful switch to democracy in Nicaragua may sharply curtail U.S. granting of asylum to that nation's refugees, but there is little chance political exiles will be forced to return, immigration officials

In theory, people granted asylum are subject to review each year, and could have that status revoked, says Duke Austin, spokesman for the Immigration and Nat-

"But I know of no single case since political asylum has been an avenue in the United States when we have involuntarily returned someone because conditions in their homeland improved," Austin said last week. "It's in the law, but it's never been done."

What is more likely is that new applicants will get

tougher scrutiny of their applications.

An estimated 80,000 to 90,000 Nicaraguans are in

the United States legally, including both political and non-political cases. Some advocates believe twice that number live in the United States if the count includes illegal immigrants — many of whom were pinning their hopes on political asylum to eventually normalize their

In fiscal 1989, the INS granted just under 6,000 requests from Nicaraguans for asylum, while it denied more than 10,000. Between October 1989 and January of this year, about 500 were granted and 650 denied.

beat the Sandinistas' Daniel Ortega in Nicaragua's presidential election, Miami immigration officials noted a

Dozens of Nicaraguan exiles have either dropped their petitions to stay, or have stopped fighting deportation orders.

oluntarily dropping asylum requests, like Marlene Falcon, say they are eager to return.

"We're here not because we want to be, but because of the repression," she said. "I couldn't see any use to continue battling a political asylum claim that didn't

The INS rules on political asylum, in large part, are based on State Department advisory opinions for each individual. Most denials occur because analysts rule applicants are economic, rather than political, refugees. The State Department cautions it is too early to be as-

sured that democracy will stick in Nicaragua, but a spokesman says its asylum policy will be reviewed.

Nat Kingsley, of the State Department's Human Rights Bureau, emphasizes that under U.S. law, each application is treated individually, whether it comes from England or Albania. Although the asylum evaluations are individual, INS

officials say in reality the changes are reflected widely.

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# Shuttle completes military mission

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) pace shuttle Atlantis landed safely on a California desert runway Sunday, completing a secret military mission that included the launch of a 500 million spy satellite.

"Congratulations on a great flight, guys, and elcome back," Mission Control communicator teve Oswald said.

Atlantis, carrying a crew of five military men, lunged through the Earth's atmosphere in a ong fiery dive, flashed over the California coaste north of Los Angeles and touched down at dwards Air Force base at 12:08 p.m. CST

With mission commander John O. Creighton the controls, Atlantis landed smoothly on a dry kebed runway. It rolled to a stop a minute and seconds later on the center line, ending a 4.5-

Fifty-one minutes after the landing, the astroauts stepped out of the shuttle into brilliant Mowe Desert sunshine, shook hands with NASA fficials and posed for NASA photographers. A ight surgeon examined them briefly before ev disembarked.

"You can probably tell by the smiles on our aces we had a great time," Creighton, a Navy aptain, told a crowd of 100 NASA workers and riends, going on to refer to the many delays beore takeoff. "It was terrific flight when we fially got off the ground. I think we accomplished mething that was important for the country. Creighton, Casper and the other crew mem-

bers, Air Force Col. Richard Mullane, Marine Lt. Col. David Hilmers and Navy Lt. Cmdr. Pierre Thuot, then boarded two jets for the flight back home to Houston.

They arrived at Ellington Field, an Air Force base in Houston, about 7:45 p.m. CST.

As 40 mph winds kicked up dust, NASA crews

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towed Atlantis off the unpaved landing strip to prepare it for a piggyback jet ride to Kennedy Space Center, Fla., on Saturday.

The spacecraft as it returned to Earth experienced a pressure dip in a hydraulic system that controls flaps and steering. The astronauts switched to backup systems. Later, Mission Control said pressure was restored in the primary. trol said pressure was restored in the primary

A Pentagon-imposed blackout blocked public announcement of the mission activities, and because of the secret nature of the mission, the landing was closed to public spectators. A few hundred invited guests, however, watched as the shuttle landed.

NASA spokeswoman Lise Malone said a pre-liminary inspection showed about 62 of Atlantis' heat-shield tiles suffered "dings," but that the count likely would change Monday.
Atlantis was launched Wednesday from Ken-

nedy Space Center in Florida after five delays, four caused by weather.

NASA sources, who spoke on agreement of

anonymity, said the Atlantis astronauts deployed the spy satellite Thursday. The satellite, sources is capable of taking high resolution photographs and listening in on electronic communications all over the world.

Atlantis was launched on a path that carries it over points on Earth farther north and south than any previous space shuttle. This enabled the astronauts to place the satellite in an orbit that will cover parts of the Soviet Union never before photographed by a shuttle-launched spy satellite.

A network of amateur observers, which includes posts in Canada, Alaska and Scotland, reported Saturday they had sighted Atlantis and a satellite in separate oribts. 'Atlantis' flight was the 34th shuttle mission

and the sixth dedicated solely to the military.