



Left: The first in-flight disaster in 56 manned U.S. space missions, the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger claimed the lives of all 7 crew members on board and made the U.S. take a very close look at its space program. First below: The war in the Mid-East continued this school year. A distraught Moslem man hugs his son moments after they survived a car bomb explosion outside a West Beirut restaurant. Second below: Four Palestinian terrorists hijacked the Italian cruise liner Achille Lauro while on a Mediterranean cruise. One American was killed. After the ship was released, the Egyptian government agreed to return the hijackers to the PLO. However, the hijackers were intercepted by American jets as they were flown out of Egypt and returned to Italy to stand trial.



was hijacked in Athens, Greece. The Sheite hijackers took the plane to Beirut, then to Algeria, and then back to Beirut. Most of the hostages were released within a few days, but the remaining 39 were held for 17 days. One American was killed. Right: Ceremonies were held at various times during the year at the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the fall of Saigon. The Memorial is inscribed with the names of more than 58,000 dead or missing soldiers from the Vietnam War.

