

# Nevada Centennial Medallion Recipient — Janice Woodford



**CENTENNIAL MEDALLION RECIPIENT - Rotary Club President Mike Myer (left) congratulates Nevada Centennial Medallion recipient Janice Woodford on her scholastic achievement as UNLV President Robert C. Maxson looks on. Woodford, a May 1985 UNLV graduate, received the award because she earned the highest cumulative grade point average possible -- 4.0 -- the result of receiving an A in every class taken.**

Janice Etta Woodford, a May 1985 UNLV graduate with a bachelor's degree in business administration, recently received the university's Nevada Centennial Medallion award for academic excellence.

Woodford, 29, was selected for the honor because she earned the highest cumulative grade point average possible -- 4.0 -- the result of receiving an A in every class she took at UNLV.

Currently an operations analyst for Citibank, Woodford attributes her scholastic achievement, in part, to her late entrance to college.

"I think you appreciate the chance to get a college education more if you have to work at getting there. I felt so lucky to have the opportunity, that I sort of went overboard," said Woodford, who enrolled at UNLV six years after graduating from high school in Rockford, Ill.

Woodford received numerous scholastic achievement awards at UNLV, including the Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award and the Phi Kappa Phi Scholarship Fund. She majored in financial administration, with emphasis in corporate finance.

In presenting the award to Woodford at a recent rotary club luncheon, UNLV President Robert C. Maxson described her as "an outstanding UNLV citizen, as well as an outstanding scholar," noting her active participation in student government and other campus business clubs, such as the Financial Management Association.

The Centennial Medallion award was established by the university and the Rotary Club in 1964 to commemorate Nevada's 100th anniversary of statehood and to recognize the important role of scholarship in the state's history and future.

**NEW YORK (WNS) —** U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elizabeth Dole will receive the Jewish National Fund's prestigious "Tree of Life" award at a gala dinner to be held at the Sheraton Centre Hotel here. In announcing the award, Charlotte Jacobson, president of the JNF praised Mrs. Dole's distinguished record of public service.

## Soviet Jewry Seen As Pawn In U.S. - Soviet Summit Talks

WASHINGTON — A prominent Jewish leader has cautioned that the forthcoming U.S. - Soviet summit meeting will have important implications for Jews.

Stuart Raskas, chairman of the Grass Roots Action Network of B'nai B'rith International Council, said that Soviet Jewry is a pawn in East-West relations. Historically, conditions for Soviet Jews improve when the U.S. and the Soviet Union are on relatively good terms; conditions deteriorate when the relationship between the two nations cools.

"It probably would be to our advantage to unhitch Soviet Jewry from the Big Power Relationship," Raskas said. "But right now that seems to be impossible."

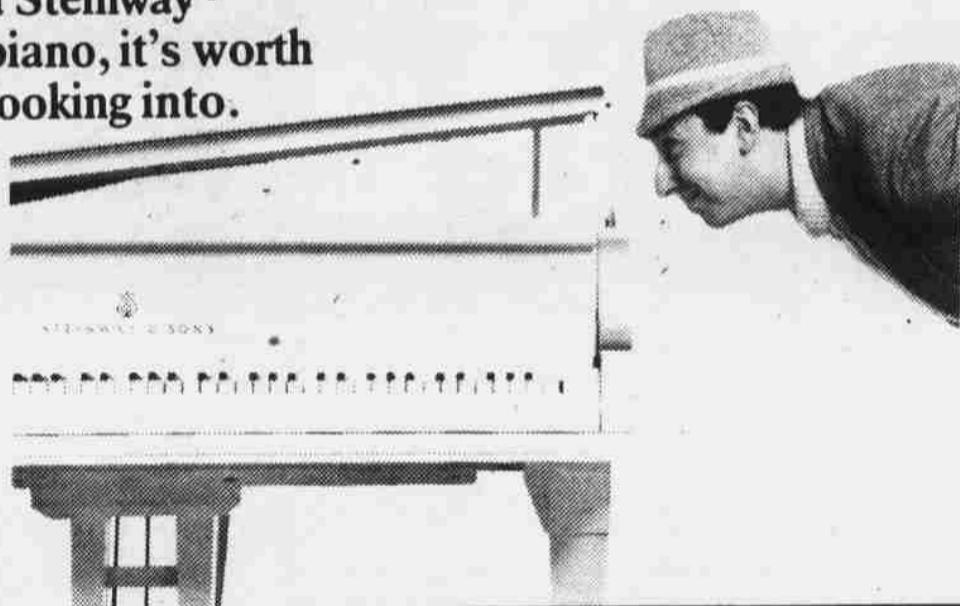
Raskas pointed out that the plight of Soviet Jews has worsened steadily since 1979, when the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and U.S. congressional action on arms control and trade credits all had adverse effects on the spirit of detente. In the six years since then, Raskas noted, Soviet Jewish emigration dropped from 4,000 a month in 1979 to just 36 in July of this year.

The B'nai B'rith official added that "the teaching of Hebrew has become a high-risk endeavor, with an average of one Hebrew teacher arrested per month."

Raskas said that while there is little to suggest that the new Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, will accede to any changes without exacting a price from the U.S., he is known to be a pragmatist and is aware that Soviet Jewry can be an important bargaining chip.

To consolidate support for Soviet Jewry, Raskas urged that members of the Jewish communities send letters and cables to both U.S. and Soviet officials. He also counseled that the issue be discussed with the press and with non-Jewish organizations.

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