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Syrian Pilot Defects To Israel

UNLV To Obtain Supercomputer

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas will soon have a National Supercomputer Center thanks to \$10 million in federal funding included in an appropriations bill signed recently by President George Bush according to UNLV President Robert C. Maxson.

Noting that, "Scientifically speaking, this computer will put UNLV on the world map," Maxson said, "We would not have received the supercomputer if it hadn't been for the efforts of Senator Harry Reid, who has been our contact on this for nearly two years, as well as Senator Richard Bryan and Congressman James Bilbray and Barbara Vucanovich."

Funding for the supercomputer, which may be in place in UNLV's Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering as early as March, was included in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 1989.

The president explained that, "It will not only be a great resource for the state and federal governments, but it will also add a whole new dimension of research capability for UNLV scientists,

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TEL AVIV (JTA) — When a Syrian air force major flew his MiG-23 to an air base in northern Israel recently and then asked for political asylum, he placed one of the Soviet Union's most sophisticated combat aircraft into Israeli hands for study.

He also became the first Arab flier to defect to Israel in more than 20 years.

The bizarre incident was announced by Israeli security sources, but the details were sparse. The Israel Defense Force spokesperson refused to comment.

Israeli sources claimed a second Syrian pilot defected to Egypt recently, landing a MiG-23 at Alexandria. Cairo denied this, but the reports persisted.

In Damascus, a senior Syrian official said the plane that arrived in Israel made an emergency landing because of mechanical trouble. Syria

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Nevada Enacts Anti-Hate Legislation

ADL Statement Of Oct. 10th

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith welcomes the enactment of AB 629, Nevada's Institutional Vandalism Statute and are appreciative of Assemblywoman Eileen Brookman's assistance in promoting this important bill and thank Governor Miller for signing AB 629 into effect.

The ADL is a civil rights and human relations agency that has been fighting anti-Semitism, racism and other forms of bigotry and discrimination for over 75 years.

Since 1979, the League has published an annual "Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents" based on data reported to ADL regional offices around the nation. The audits conducted over the first three years revealed a substantial increase in reported anti-Semitic vandalism and violence. In response to that disturbing trend, ADL engaged in a counteractive program focused on media exposure, education, more effective law enforcement, and active support of new legislation designed to combat anti-Semitic and racist crimes. In 1981, ADL's Legal Affairs Department drafted a model hate crimes bill for introduction in state legislatures.

One component of that model bill is the institutional vandalism statute, which prohibits an individual from vandalizing, defacing or damaging places of worship, cemeteries, schools, or community centers. Approximately 35 states now have some form of institutional vandalism statute, and we can now count Nevada as one state that will not tolerate desecration of her religious and public institutions.

The ADL revealed that in recent years, incidents of vandalism directed against religious and other community institutions have increasingly been linked to young racist skinheads. Strict law enforcement is the most effective means available for dealing with skinhead violence. Not only does it tend to discourage future criminal acts, but experience has shown that some skinhead gangs have become inactive when confronted with non-sense law enforcement.

The ADL is confident that AB 629 will serve as an effective deterrent to the commission of these types of acts by skinheads and juveniles generally, and will enhance the ability of law enforcement to respond and applaud its enactment and we are certain it will benefit all of the residents of the State of Nevada.

An Exciting Fashion Show In Israel



RAMAT GAN, ISRAEL — The whimsies of wonderland received full expression at the annual fashion show staged by the graduating students in fashion and textile design at Shenkar College. Opening the show (pictured above) was a design by Keren Manussi, who made Alice into a woman-child, dressing her in bouncy, flirtatious cocktail dress.

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Fabulous Jewelry Savings!



Yahrzeits Tonight At Beth Sholom

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Hyman Nebron
Dave Brown
Sidney Bliss
Genia Waldman
Leo Goldberg
Jack N. Hepler
Sylvia Zellen
Sidney Peilte

Pauline Leah Trattler
Dina Letman
Manuel Gorman
Irving Corben
Sam Toscher
Leanore Boyers
Rose Gantwerger
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