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Tucson wants 1997 Senior Olympics

By Sara Hammond

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Tucson is making a bid to become an Olympic city.

If it is successful in attracting the 1997 Senior Olympics, the region could host more than 10,000 athletes and 15,000 guests who would bring an estimated \$25 million to the area.

Other cities bidding for rights to host the games are Tallahassee, Fla.; Nashville, Tenn.; St. Louis; and San Diego.

St. Louis is the headquarters of the U.S. National Senior Sports Organization and has hosted the games twice.

Raymond Hoyt, supervisor of senior programs with the Tucson Parks and Recreation Department, said yesterday he and others will travel to St. Louis on April 24 to make a pitch for the games. Hoyt is chairman of the Tucson Senior Olympic Festival committee.

"We have 30 minutes to sell Tucson," he said.

The presentation will focus on the University of Arizona, where the majority of the athletic events would be held and where about 4,000 athletes would be housed.

The organizing committee also will outline its plans for transportation, communications and other amenities the area can offer visitors.

The games would be held the third week of May, and the national organization has said it wants "to be the only thing in town, the big thing," Hoyt said.

Hoyt expects Tucson to be one of the two or three cities visited by the games' selection committee, perhaps during the same week of May in which the 1997 games are scheduled.

Hoyt said the local organizing committee figures the \$734,000 cost to produce the games could be covered by registration and lodging and through local and national corporate sponsorships.

The games will attract healthy, older people, "the kinds of individuals we want to attract to settle in Arizona," said UA President Manuel Pacheco.

Senior Olympics are at least 65 years old. Competition is held in 16 areas, including archery, basketball, cycling, shuffleboard, swimming, track and field, and a triathlon.

Tucson and Arizona would get extensive media coverage from the event, said Robert Taylor of Southwest Communications & Marketing.

"Good Morning America" will have five days of live broadcasts from the site of the games, he said. CNN and ESPN have covered previous games, and stories appear about the event in major national newspapers and publications.



Trying to make sense of it all

A youth contemplates the tragedy that befell Ruben Munguia yesterday. Munguia, a Santa Rita High School sophomore, shot and critically wounded himself while playing with a gun. It was his 17th birthday. See story, Page 1B.

Clinton loads the big gun in trade dispute

100% tariffs against Japan possible under 'Super 301'

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WASHINGTON — President Clinton signed an executive order yesterday that gives him authority to impose strong trade sanctions against Japan if it fails to open its markets.

The move angered Japanese officials, who said the administration's actions violated the principles of free trade that the United States was trumpeting around the world.

Peter Sutherland, the head of the global organization that sets the rules for free trade, rebuked the Clinton administration as well, telling a New York audience that go-it-alone punitive trade campaigns by one nation against another are "misguided and dangerous."

His remarks reflected widespread concern in global markets that the move could touch off a tit-for-tat trade war between the world's two biggest economies.

American officials said the executive order was a necessary tool to deal with a Tokyo govern-

ment that has refused to lift trade barriers during eight months of negotiations. Japan has a \$59.3 billion trade surplus with the United States and in the past, the officials said, has responded only to the credible threat of economic force.

No country manages trade more than Japan, the officials said, and added that it was nonsense to accuse the United States of managing trade to open Japanese markets.

While the executive order can be used against any country, the one world leader Clinton telephoned before signing the order was Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa of Japan.

Clinton said they had "a friendly, forthright" conversation during which he informed the Japanese leader about his decision to revive the expired section of the 1988 Trade Act, called "Super 301." It empowers the administration to establish a list of countries deemed to be

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DeConcini, Symington argue Brady law cost

By Steve Meissner

The Arizona Daily Star

Sen. Dennis DeConcini and Gov. Fife Symington swapped charges yesterday over allegations that the federal government has failed to fund implementation of the Brady handgun law.

DeConcini and Symington say the new law has already prevented some possible felons from buying handguns — at least temporarily.

DeConcini, a Democrat, sent a letter to Symington yesterday saying that the state has received nearly \$1.5 million in federal funds since 1992 to help update the process for tracking criminal records.

Symington, a Republican, has said the federal government cannot force states to enforce the law without providing money to do so. Yesterday, he challenged most of DeConcini's statements.

The federal law, which went into effect Monday, imposes a five-day wait on handgun purchases and requires police to check the backgrounds of potential buyers.

The purchase can be stopped if the buyer is found to be a felon or faces felony charges.

The sale also can be halted if a buyer is a fugitive or illegal alien, is a drug user or addict, was determined by a court to be mentally incompetent, or was dishonorably discharged from the armed forces.

Symington and Graham County Sheriff Richard Mack challenged the law Monday, arguing that it is unconstitutional. Mack, backed by the National Rifle Association, filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Tucson, and Symington ordered Attorney General Grant Woods to file suit with

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Airlift capability 'is broken,' general says

WASHINGTON (AP) —

The military lacks the airlift capability to wage one large-scale foreign war, but alone, too, as called for in President Clinton's defense plan, the chief of the United States Central Command said yesterday.

"Airlift in this country is broken right now," said Marine Corps Gen. Joseph Hoar, whose

Central Command extends from East Africa, including Somalia, across Saudi Arabia to the Persian Gulf and Iran. "It's not sure it's workable for one major regional contingency."

A major regional contingency is military jargon for a war on the scale of the Persian Gulf conflict. Under the administration's defense strategy, the military

must be large enough to fight two such wars nearly simultaneously.

With the number of troops stationed overseas shrinking rapidly, the ability to get soldiers to a battlefield quickly is paramount, according to testimony in Congress this week from military leaders.

Generals such as Hoar often

tell Congress they need more of a certain piece of equipment. But his statement at a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing was a direct challenge to the military assumptions put forward by Clinton's national security team.

Hoar told the lawmakers of a recent military exercise involving U.S. and Egyptian forces that

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WEATHER

Continued warm. Today is expected to be mostly cloudy and continued warm. Yesterday Tucson warmed up to a record-setting 85. The previous record high of 83 was set in 1967. Look for a high today around 80 and an overnight low in the lower 50s. Yesterday's low was 57. The record low for that date is 22, a temperature posted March 3, 1971. Details on Page 11A.

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Hasidic Jews pray for colleague's recovery

Mendel Sasonkin, (foreground) brother of critically wounded rabbinical student Aaron Sasonkin, one of four youths wounded in an attack on a van,

leads a prayer group at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York. Eyewitness accounts of the unprovoked attack led to three arrests. Story, Page 9A.

Defense contractors take millions to boost morale

WASHINGTON — Defense contractors are billing taxpayers for overseas trips, tattered tickets and juggling shoes in the name of boosting employee morale.

Senate Budget Committee leaders said yesterday they'll try to put a stop to it.

One contractor, Sports Inc. of Laguna Hills, Calif., billed the Pentagon for \$331,818 for employee trips to Jamaica, Hawaii, Mexico and the Cayman Islands and then scheduled another trip to Hawaii even though company officials knew they were under investigation, a General Accounting Office auditor told the committee.

Another contractor, Slipstream Inc. of Marion, Mass., billed taxpayers \$10,000 for a schooner rental, \$5,800 for jogging shoes, \$12,000 to buy cable television for retired employees and \$14,000 for parking and season tickets for Boston Celtics and Red Sox games.

Pentagon rules allow companies to bill the government for the costs of morale-boosting events and business meetings.

"What we have at work here is a cul-

ture, a culture deeply embedded in cost-based contracting," said David Cooper, GAO's director of acquisition policy.

"We're going to change this culture. I'm just late and offended they would continue to charge these unreasonable expenses," said Committee Chairman Jim Sasser, D-Tenn.

"Not one dollar of this money has done anything to strengthen the defense of America," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D. Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, discoverer of the infamous \$600 toilet seat in the mid-1990s, said he was disappointed that contractors continue to get away with such charges despite nearly annual efforts to reform Pentagon procurement.

Cooper said he has been recommending eliminating all expenses for "employee morale" since 1986.

Options include eliminating or capping expenses allowed for employee morale, cutting off repeat offenders from government contracts or even criminal penalties.

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