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ARIZONA

Mexico denies firing at U.S. border agents

Mexican law enforcement on Thursday crossed into Arizona by helicopter and fired two shots at U.S. border agents, a border patrol union leader said.

The helicopter crossed about 100 yards north into the Arizona desert, the U.S. Border Patrol said in a statement. The helicopter then fired two shots on the Tohono O'odham Indian Nation, which sits on the border. Art del Cueto, president of the local border patrol union, said four agents were in

a marked patrol vehicle when they were shot at, but none of them were hurt.

Mexican authorities, however, have denied shooting at agents and say they were under attack during a mission to find smugglers on the border.

Tomás Zerón, the director of the Mexican attorney general's investigative office, said that Mexican military and federal police who were conducting an operation on a ranch in Altar, Sonora, were shot at by criminals.

Mexican authorities never fired any weapons and never crossed into the U.S. side of the border, he said.

— **Associated Press**

CALIFORNIA

Anti-suicide nets planned for bridge

San Francisco Bay Area officials approved a \$76 million package Friday to fund suicide-prevention nets that will extend 20 feet on both sides of the Golden Gate Bridge, handing a victory to advocates who have pressed to make the 1.7-mile-long span less attractive to would-be jumpers.

Since the rust-colored bridge opened in 1937, about 1,600 people have plunged to their deaths, officials said. Of that total, a record 46 suicides were recorded last year, and more than 100 others were stopped by bridge

workers.

The board of directors for the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District, which voted unanimously in favor of the funding package for the nets, had previously rejected raising the bridge's 4-foot-high railings.

Funding for the project will come from a mix of federal and state money, as well as proceeds from bridge tolls. Federal funding became available for the project through a bill signed by President Obama two years ago.

— **Los Angeles Times**

Chiropractic school told to accommodate blind student: In a victory for the rights of the disabled, the Iowa Supreme Court on Friday ordered the nation's leading chiropractic college to make accommodations for blind students . The court rejected the contention by Davenport-based Palmer College of Chiropractic that chiropractors must be able to read X-rays to deliver safe and effective adjustments and that allowing blind students to rely on assistants wasn't feasible.

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