

Under 3.0% Student Loan Consolidation

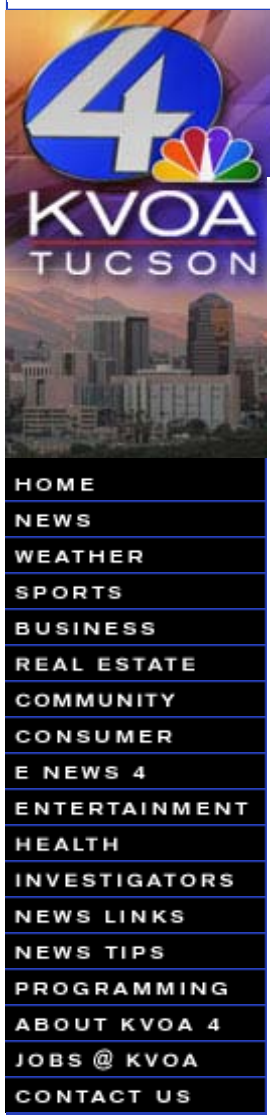
1.25% discount on federal rate. Low rates, fast processing. Everyone qualifies for discount! Complete entire consolidation process online or call. www.highereducationloanproviders.com

Mortgage Rates as Low as 2.9%

Up to 4 free quotes - fast! Compare and choose the best rate. No obligation! www.homeloantrust.com

Save the Children Mother's Day Gifts

Give a unique gift to a special person this Mother's Day. Give a gift donation in honor of your mother to Save the Children or buy her a limited edition... www.savethechildren.org



4
KVOA
TUCSON

HOME
NEWS
WEATHER
SPORTS
BUSINESS
REAL ESTATE
COMMUNITY
CONSUMER
E NEWS 4
ENTERTAINMENT
HEALTH
INVESTIGATORS
NEWS LINKS
NEWS TIPS
PROGRAMMING
ABOUT KVOA 4
JOBS @ KVOA
CONTACT US



MARKETPLACE: Auto | Jobs | People Search | Personals | Travel | Yellow Pages May 11, 2006
 LIFESTYLE: Education | House & Home | Money | Pets | Recipes | Weddings | What's Next | More Topics...

Border Patrol disputes news stories about reporting Minutemen activity

May 10, 2006 09:34 AM MDT

Email to a Friend Printer Friendly Version

Also on the Web
[Mexican Secretary of Foreign Relations documents](#)

Border Issues [more >>](#)
[Tucson police release Action Report on handling of protests](#)

[Sheriff's posse targeting illegal immigrants set to launch](#)

[Border Patrol disputes news stories about reporting Minutemen activity](#)

[Posse targeting migrants will mimic anti-smuggling unit](#)

[Group's lawsuit challenges Arizona's voter ID requirements](#)

[Minutemen to start building Arizona border fence May 27](#)

[Barriers cutting down smuggler traffic near Yuma](#)

[US notifying Mexico of civilian border patrol locations](#)

[GOP works to shape immigration package](#)

[Illegal immigrant found dead in desert apparently shot himself](#)

The U.S. Border Patrol is disputing news reports published Tuesday that said the Border Patrol is alerting Mexican officials when civilian border patrol groups detain or allegedly mistreat suspected illegal immigrants.

The story was originally reported by the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin of Ontario, California.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Washington, D.C., issued a statement Tuesday disputing the report.

"Border Patrol does not report activity by civilian, non-law enforcement groups to the government of Mexico," according to the statement. "During a detention of a legal or illegal immigrant that produces an allegation of improper treatment, Border Patrol reports the allegation and allows the appropriate consulate to interview the individual in custody."

"If an alien is encountered by a Minuteman or arrested by the Minuteman, then we will allow that government to interview the person," Martinez told the newspaper.

The Border Patrol's policy is meant to assure the Mexican government that migrants' rights are being observed, U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesman Mario Martinez told the newspaper.

The Daily Bulletin's managing editor, Jeff Keating, said Tuesday the newspaper stands by its story.

Citing interviews with Border Patrol agents and documents on a Mexican government Web site, the newspaper reported agents notify Mexican authorities when members of civilian groups such as the

MEMBER CENTER

- [Create Account](#)
- [Log In](#)



Enter to win tools of the trade like a PDA, briefcase or iPod for the commute!

House & Home
 Get tips on what to look for to figure out if you have bed bugs.

Minimally Invasive Surgery for GERD
 If you have severe reflux disease, you may be interested in the minimally invasive solutions.



Active Amber Alert when flashing

SEARCH:

Minuteman Civil Defense Corps apprehend or allegedly use violence against border crossers.

The report also cited three documents on the Web site of the Mexican Secretary of Foreign Relations that say Mexican consulates are in close contact with Border Patrol officials regarding the safety of border crossers who have been stopped by civilian groups.

T.J. Bonner, president of the Border Patrol agents' union, said members have long complained that the Mexican government has undue influence over U.S. enforcement policies.

"That's not a legitimate role for any foreign nation," Bonner said.

Martinez did not immediately return a message left Tuesday by The Associated Press, and an after-hours call to the Mexican embassy in Washington, D.C., was not immediately returned.

Minuteman members said any contact between the Border Patrol and Mexican officials negates the group's effectiveness and could endanger the lives of its members.

Copyright 2006 KVOA.com and the Associated Press. All rights reserved. This material may not be published, broadcast, rewritten, or redistributed.



All content © Copyright 2003 - 2006 WorldNow and KVOA. All Rights Reserved.
For more information on this site, please read our [Privacy Policy](#) and [Terms of Service](#).