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**BILL PASSED THAT PREVENTS UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS
FROM RECEIVING MONETARY COMPENSATION
VICTOR HUGO RODRÍGUEZ, PHOENIX, ARIZONA
PKG 2:06**

In Arizona, a bill is being proposed to prevent undocumented immigrants from receiving monetary compensation if they are present in "any action in any court" in Arizona. This bill stems from a verdict that was upheld by a federal appeals court that Roger Barnett, a Minuteman leader, must pay \$60,000 in punitive damages to four illegal aliens whom he detained at gunpoint back in 2004 when they crossed onto his property. With the passing of the bill, it would become retroactive and the punitive damages awarded to the undocumented immigrants would be taken away from them.

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2/17/2011

**MEDICARE FRAUD
JULIE FERRER. SATELLITE ROOM
PKG 2:05**

Federal authorities charged more than 100 doctors, nurses and physical therapists in nine cities with Medicare fraud Thursday, part of a massive nationwide bust that snared more suspects than any other in history. More than 700 law enforcement agents fanned out to arrest dozens of people accused of illegally billing Medicare more than \$225 million. The arrests are the latest in a string of major busts in the past two years as authorities have struggled to pare the fraud that's believed to cost the government between \$60 billion and \$90 billion each year. Stopping Medicare's budget from hemorrhaging that money will be key to paying for President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

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02/18/2011

BUDGET CUTS

LOURDES DEL RIO. MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 2:05

House Speaker John Boehner said Sunday that he wants President Barack Obama to support Republican efforts to make deep cuts in this year's budget as a down payment in the effort to attack soaring deficits. The Ohio Republican sent a letter to Obama saying the path to prosperity for the country means "liberating our economy from the shackles of out-of-control government spending and big government." Accompanying Boehner's letter was a statement endorsed by 150 economists that called for immediate action to reduce spending. House Republicans are pushing \$61 billion in spending cuts through September.

NO MORE MONEY

LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 1:34

House Republicans called for cuts in hundreds of programs across the face of government Friday night in a \$61 billion savings package toughened at the last minute at the demand of tea party-backed conservatives. From education to job training, the environment and nutrition, few domestic programs were left untouched - and some were eliminated - in the measure, which is expected to reach the floor for a vote next week. Among the programs targeted for elimination are Americorps and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

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2/24/11

NEW TOYOTA MASSIVE RECALL

LUIS MEGID - SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG: 2:00

Toyota Motor Corp. is recalling 2.17 million vehicles in the United States to address accelerator pedals that could become entrapped in floor mats or jammed in carpeting. More than half of the vehicles are being added to a massive 2009 recall that fixed gas pedals getting trapped in the floor mat. Toyota has now recalled more than 14 million vehicles globally over safety

problems since 2009. U.S. regulators said earlier this month that electronic flaws were not to blame for reports of sudden, unintended acceleration.

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2/25/11

**POLICE AND IMMIGRATION STATUS
RAMON ADAME - SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG: 2:00**

Federal authorities can now screen the immigration status of arrestees in every county in California. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said Friday that the last six counties were hooked up to the so-called Secure Communities program this week. Through January, the agency had arrested 65,000 people in California who were identified through the program. Immigration officials say more than 70 percent of them had a criminal conviction. The program began in California in 2009 and is currently being rolled out across the nation. Under the program, arrestees' fingerprints are checked against Department of Homeland Security records and immigration officials are notified when there is a hit. The program has faced ardent criticism from immigrant advocates who say involving local police in immigration enforcement discourages illegal immigrants from reporting crimes.

**USDA ANNOUNCES \$1.3B FUND FOR FEMALE, HISPANIC FARMERS
CLAIMING DISCRIMINATION
LOURDES DEL RIO - HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA
PKG: 2:35**

The Obama administration plans to distribute \$1.3 billion to female and Hispanic farmers who claim they were discriminated against by the federal government. The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced a process for distributing the money Friday. The move comes after Congress approved a separate \$4.6 billion settlement for black and Native American farmers who claimed discrimination. Though some lawmakers alleged the claims process for black farmers was rife with fraud, the administration has pushed to extend settlement money to other minority groups. "The Obama administration has made it a priority to resolve all claims of past discrimination at USDA, and we are committed to closing this sad chapter in USDA's history," Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said in a statement Friday. "Women and Hispanic farmers and ranchers who allege past

discrimination can now come forward to participate in a claims process in which they have the opportunity to receive compensation

LOSE WEIGHT BY TURNING DOWN HEATER

VO: 26

Turn down the heat -- take off the pounds! A study in the International Journal of Obesity links home temperature and lack of sleep to obesity. Researchers found people who keep their homes warmer were twice as likely to become obese. Doctors say it's possible the body burns more calories if it needs to work harder to maintain a stable temperature. The study also found for every hour of sleep people got each day, their odds of becoming severely overweight dropped 30 percent.

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02/28/2011

FED. BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS

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A deal to avert a U.S. government shutdown took shape in Congress Monday, but the short-term spending measure would do nothing to resolve the bitter debate over federal spending. Budget-cutting Republicans pressured President Barack Obama's Democrats to accept a proposal to trim \$4 billion over the next two weeks by eliminating programs that Obama has also targeted. Senate Democrats indicated they may go along with the Republican plan. With government funding due to expire Friday, Congress must act this week to avert a shutdown of everything from bankruptcy courts to passport offices.

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