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ECONOMIC DOWNTURN
LOURDES DEL RÍO/ MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 2:00

President Barack Obama has set his New Year's resolution high for 2011: repair the struggling U.S. economy. In his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday, the vacationing president said recent data showed the economic recovery was gaining traction even as millions of Americans are still out of work. "Our most important task now is to keep that recovery going," Obama said. "As president, that's my commitment to you: to do everything I can to make sure our economy is growing, creating jobs, and strengthening our middle class. That's my resolution for the coming year." Unemployment of nearly 10 percent and dissatisfaction with Obama's efforts to spur an economic recovery from the worst recession in decades helped fuel Republican victories in congressional elections in November.

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OBAMA SIGNS BILL
VO: 20

U.S. President Barack Obama Sunday signed into law a bill that funds medical care for firefighters and other responders to the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001. The five-year, \$4.3 billion measure will provide medical treatment for emergency responders sickened by toxic dust inhaled at the World Trade Center site in New York in the days following the attacks. It also includes a health program for responders sickened by the toxic debris and establishes a victims' compensation fund. Victims have five years to file claims. Thousands of firefighters, police and other rescue and cleanup workers contracted respiratory problems and other illnesses from working at the World Trade Center site in the aftermath of the attacks.

STATE "DREAM ACT"
LOURDES MELUZÁ- COLLEGE PARK, MD

PKG: 2:26

Maryland would offer in-state college tuition benefits to undocumented immigrants who have attended state high schools and whose parents are taxpayers if a measure being proposed by state Democrats becomes law. The proposal, which will be introduced by Sen.-elect Victor R. Ramirez (D-Prince George's) when the General Assembly convenes next month, is certain to generate controversy at a time of heated debate about illegal immigration, gaping state budget shortfalls, and intense competition for coveted spots at the University of Maryland and other state universities. Montgomery College came under attack this year for offering tuition benefits to illegal immigrants. "The citizens of Maryland do not offer in-state tuition to their fellow Americans" who aren't state residents, said House Minority Leader Anthony J. O'Donnell (R-Calvert). "Why would we offer in-state tuition to people who violated our laws to get here?" But supporters of the measure say students who attended Maryland high schools should be encouraged, and not discouraged, to attend college, regardless of their legal status.

JOB OUTSOURCING

LOURDES DEL RÍO-MIAMI, FL

PKG: 1:40

Continued job outsourcing by U.S. companies in order to cut costs and maximize profits may be keeping the U.S. unemployment rate at a high 9.8 percent. For the most part, U.S. firms are doing fine during the economic recovery. Just 4 percent of the top 500 U.S. corporations did not generate profits in 2010 while the stock market is nearing its highest level since the financial crisis began two years ago. Yet, this modest success has not trimmed down joblessness. U.S. companies are hiring, just not on U.S. soil. Many businesses are hiring overseas as they expand their operations there. According to Washington-based think tank Economic Policy Institute, U.S. companies have created 1.4 million new jobs abroad this year compared to 1 million jobs back home. If those 1.4 million jobs were offered to Americans, then the unemployment rate would have gone down markedly, according to Robert Scott, the institute's senior international economist. "

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1/03/11

CANCER BLOOD TEST

LUIS MEGID- SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

1:30

A blood test so sensitive that it can spot a single cancer cell lurking among a billion healthy ones is moving one step closer to being available at your doctor's office. Boston scientists who invented the test and health care giant Johnson & Johnson will announce Monday that they are joining forces to bring it to market. Four big cancer centers also will start studies using the experimental test this year. Stray cancer cells in the blood mean that a tumor has spread or is likely to, many doctors believe. A test that can capture such cells has the potential to transform care for many types of cancer, especially breast, prostate, colon and lung. Initially, doctors want to use the test to try to predict what treatments would be best for each patient's tumor and find out quickly if they are working.

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1/04/11

GAY MARRIAGE APPEAL

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A U.S. appeals court mulling California's controversial gay marriage ban said Tuesday it needs more legal guidance before it can decide the important constitutional issues at stake. California voters banned gay marriage in 2008 by approving so-called Proposition 8. But last year a federal district court ruled the measure unconstitutional. Supporters of the gay marriage ban appealed, but then-Attorney General and now Governor Jerry Brown refused to sign on to the appeal. Then-Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger also took the same stance. In an order released Tuesday, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals asked the Supreme Court of California whether initiative supporters have the authority to defend a ballot measure when public officials refuse to do so.

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1/05/11

112TH CONGRESS STARTS

BLANCA ROSA VÍLCHEZ/ WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:45

Almost as soon as they take control of the House at noon Wednesday, Republicans will embark on a 20-day plan aimed at undoing major aspects of President Barack Obama's agenda as they seek to take advantage of the

weeks before the Senate's return and the president's State of the Union address. The first move will come Friday, when the House begins the process of repealing the new health care law. House leaders will then quickly begin to identify tens of billions of dollars in proposed spending cuts and to ease regulations that businesses find burdensome. Much of what Republicans do will be symbolic, given that Democrats still control the Senate and the White House. But the quick action will allow Rep. John A. Boehner (R-Ohio), the incoming speaker, and House Republicans to follow through on campaign pledges and to try to establish their party as a bulwark against what they see as an out-of-control government.

BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP EFFORT
JAIME GARCÍA/ LOS ÁNGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:18

Lawmakers in at least 14 states have said they are committed to passing the legislation targeting birthright citizenship. They are taking aim at the 14th Amendment, which grants U.S. citizenship to children born here even if their parents are in the country illegally. The lawmakers disagree with that practice, they say that illegal immigrants and their children are sapping taxpayer-funded services and attracting more illegal immigrants to the United States. Which States Are Getting On Board Among these states is Arizona, whose state Senator, Russell Pearce, will unveil the bill on January 5 in Washington, D.C. Lawmakers in Alabama, Arizona, Delaware, Idaho, Indiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas and Utah. Arizona's anti-illegal-immigrant bill, SB-1070, was also based on model legislation that could be easily copied by states, and at least seven states are likely to pass bills similar to the first Arizona immigration overhaul this year.

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1/06/11

NEW CONGRESS AND WHITE HOUSE SHAKE UP
LOURDES MELUZÁ/ WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:36

The new Republican-controlled House gets down to its first day of business on Capitol Hill. New Speaker John Boehner called on lawmakers to get past what he called "scar tissue" built up on both sides of the aisle. Though partisanship will be very much on display today as Republicans make a symbolic cut in House spending and continue to push for repeal of the

health care law, Democrats are accusing the GOP of exempting a trillion dollars in tax cuts and certain spending from their deficit reduction plans. House Republicans are also receiving criticism for apparently backing away from a promise to cut \$100-billion dollars in their first 12 months.

VACCINES AUTISM FRAUD

VO: 23

A new report finds that the first study linking childhood mumps, measles, and rubella vaccines to autism was based on fraudulent information. But we begin with the autism controversy. It's hard to overstate the confusion, anguish and impassioned debate over whether there's a link between autism and vaccines, long after leading medical organizations ruled it out. And now, a new investigative report has determined that the doctor who says he found this link..committed outright fraud. Dan Harris is here with more.

HISPANIC GAINS IN ELECTION

JAIME GARCÍA/ LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:03

Hispanic voters are nearly three times more prevalent in states that gained congressional seats and Electoral College votes in the 2010 reapportionment than they are in states that lost seats, according to an analysis of Census data by the Pew Hispanic Center, a project of the Pew Research Center. Based on averages reflecting congressional gains and losses, 15.2% of the eligible voter population in states that gained seats is Hispanic, compared with just 5.4% of eligible voters in those states that lost seats.

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1/7/11

BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP

LOURDES MELUZA/ WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:19

On his first day in the majority, Rep. King declared his intention to lead the Republican Party on an anti-immigrant, anti-Latino crusade. King introduced new legislation that would "eliminate birthright citizenship for children when both parents were illegal immigrants." King's efforts coincided with a new push by like-minded state legislators also announced

yesterday. Together, the efforts are a radical attempt to change the intent and application of the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution, and will have long-term political implications for the GOP.

US ECONOMY REPORT

BLANCA ROSA VÍLCHEZ/ NUEVA YORK, NY

PKG 2:27

Mixed news in the much-anticipated december jobs report. The unemployment rate dropped a massive 4-tenths -- from 9.8 to 9.4 percent. Experts say the drop in that number "may" be attributable to seasonal hiring for the holidays. But the Labor Depts. tally of people actually hired by employers in December was much less that economomists predicted. President Obama is scheduled to talk about the jobs numbers while touring a small business in Maryland today, and will also announce Gene Sperling as the new head of his National Economic Council.

HEALTH CARE REPEAL COSTS

LUIS MEGID/ SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:05

U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones are vowing to push back against massive health insurance rate hikes proposed by Blue Shield of California. Blue Shield has implemented two rate hikes since Oct. 1 and plans another for March 1. Some policyholders would pay 59 percent more in premiums once all three increases take effect. The rate hikes come just as the Republican controlled House begins debate today and holds a procedural vote to repeal President Barack Obama's landmark health care law.

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1/11/11

GUN CONTROL

LOURDES MELUZA- WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:00

A longtime Senate gun control advocate announced plans Monday to introduce legislation banning high-capacity ammunition clips like the one linked to a weekend shooting that left six dead and an Arizona congresswoman gravely wounded. Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., said he

would introduce the measure to re-establish a prohibition that lapsed in 2004 on clips that feed more than 10 rounds at a time. Officials have said that Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., was shot in the head over the weekend by an assailant armed with a semi-automatic pistol and a 33-round clip. Six people were killed in the attack, and the congresswoman is one of 13 others who were shot. She remains hospitalized in Tucson, Ariz., after surgery for a wound to the head.

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1/13/11

OREGON IMMIGRATION PROPOSAL

VO: 20

Oregon State Representative Kim Thatcher (R-Keizer) has introduced legislation that will force our state and local government entities to act as federal agents. The proposed legislation threatens to create a divisive political environment. HB 2802 Prohibits restrictions on public body's ability to enforce immigration law to extent permitted by federal law. Authorizes legal resident to bring civil action against public body that violates prohibition. HB 2803 Requires county to verify immigration status of person incarcerated in county correctional facility. HB 2804 Requires evidence of citizenship for persons registering to vote for first time in this state. HB 2805 Prohibits state agencies from providing employment, products, services or licenses to persons who are not lawfully present in United States. HB 2806 Limits deductibility of expenses related to employment of workers hired on or after January 1, 2012 to workers whose eligibility for employment in United States has been verified through federal E-Verify employment verification system.

IMMIGRATION STUDY

LOURDES DEL RÍO/ MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 2:18

In contrast to the broad consensus that exists regarding the benefits of highly skilled immigration, the economic role of low-skilled immigrants remains one of the most controversial questions in the immigration debate. Economists continue to disagree about the costs and benefits of less-skilled immigrants, as well as the policies that govern their admission to the United States. In a new report for the Migration Policy Institute, *Immigration Policy and Less-Skilled Workers in the United States: Reflections on Future Directions for Reform* Georgetown Public Policy Institute Professor Harry Holzer assesses the research literature and finds that the benefits of low-

skilled immigration accrue primarily to employers, who benefit from paying lower wages; and to both higher- and lower-income consumers, who purchase the goods and services less-skilled immigrants produce. The costs are borne by low-skilled native and earlier-arrived immigrant workers who must compete with these immigrants for jobs; though there is little consensus on the exact magnitudes of these costs, they generally appear to be quite modest. There are also both fiscal costs and benefits to federal, state and local governments but these generally turn more positive over the long run and across generations.

NEW UPGRADES TO SCHOOL MEALS

LOURDES MELUZÁ

PKG 2:11

The first major nutritional overhaul of school meals in 15 years is expected to be announced today. It would require schools to cut sodium in lunches by more than half, use more whole grains and serve low fat milk. The new rules also limit kids to only one cup of starchy vegetables a week, so schools couldn't offer French fries every day. This when the u.s. is dealing with a childhood obesity Problem the first lady even has a campaign for kids to eat better.. School cafeterias would have to hold the fries -- and serve kids more whole grains, fruits and vegetables -- under the government's plans for the first major nutritional overhaul of students' meals in 15 years. The Agriculture Department proposal announced Thursday applies to lunches subsidized by the federal government. The guidelines would require schools to cut sodium in those meals by more than half, use more whole grains and serve low-fat milk. They also would limit kids to only one cup of starchy vegetables a week, so schools couldn't offer french fries every day.

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1/14/11

SECURITY BORDER FENCE

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President Barack Obama's administration plans to pull the plug on the troubled "virtual fence" project that was meant to better guard stretches of the U.S. border with Mexico, a senior lawmaker said Friday. The project, being run by Boeing Co, has cost about \$1 billion so far and was meant to pull together video cameras, radar, sensors and other technologies to detect smugglers trying to cross the porous border. "The SBInet program

has been a grave and expensive disappointment since its inception," Representative Bennie Thompson, the senior Democrat on the House of Representatives Homeland Security Committee, said in a statement which noted that the Department of Homeland Security was ending the project. Thompson said that nearly \$1 billion had been spent for only 53 miles of coverage in the project that started during the administration of former President George W. Bush. A DHS spokesman had no immediate comment and a Boeing representative was not immediately available for comment. The SBInet project has faced setbacks, missed deadlines and cost overruns. The future of the project has been in doubt for some time after bipartisan criticism by lawmakers and also from DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano.

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1/15/11 (Saturday 6:30pm - 11:30pm)

**MIDDLE SCHOOL DRUG TESTING
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ/ NEW YORK, NY
PKG 2:07**

To reading, writing and arithmetic, add drug testing for students as young as elementary-aged. In Today's Living, a small town in New Jersey is offering that option to families. You might be surprised at just how many are signing up. "What kind of changes took places in 1500 B.C.?" These students at the Belvidere Elementary School may soon add drug testing to their list of lessons." This week, the board of education will vote on a plan to randomly test 6th, 7th and 8th graders to see if they're under the influence of drugs. Principal says Sandra Szabocsik, "We really want to use it as a deterrent. We're hoping if kids are at a party or someone's house or hanging out they're going to get involved in drinking or drugs because tomorrow could be a drug testing day." The program is voluntary and both parents and students have to sign up for it.

**TYLENOL RECALL
VO: 22**

Johnson & Johnson said Friday it is recalling nearly 47 million packages of Tylenol, Sudafed and other nonprescription drugs manufactured at a Pennsylvania facility that has already been subject to a series of massive recalls, battering the company's household brand. The latest recall affects certain lots of Tylenol, Benadryl and Sudafed products because of insufficient cleaning procedures, though the company does not believe that

quality was impacted. The company also recalled certain lots of Roloids tablets because they do not include certain labeling information. The recalls are aimed at wholesalers in the U.S., the Caribbean and Brazil. Consumers do not have to take any action, the company said. Consumers who have the products can continue using them. All of the products were made at the company's plant in Fort Washington, Pa., before it was shuttered in April following a Food and Drug Administration investigation. FDA inspectors found a slew of manufacturing problems at the plant, including equipment covered with thick layers of dust and others held together with duct tape.

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