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## American cuts second U.S.-China flight; cites fuel cost, competition

DENVER, CO (Reuters) - American Airlines (AAL.O) is cutting a route from Chicago to Shanghai, cancelling the second direct flight from the U.S. city to China in four months, the carrier said on Tuesday, citing higher fuel costs and a "competitive environment."

American said in a statement it will seek a U.S. Department of Transportation waiver to allow "a return to the market once conditions improve."

"Our Chicago-Shanghai service is unprofitable and simply not sustainable in this high fuel cost environment and when we have opportunities to be successful in other markets," Vasu Raja, American's vice president of network and schedule planning, said in the statement.

American, the largest U.S. carrier by passengers, cut a flight from Chicago to Beijing in May. Certain routes present the three main U.S. carriers with problems earning a profit as they try to grab a larger share of the growing market of passenger traffic from the world's fastest-growing aviation market. American rivals United Airlines (UAL.N) and Delta Air Lines (DAL.N) have both previously dropped routes to China.

Chinese passengers arriving at U.S. airports are expected to nearly triple from 4.3 million in 2018 to an estimated 12.8 million in 2024, and the profile is shifting from groups to independent travelers, according to a Boyd Group market forecast.

But the Chinese market remains a challenge for U.S. carriers with fare yields under pressure, and most China-to-U.S. traffic now carried by Chinese carriers, said Boyd Group president Mike Boyd ahead of a Tuesday presentation at the International Aviation Forecast Summit in Denver.

"U.S. airlines are at a severe disadvantage. The majority of the demand is China-generated, and that gives Chinese carriers the advantage," he said.

American, which took a stake in China Southern Airlines Co Ltd (600029.SS) in 2017 for \$200 million, still operates daily flights to Beijing from Los Angeles and Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas. United



FILE PHOTO: An American Airlines Boeing 737 plane takes off from Los Angeles International airport

offers 12 daily flights between U.S. airports and China and Hong Kong, after ending a route between Hangzhou and San Francisco in 2017.

Delta has seven daily flights to China, supported by its codeshare and equity partnership

with China Eastern Airlines (600115.SS). Delta bought 3.55 percent of China Eastern for \$450 million in 2015. This year, China allowed for increased competition between its carriers on long-haul international routes.

Air China has priority on routes out of Beijing, but the eased policy will allow China Eastern and China Southern Airlines to grow market share from their bases at Beijing's new Daxing Airport, which is set to open in 2019.

## Trump's environment agency seeks to roll back Obama-era clean power plan

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The Trump administration on Tuesday proposed replacing the Clean Power Plan, the centerpiece of former President Barack Obama's regulatory efforts to combat climate change, in a move critics said would have dire environmental and health consequences.

The proposal released by the Environmental Protection Agency would grant states the ability to write their own weaker regulations for the plants and give them the ability to seek permission to opt out of regulations on power plant emissions.

The effort to re-write the plan is the latest move by the EPA under President Donald Trump, a Republican, to roll back environmental protections put in place by Obama, Trump's Democratic predecessor.

Trump, who is scheduled to hold a rally

on Tuesday in West Virginia, a top coal-producing state, has vowed to end what he has called "the war on coal" and boost domestic fossil fuels production.

"Today's proposal provides the states and regulated community the certainty they need to continue environmental progress while fulfilling President Trump's goal of energy dominance," EPA Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler said in a statement announcing the proposal.

The Clean Power Plan (CPP), which was finalized by the EPA under Obama in 2015, sought to reduce emissions from power plants to 32 percent below 2005 levels by 2030 but never took effect. The Supreme Court put the brakes on it in 2016 after energy-producing states sued the EPA, saying it had exceeded its

legal reach.

Democrats and environmental organizations slammed the Trump administration's proposal as a handout to the U.S. fossil fuel industry at the expense of Americans' wellbeing, the environment and other energy savings.

"It will have serious consequences for the health of the public and our planet," Democratic U.S. Senator Tom Carper said in a statement. The move to let states opt out of emissions regulations will likely face staunch opposition from electricity industry associations because in many states the CPP's limits on emissions have already been met. In addition, green groups are likely to mount a court fight against the provision that would allow states to opt out.



FILE PHOTO: An empty podium awaits the arrival of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler to address staff at EPA headquarters in Washington, U.S., July 11, 2018. REUTERS/Ting Shen/File Photo

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## No indication North Korean nuclear activities stopped

VIENNA (Reuters) - The U.N. nuclear watchdog said it did not find any indication that North Korea had stopped its nuclear activities, adding to doubts about the country's willingness to abandon its arsenal.

"The continuation and further development of the DPRK's nuclear program and related statements by the DPRK are a cause for grave concern," the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said in a report published late on Monday.

The report, which refers to the country's official name Democratic People's Republic of Korea, is to be submitted to the IAEA's board meeting next month.

U.S. President Donald Trump said in an interview with Reuters on Monday he believed North Korea had taken specific steps toward denuclearization and that he would "most likely" meet again with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. Trump held a landmark summit with Kim on June 12, at which the North Korean leader agreed in broad terms to work toward denuclearization of the Korean peninsula.

However, the country has given no indication it is willing to give up its weapons unilaterally as the Trump administration has demanded.

"As the agency remains unable to carry out verification activities in the DPRK, its knowledge of the DPRK's nuclear program is limited and, as further nuclear activities take place in the country, this knowledge is declining," the IAEA said. Between late April and early May there were indications of

the operation of the steam plant that serves a radiochemical laboratory, the report said. However, the duration of the steam plant's operation was not sufficient to have supported the reprocessing of a complete core from the experimental nuclear power plant reactor.

Dismantling Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program and verifying it would be a large and complex task. The IAEA has said it is best placed to verify a deal.



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un inspected the Myohyangsan Medical Appliances Factory in this undated photo released by North Korea's Korean

### Morning Briefing

President Trump worries that any statements he provides to Mueller could be a 'perjury trap'. Microsoft says Russian hackers targeted U.S. conservative think-tanks and Iraq plans to ask U.S. for exemptions on some Iran sanctions.

Exclusive: Trump said he was "not thrilled" with the Federal Reserve under his own appointee, Chairman Jerome Powell, for raising interest rates and said the U.S. central bank should do more to help him to boost the economy. In an interview with Reuters, Trump also said he was worried that any statements under oath he provides to Special Counsel Robert Mueller could be used to bring perjury charges against him as part of the probe into Russia's electoral interference.

It is "very dangerous" for social media compa-

nies like Twitter and Facebook to silence voices on their services, Trump said in an interview with Reuters as the social media industry faces mounting scrutiny from Congress to police foreign propaganda. As new U.S. tariffs on \$16 billion of Chinese goods take effect at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, along with retaliatory tariffs from Beijing on an equal amount of U.S. goods, Trump said he does not expect much progress from trade talks with China this week in Washington. Adding that he had "no time frame" for ending the trade dispute with China in an interview with Reuters.

Politics  
A plan to close most polling places in a predominantly black Georgia county ahead of November's elections is drawing opposition from the state's gubernatorial

candidates and voting rights activists, who deem it blatant voter suppression. Hackers linked to Russia's government tried to target the websites of two right-wing U.S. think-tanks, suggesting they were broadening their attacks in the build-up to November elections, Microsoft said.

World  
Muslim pilgrims gather on Mount Mercy on the plains of Arafat during the annual haj pilgrimage, outside the holy city of Mecca, Saudi Arabia August 20, 2018. REUTERS/Zohra Bensemra

More than 2 million Muslims gathered at Mount Arafat on Monday for a vigil to atone for their sins, and then descended to Muzdalifa to prepare for the final stages of the annual haj pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia



主播高白

畢業於浙江傳媒學院新聞系播音與主持專業，中國國家級普通話測評員、中國國家級主任播音員。1986年至2009年任浙江衛視首席新聞主播，2010年至2015年任浙江衛視駐美國首席記者兼新華社駐休士頓記者（2016年卸任）。



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氣象和路況報導

美南國際電視15.3日前「電視廣播合為一體」全球直播上線，手機掃描二維碼就可24小時觀看該頻道，獲得廣大迴響。為服務早晨上班通勤觀眾，讓新聞播報更即時，美南國際電視STV15.3即將在6月18日全球直播晨間新聞「早安，休士頓」，新聞播報時間為上午7點至9點讓觀眾行車間也可以方便收聽，掌握國際和社區重大新聞資訊。美南國際電視15.3創下華人媒體創舉，將電視與廣播融為一體，帶給觀眾不同體驗。全球晨間新聞「早安，休士頓」將採用全新主播陣容，用專業新聞態度為社區觀眾帶來最即時多元的新聞報導。「早安，休士頓」囊括國際時事、社區動態、生活藝文資訊三大版塊，播報新聞同時也會穿插氣象和路況報導，觀眾可利用網站搜尋、微信連結或下載Apps方式，行車間連接到車載音響設備(數據機/藍芽設備)，可收看及收聽該頻道。



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Traders on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) in New York, U.S., August 21, 2018. REUTERS/Brendan McDermid



Candles with a picture of Pope Francis on them are seen for sale at a stall during the Papal Congress at the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland



A Microsoft store is pictured in New York City



FILE PHOTO: 2017 BET Awards – Show – Los Angeles, California, U.S., 25/06/2017 - New Edition performs. REUTERS/Mario Anzuoni/File Photo



A street sign is seen in Ahlen where Jakiw Palij, a 95-year old New York City man believed to be a former guard at a labor camp in Nazi-occupied Poland, has been taken to a home for the elderly



A trainer and elephants from a local circus bathe in the waters of the Black Sea in Yevpatoria



FILE PHOTO: Striking workers from Chile's Escondida copper mine march through the streets of Antofagasta



Bosnian Muslims slaughter sheep after attending prayers during the Muslim festival Eid al-Adha in village Ricica near Kakanj



HOUSTON (July 30, 2018) – Houston Community College is pioneering a program to ensure students earn a level one certificate, receive resume writing assistance and get help with job interviews in just one semester. The “Take One & Done” program is being offered at HCC’s Southeast College Eastside Campus. “Students come full time and we will provide financial aid, child care from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. if necessary, and they will get a level one certificate in one of seven programs,” says Melissa Gonzalez, president of Southeast College. “We looked specifically at these programs, where there are jobs and there is a demand for workers.” “Take One and Done” includes level one certificates in the following programs:

**1. Welding Technology-Basic Welding Helper**



**2. Construction Management Technology**



**3. Industrial Electricity Electrical Helper**



**4. Business Management-Insurance Specialist/Associate**



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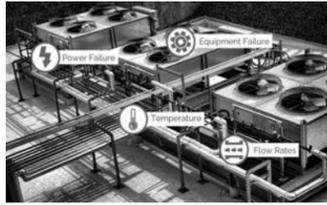


**Level One Certificate Programs Can Be Completed In Just One Full-Time Semester**

**HCC’s “Take One & Done” Launches Students Into Workforce**

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

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While taking courses at the Eastside Campus, HCC will help students prepare for job searches. “They will be getting a professional resume done through our career center and we are going to provide interviews for every single student,” Gonzalez says. “We are working with our industry partners to make sure they are available to interview on site before the students are finished for the semester.” Gonzalez emphasizes that students also have the option to pursue an associate degree and prepare for a transfer to a four-year university. “We actually have an advisor on site from the University of Houston Downtown for our business program, but also for general UHD programs,” Gonzalez says. “Texas Southern and the University of Houston also have a presence on our campus.”

- Fall 2018 Registration Begins May 7
- 16-Week Classes begin Aug. 27
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Registration for classes is going on right now. For additional information on “Take One & Done,” go here: <http://www.hccs.edu/campaigns/take-one>. A video about the program is available: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=33bKFw1-tbk&feature=youtu.be>

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**HCC Now Offers Free Tuition For Seniors**

HOUSTON (August 17, 2018) – If you are 65 or older, Houston Community College has an education deal for you. HCC is offering free tuition and waiving mandatory fees for up to six credit hours per semester for students in that age group. In addition, students between 55 and 65 can receive a 50 percent discount on their tuition. The discounts apply to academic and workforce courses that have not already been filled by students paying full price. If you are in the first group, those 65 and older, the following requirements apply:

- Texas resident or non-resident who is 65 at start of the term
- Enrolled in semester credit hour (academic) course only
- To receive continuation of the discount, student must receive a grade point average of 2.0



If you are in the second group, those between 55 and 65, the following requirements apply:

- Texas resident or non-resident who is 55 at start of the term
  - Enrolled in classes for which the college receives tax support
  - To receive continuation of the discount, student must receive a grade point average of 2.0 or, for Continuing Education and Non-credit courses, a measurement of satisfactory completion
- Chancellor Cesar Maldonado credits the HCC Board of Trustees with proposing the discount program. “I want to thank the board members for their vision in helping to extend educational opportunities to older students,” Maldonado says. “I am a strong advocate of lifelong learning and this program is a great example of that philosophy.”

The fee discounts apply only to those that are mandatory and paid by all students, regardless of their classes. Some courses may have additional specific charges that will have to be paid. For additional information, go here: <http://www.hccs.edu/resources-for/current-students/student-financial-services/waivers-and-exemptions/>.

**About HCC**

Houston Community College (HCC) is composed of 15 Centers of Excellence and numerous satellite centers that serve the diverse communities in the Greater Houston area by preparing individuals to live and work in an increasingly international and technological society. HCC is one of the country’s largest singly-accredited, open-admission, community colleges offering associate degrees, certificates, workforce training, and lifelong learning opportunities. To learn more, visit [www.hccs.edu](http://www.hccs.edu).



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## Youth Unemployment Hits A 50-Year Low - With A Catch

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There's a good news/bad news situation with youth unemployment.

More young Americans -- defined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics as people between the ages of 16 to 24 -- are working this summer, pushing the unemployment rate for the group to a 52-year low. But there's a catch: the labor force participation rate for young Americans remains below its 1989 peak.

The latest government data suggests that young Americans who want to find work are having an easier time of it. Yet the lagging labor force participation rate points to a longer-term trend of teens and college-age students opting for summer school, volunteer work or other unpaid activities. That's because some teens and their parents believe that may give them a better shot at getting into a competitive college or landing a lucrative job when they're out of college.

Yet summer jobs can help students perform better in the classroom when they return to school, according to research from Stanford's Jacob Leos-Urbel. Students are also learning important skills while on the job, such as teamwork and

dealing with customers.

The unemployment rate for young Americans actively looking for work this summer was 9.2 percent in July compared with 9.6 percent a year earlier, marking the lowest rate since 1966, the BLS said on Thursday. Since the

wake of the recession a decade ago, the unemployment rate for young workers has halved.

The lower unemployment rate for young Americans was hailed by President Donald Trump, who tweeted about the data on Friday morning.

"Just announced, youth unemployment is at a 50 year low!" he wrote on Twitter.

**Donald J. Trump**  
@realDonaldTrump  
Just announced, youth unemployment is at a 50 year low! @foxandfriends  
7:29 AM - Aug 17, 2018 86.5K  
29.7K people are talking about this  
But the labor-force participation rate stands at 60.6 percent, far below its peak

### Teen participation in the labor force

The rate of 16-to-19-year-olds who are working, or want to, is the lowest it's been since record-keeping started



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



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