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**TRAVEL REGULATIONS TO CUBA
LOURDES DEL RIO- MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 2:00**

The Obama administration is planning to expand opportunities for Americans to travel to Cuba, the latest step aimed at encouraging more contact between people in both countries, while leaving intact the decades-old embargo against the island's Communist government, according to Congressional and administration officials. The officials, who asked not to be identified because they had not been authorized to discuss the policy before it was announced, said it was meant to loosen restrictions on academic, religious and cultural groups that were adopted under President George W. Bush and return to the "people to people" policies followed under President Bill Clinton. Those policies, officials said, fostered robust exchanges between the United States and Cuba, allowing groups - including universities, sports teams, museums and chambers of commerce - to share expertise as well as life experiences.

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**AA MORE FEES
VO :24**

American Airlines has found another fee. The Fort Worth, Texas, airline will charge between \$19 and \$39 for "Express Seats" -- those spots in the first few rows of coach that include bulkhead seats. The carrier's parent AMR Corp. said Wednesday that the price of the seats includes getting on the plane in the first "general boarding" group of passengers. The seats can only be purchased at airport kiosks between 24 hours to 50 minutes prior to the flight for travel within the U.S. American still provides travelers with the option to pre-reserve other seats in the coach cabin at no charge. Several

other major airlines, including UAL Corp.'s United Airlines and Continental Airlines, also charge for the best seats in coach.

US TAINTED EGGS RECALL
LUIS MEGID/ SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:49

An Iowa egg producer is recalling 228 million eggs after being linked to an outbreak of salmonella poisoning. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said eggs from Wright County Egg in Galt, Iowa, were linked to several illnesses in Colorado, California and Minnesota. The CDC said about 200 cases of the strain of salmonella linked to the eggs were reported weekly during June and July, four times the normal number of such occurrences. State health officials say tainted eggs have sickened at least 266 Californians and seven in Minnesota. The eggs were distributed around the country and packaged under the names Lucerne, Albertson, Mountain Dairy, Ralph's, Boomsma's, Sunshine, Hillandale, Trafficanda, Farm Fresh, Shoreland, Lund, Dutch Farms and Kemp.

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8/19/10

TROOPS LEAVING IRAQ
LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:07

The spokesman for U.S. forces in Iraq says Iraqi police and military are up to the task of keeping the country secure after U.S. troops end their combat mission next week. Maj. Gen. Stephen Lanza adds that the sooner the Iraqi government is seated, the calmer the country will be. Lanza said that fewer than 6,000 U.S. troops are set to leave Iraq by the Aug. 31 deadline set by President Barack Obama as part of an end to all unilateral combat missions. The 50,000 U.S. troops that will remain in Iraq will focus on training Iraqi security forces.

ECONOMY/DEFICIT
LOURDES DEL RIO/MIAMI, FL
PKG 2:02

The frail U.S. economy was dealt further setbacks as new U.S. jobless claims scaled a nine-month high last week and Mid-Atlantic factory activity

contracted in August for the first time in more than a year. Data on Thursday also showed a gauge of the economy's prospects barely rose last month, indicating growth continued to lose momentum after a brisk first quarter.

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**DREAM ACT STUDENTS
LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:03**

First criminal court appearance of 9 of 21 undocumented students arrested during a sit-in at Capitol Hill urging legislators to move the DREAM Act forward before elections. These nine students are facing charges of illegal entry for their protest at the offices of Senators Jhon McCain (AZ-R) and Harry Reid (NJ-D). The students will be requesting a bench trial for mid-September, which coincides with the crucial time during which senators must take action towards passing the DREAM Act. Last week the other 12 students received a "no paper" release, however these 9 youth face higher charges for taking part of the arrests inside the offices.

**IMMIGRATION HELD AGAINST THEIR WILL
JAIME GARCIA/ BALWIN PARK, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:02**

Two Guatemalan men were taken into federal custody in north Baldwin Park, where 35 suspected illegal immigrants had been held against their will for ransoms, a police lieutenant said this morning. Inside the home police found men, women and children who were smuggled into the country illegally from Mexico and Central America. They were being held against their will until family members arrived with a certain amount of money. The people were unharmed and they appeared to be in good health.

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8/21/10

6:30 & 11:30 PM

TAINTED EGGS

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More cases of food-borne illness are likely in a U.S. salmonella outbreak that sickened hundreds of people in three states and prompted a nationwide recall of suspect eggs, a federal official said on Thursday. State officials in California, Colorado and Minnesota have linked more than 270 illnesses to eggs from Wright County Egg in northern Iowa. The company voluntarily recalled 380 million eggs that were distributed throughout the country.

AIRPORT SECURITY

VO :20

The American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts is questioning the propriety of stepped-up security checkpoint procedures at airports in Boston and Las Vegas. The Transportation Security Administration says screeners at Logan International Airport are testing what one official called an "enhanced patdown." It lets screeners use a palms-forward, slide-down search procedure on passengers' bodies. It replaces the old back-of-the-hand patdown for passengers who don't want to go through full-body scanning machines. The TSA says the new procedure is also being tested at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas before a national rollout.

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8/25/10

CREDIT CARD DELINQUENCIES

VO :11

The amount consumers owed on their credit cards in this year's second quarter dropped to the lowest level in more than eight years as cardholders continued to pay off balances in the uncertain economy. The average combined debt for bank-issued credit cards -- like those with a MasterCard or Visa logo -- fell to \$4,951 in the three months ended June 30, down more than 13 percent from \$5,719 in the same period a year ago, according to TransUnion.

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8/26/10

IMMIGRATION AGENCY ENDS SOME DEPORTATIONS LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:12

Immigration enforcement officials have started to cancel the deportations of thousands of immigrants they have detained, a policy they said would pare huge case backlogs in the immigration courts. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials said the new approach was part of a broad shift in priorities at the agency, to focus its efforts on catching and deporting immigrants who have been convicted of crimes or pose a national security threat. The policy - announced in an Aug. 20 memorandum from John Morton, the head of the agency - drew praise from immigrant advocates, who called it a common-sense strategy, and was denounced by several Republicans as evidence that the Obama administration was weakening enforcement and making it easier for illegal immigrants to remain in the country.

TOYOT RECALL

VO :19

Toyota recalled 1.33 million Corolla sedans and Matrix hatchbacks in the U.S. and Canada Thursday because their engines may stall, the latest in a string of quality problems at the Japanese automaker. The recall covers vehicles from the 2005-2008 model years sold in the U.S. and Canada. Three accidents and one minor injury have been reported, though Toyota said a link to the engine issue has not been confirmed. Toyota's latest recall is one of its largest since it began recalling cars and trucks last October. The automaker has now recalled more than 10 million vehicles worldwide for problems that run from faulty gas pedals and floor mats that can trap accelerators, to problems with its Prius hybrid.

EGG RECALL LATEST

VO :20

Chicken feed contaminated with salmonella bacteria could have caused the outbreak at two Iowa producers that sparked a recall of more than a half billion contaminated eggs last week, U.S. regulators said Thursday. 600 samples were collected from 24 possible sources on the two Iowa farms. While the feed was the likely source of contamination, it may not be the only one and more samples will be analyzed. Samples that tested positive for salmonella were collected from barns at the two farms, and from feed ingredients given to pullets at both farms. The outbreak was linked to

almost 2,400 cases of salmonella-related illnesses around the country since May 1, in the largest outbreak since the 1970.

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US IMMIGRATION ARRESTS

VO :22

Federal officials in Chicago say they've arrested 370 immigrants who were in the U.S. illegally or were convicted of other crimes. They say the arrests were made over three days in 11 states. Those arrested fall into three groups: legal immigrants with convictions that make them eligible for deportation, illegal immigrants who have been convicted of other crimes, and immigration fugitives, who are wanted just for being in the U.S. illegally.

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8/29/10

6:30PM & 11:30PM

SOUTHERN GOVERNORS MEET TO DISCUSS SPILL

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Southern governors meeting in Alabama are scheduled to discuss the Gulf oil spill today. They'll meet with BP President Robert Dudley, compensation fund administrator Ken Feinberg and national incident commander Thad Allen. The talks about oil drilling continue Monday, when Gulf coast governors will discuss their desire for their states to get more revenue from wells drilled off their coasts.