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Boeing delivery delays hit Chicago



Some schedules cut, adjustments made for summer travel season

By Sarah Freishtat
Chicago Tribune

Boeing manufacturing problems are trickling down to Chicago and O'Hare International Airport, as the city's largest airport prepares for the busy summer travel season. Southwest Airlines is slashing the number of flights it will offer out of O'Hare by 33% this

summer, according to data from aviation firm Cirium, as it deals with delays getting planes from Boeing and weak financial results. Boeing delays also caused American Airlines to suspend a flight from O'Hare to Paris, and prompted United Airlines to offer pilots voluntary time off in May and June.

O'Hare will ultimately have more scheduled flights from May to August than it did last year, according to Cirium, including from the airport's two main carriers, American and United.

But the effects of the Boeing delays are one more hurdle for O'Hare, which, Cirium data shows, is set to lag pre-pandemic traffic again this summer.

Boeing challenges have rippled across some airlines' networks nationwide, but for travelers looking to get away over the summer, the schedule cuts aren't likely to increase airfares across the board, said Katy Nastro, spokesperson for flight booking site Going. In fact, ticket prices aren't likely to hit the

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Passengers wait while a Southwest Airlines Boeing jet parks at a gate in Terminal 5 at O'Hare International Airport on Thursday. The airline is dealing with delays in getting planes from Boeing. BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Israel pushes farther into Rafah

Its forces also fighting Hamas as it regroups in northern Gaza

By Wafaa Shurafa,
Joseph Krauss
and Samy Magdy
Associated Press

RAFAH, Gaza Strip — The exodus of Palestinians from Gaza's last refuge accelerated Sunday as Israeli forces pushed deeper into the southern city of Rafah. Israel also pounded the territory's devastated north, where some Hamas militants have regrouped in areas the military said it had cleared months ago.

Rafah is considered Hamas' last stronghold. Some 300,000 of the more than 1 million civilians sheltering there have fled the city following evacuation orders from Israel, which says it must invade to dismantle Hamas and return scores of hostages taken from Israel in the Oct. 7 attack that sparked the war.

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Devo still sounds fresh after 50 years

Performing at the Riviera Theatre as part of its anniversary tour, the band reminds us how good so many of its songs are. Arts & Living

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"What I do, what I write, and what I say to help others is all the love that my son left in me to give the world."

— Doris Hernandez, whose son was killed in gang violence in Chicago's Little Village neighborhood in 2012



Doris Hernandez reads Thursday from a notebook of poems that she wrote to help her cope with the loss of her son, who was killed in 2012 in Chicago's Little Village neighborhood. TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A LITTLE VILLAGE MOTHER FORGAVE HER SON'S KILLER. NOW SHE WRITES POEMS TO HONOR VICTIMS OF GANG VIOLENCE.

Healing through poetry

By Laura Rodríguez Presa | Chicago Tribune

On a small table adjacent to a red couch, Doris Hernandez keeps the last photo of her late son amid dozens of crosses, a rosary and a Bible with worn pages bearing the weight of countless prayers.

Hanging on the wall is a card he gave her as a child for Mother's Day. There's also a gold notebook that she keeps on top of the couch. Within its pages, penned with ink, grief and resilience, are hundreds of poems. Each verse is a tribute to her son's memory, a whispered promise to keep his essence alive. They're an orison to heal the wounds of mothers who, like her, have felt the searing pain of losing a child to gang violence in Chicago's Little Village.

"The soul hurts," she wrote two years after her son, Freddy Cervantes, 20, was shot in the face and chest while standing in an alley. He was part of a gang.

"It's not a physical pain that my mind can control, it's an anguish in the soul that medicine cannot cure. It is not the shadows of the deaths that make me feel lonely, it's more of the sadness of not being able to see you, to hear you," the poem read.

Devastated by her loss, Hernandez, 66, found solace and strength

through poetry. She began to write, channeling her emotions into verses that pay tribute to the suffering of a community in Chicago that has been plagued by gang and gun violence for decades. There are more than 200 poems about her son and his friends, most of whom have been killed or are in jail, she said.

She's also written about their mothers and their pain, humanizing stories that have been turned

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Hospital chaplains finding ways to help 'nones'

Increasing number of Americans identify as religiously unaffiliated

By Alison Bowen

Lying in his bed at a Wheaton rehabilitation center, Eddie Wisniewski grimaced when a chaplain holding a Bible appeared in the doorway.

That day in 2022, Wisniewski had already been in a hospital for

days, then spent a week in physical therapy. He was relearning how to walk as he recovered from lymphedema that left him with swollen legs.

He was not in the mood for preaching.

The chaplain, the Rev. Arnold Hoskins, however, made no attempt to sermonize. Instead, Hoskins, the manager of the Spiritual Care Department at Northwestern Medicine Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital, where

Wisniewski was staying, walked in quietly and asked Eddie about his many visible tattoos.

So began a yearslong relationship in which the chaplain and Wisniewski, a 64-year-old Harley-Davidson devotee and father of three, have never spoken one word about God.

Wisniewski is one of an increasing number of people in America who researchers call "religiously unaffiliated," or more commonly, the "nones" — those

who respond "nothing at all" when asked their religious affiliation. Wisniewski grew up attending Catholic Mass, but now finds comfort and meaning in other things, from spending time with his friends and family to working on his motorcycles.

Decades ago, fewer than 10% of people identified as what researchers call "nones." Today, that number is closer to

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