

Ready. Set. Sold.
We make it easy.

From curb appeal to closing deals –
addressUSA has you covered.

The next move is yours.



Discover more at
addressUSA.com

addressUSA



THE TENNESSEAN

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025 | TENNESSEAN.COM



PART OF THE USA TODAY NETWORK

FAA says it will cut flights in the U.S.

Shutdown necessitates move, set to start Nov. 7

Diana Leyva and Hadley Hitson
Nashville Tennessean
USA TODAY NETWORK – TENNESSEE

The Federal Aviation Administration will reduce flights at dozens of major airports across the country’s largest cities as early as Nov. 7 if no shutdown deal is reached, Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy announced at a news conference on Nov. 5.

Duffy said he would order a 10% cut in flights at 40 major U.S. airports, citing air traffic control safety concerns as the government shutdown reached a record 36th day.

“I think it’s going to lead to more cancellations, but we are going to work with the airlines to do this in a systematic way,” Duffy said in response to reporters’ questions.

“This is data-based,” he added. “This is not based on what airline travel has more flights out of what location. This is about where is the pressure and how do we alleviate the pressure.”

The shutdown, the longest in U.S. history, has forced 13,000 air traffic controllers and 50,000 Transportation Security Administration agents to work without pay, reported Reuters.

Government leaders said they will coordinate with airlines to implement the reductions.

“We’re trying to be prescriptive, surgical, put the relief where the relief will do the most good,” said FAA Administrator Bryan Bedford. “Again,

See **FLIGHTS**, Page 15A



New album shows softer side of LANY

THE TICKET, 1C



Ride-hailing driver and member of the Tennessee Drivers Union Abdul Helmandai is photographed near the Music City Center in Nashville, Oct. 27. He was among five drivers banned from taking passengers to or from the airport. “We are dependent on airport rides for about 60% to 70% of our earnings,” Helmandai said.

PHOTOS BY DENNY SIMMONS / THE TENNESSEAN

Rideshare drivers reel after airport sanctions

Bans have pushed some out of the job; others struggle

Hadley Hitson
Nashville Tennessean
USA TODAY NETWORK – TENNESSEE

Nashville resident Abdul Helmandai realized he was banned from Nashville International Airport in late February 2025.

After four years of driving an Uber Black, the ride-hailing company’s luxury SUV, Helmandai received an email from Uber informing him that he could no longer drive passengers to or from BNA. The email said he picked up a passenger outside of the ride-hailing-designated Ground Transportation area. But Helmandai had a gut feeling that there was more to it than that.

Five drivers, including Helmandai, were permanently banned from operating at Nashville airport. This decision was based on their leadership roles in a Feb. 14 protest organized by

See **RIDES**, Page 14A



The scene at Nashville International Airport’s rideshare pickup area on the ground level of BNA, July 30. BNA has one of the country’s highest airport rideshare surcharge fees.

Metro emergency agency employee says working conditions still rotten

Kirsten Fiscus
Nashville Tennessean
USA TODAY NETWORK – TENNESSEE

Hannah McGuire stepped up to a microphone outside City Hall with hands clasped together in front of her and took a deep breath. As she spoke, a

Nashville Fire Department ambulance screamed by Public Square Park.

Whoever dispatched that ambulance might be one of many employees at the Department of Emergency Communications who have felt uncomfortable, yelled at and trapped between their calling to help people and what several current and former dispatchers have called a hostile work environment.

McGuire is one of those employees, the first — currently employed — dispatcher to speak publicly about conditions they say still persist.

See **EMERGENCY**, Page 12A

Subscriber-only eNewspaper

The eNewspaper is an electronic copy of your print newspaper. Enjoy every page by going to tennessean.com/enewspaper or scan this code on your mobile device. You will also find late news and sports in the bonus sections. Check it out today!



Volume 121 | No. 263
Subscribe 800-342-8237
©2025 \$3.49 Metro
State pricing varies



0 40901 05606 5