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Palestinians received medical care at Kamal Edwan Hospital in Beit Lahia after being injured Thursday in the bloodshed near the aid convoy.

## Scores are killed in Gaza City as crowd surrounds aid trucks

Palestinians say 100 dead after Israelis start shooting; military blames stampede

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NEW YORK TIMES

JERUSALEM — Israeli forces opened fire Thursday as a crowd gathered near a convoy of aid trucks in Gaza City in a chaotic scene in which scores were killed and injured, according to Gaza officials and the Israeli military, which attributed most of the deaths to a stampede.

Although officials from both sides offered differing accounts, the deaths of so many people who were sur-

rounding a convoy carrying food in a part of the Gaza Strip where starvation is rampant reflected the desperation and spiraling lawlessness in the territory following Israel's ground invasion and threatened to derail ongoing cease-fire talks.

The Gaza health ministry said in a statement that Israeli forces had killed more than 100 people and had injured 700 others in a "massacre," as they waited for food from the convoy.

The latest bloodshed came as Gaza's health officials reported that the

death toll from the war had risen above 30,000, a grim milestone that intensified pressure on Israel to end its military offensive.

An Israeli military spokesperson, Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari, said that Israeli soldiers fired warning shots in the air before firing "only in face of danger when the mob moved in a manner which endangered them."

"We did not fire on those seeking aid, despite the accusations," he said in a televised briefing. "We did not fire on the humanitarian convoy, either from the air or the land. We secured it so it could reach northern Gaza."

Gaza residents, especially in the **GAZA, Page A4**

## Teixeira expected to plead guilty

Deal likely for Guardsman accused in leaks

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Jack D. Teixeira, the Massachusetts Air National Guardsman accused of leaking top secret information in an internet chat group, plans to plead guilty, according to a filing Thursday in US District Court in Boston.



Jack D. Teixeira's hearing is Monday. Federal prosecutors filed a motion seeking a change-of-plea hearing on Monday. Such a request, which was made "with the assent" of Teixeira, typically means that the two sides have reached a plea agreement in a case.

US District Judge Indira Talwani granted the request and scheduled the hearing for Monday at 11 a.m. in federal court in Boston.

Teixeira's attorney, Brendan O. Kelley, and a spokesperson for the US attorney's office declined to comment on the details of the plea agreement. A spokesperson for Teixeira's family also declined to comment.

During pretrial hearings, prosecutors said Teixeira faces up to 25 years in prison under federal sentencing guidelines. Teixeira, 22, of Dighton, a cyber-defense operations journeyman from Dighton assigned to the 102nd Intelligence Wing at Otis Air National Guard Base on Cape Cod, is accused of posting hundreds of documents containing classified military information about the Ukraine war and other sensitive intelligence mat-

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## For this rat pack, the city is the coolest place to be



ADOBE STOCK

Sure, they're kind of revolting, and they're pretty much everywhere. But we're all to blame.

By Emily Sweeney  
GLOBE STAFF

Rats have never been called man's best friend, and for good reason. They scurry and gnaw, infest and transmit. No one says "Rats!" when they are happy.

But let's give credit where credit's due. Rats are survivors, persistent and versatile creatures that take what's given. And while it's not a pleasant thing to imagine, under the right circumstances they are capable of exponential growth.

"A 6-to-8-week-old female can become

pregnant with 10-12 pups," said Michael H. Parsons, an urban ecologist who studies rats and calls them "nature's most adaptable organisms." "And in six to eight weeks, each of [the females] could theoretically have 10 to 12 pups if enough food is available."

Like many cities, Boston has long battled this stealthy foe, but by most accounts the problem is getting worse. With trash providing bountiful supplies of food, rats seem to be more visible, al-

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'When you take away standardized testing, you're taking away one of the great equalizers from people who can least afford it.'

ALLEN KOH, *Cardinal Education*

## SAT debate heats up as colleges again require scores

New research suggests lower-income students can stand out in exams

By Hilary Burns  
GLOBE STAFF

Universities around the nation dropped SAT requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic, signaling to prospective students and families that the often-dreaded exams, which were thought to most benefit wealthier students, might take on lesser importance in the college admissions process.

But the recent move by some elite schools — including Yale University and Dartmouth College — to reinstate test requirements has reignited the long-running debate over standardized tests and whether they are helpful or harmful to college applicants, particularly students of color.

While the prevailing wisdom had been that aching the exam was more a reflection of expensive tutoring than actual aptitude, Yale and Dartmouth in making the change point to new research suggesting that tests like the SAT are actually the best predictor of academic success on their campuses.

The Harvard-affiliated research group Opportunity Insights studied test scores, grades, and admissions data from Ivy League and other highly selective colleges and found that the standardized exams can help identify talented students from low-income backgrounds who might not have access to Advanced Placement courses, expensive extracurricular activities, or guidance counselors with the time to massage college applications.

The SAT is actually less biased than many other components of the college application process, said John Friedman, a professor of **SATS, Page A6**

## Minus trappings, opera's heart still beats

A pared-down version of Matthew Aucoin's 'Eurydice' comes to Boston



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Composer Matthew Aucoin said this version of "Eurydice" retains much of the original's "essential color."

By Malcolm Gay  
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When composer Matthew Aucoin's "Eurydice" first played New York's Metropolitan Opera, the production boasted an offstage chorus and an orchestra of around 70 players. Hailed as an "arresting tour de force," it was beamed to theaters across the country via the Met's Live in HD program, filling seats from San Diego to St. Petersburg.

The opera, which premiered at Los Angeles Opera in 2020, greatly expanded on its source material, an intimate play of the same name by Sarah Ruhl, who adapted the libretto.

Now, Boston audiences will have an

opportunity to see a slimmed-down arrangement of Aucoin's "Eurydice" courtesy of Boston Lyric Opera, which commissioned a chamber version of the work following its run at the Met.

The Boston production, which opens at the Huntington Theatre on Friday, is closer in scale to Ruhl's original play, abandoning the offstage chorus and shedding all but 17 players from the orchestra. The result, Aucoin said, is a distilled version of the work that retains much of the original's "essential color."

"The story is an intimate one," said Aucoin, who will conduct the Boston performances. "I always had in mind

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Hundreds of miles apart, President Biden and Donald Trump surveyed the US-Mexico border and tussled over who is to blame for the immigration situation. **A2.**

President Vladimir Putin said the West faces the prospect of nuclear conflict if it intervenes more directly in the war in Ukraine. **A3.**

A plan to expand Mayor Michelle Wu's program offering students free admission to cultural institutions ran aground as a city councilor blocked a vote. **B1.**

Four Seas Ice Cream, a Cape Cod institution for generations, is up for sale and calls are pouring in. **B5.**



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