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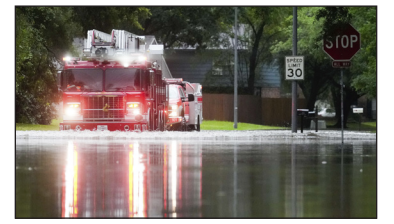
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GAZA WAR DEMONSTRATIONS

'It's a fragile situation' on regional campuses



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Pro-Palestinian demonstrators occupy a part of Stanford University's White Plaza on Thursday. The demonstrators have been occupying the area since late last week and are urging the university to divest from Israel and demanding a permanent cease-fire in the war in Gaza.

Unlike the fighting in Southern California, protestors at Stanford say 'we don't want that' when others attempt to provoke them

By Caelyn Pender, Sierra Lopez and Julia Prodis Sulek
Bay Area News Group

When a pro-Palestine protester snatched an Israeli flag from a counter-protester on the steps of UC Berkeley's Sproul Hall this week, it seemed as if it could go the way of violent clashes in universities in Southern California.

But the ensuing scuffle quickly de-escalated, and a relative calm returned to campus Thursday.

At Stanford, when students turned up waving U.S. and Israeli flags, pro-Palestine protesters encamped at White Plaza kept the

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commitment they had pledged to each other: They will not be provoked.

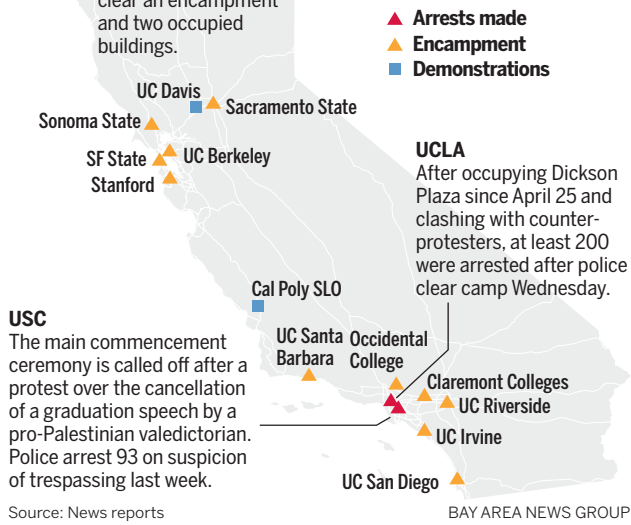
They are "trying to get a response and a reaction out of us, but we don't want that," Emily Williams, a third-year Stanford student and pro-Palestine activist, said Thursday. "So we just ignore them."

So far, with a combination of rel-

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Since the protests at Columbia University began on April 17, many state campuses followed suit.



PHILANTHROPY

Google assisting formerly homeless

In test, the tech giant will give \$1,000 a month for a year to some area families

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Google is giving hundreds of recently homeless families across the Bay Area \$1,000 a month to see if the no-strings-attached payments can help keep a roof over their heads.

The program, part of the tech giant's \$1 billion pledge to combat the region's housing crisis, is one of a growing number of "guaranteed income" pilots launched in recent years to determine whether unconditional payments can alleviate the Bay Area's staggering wealth disparity.

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DEVIL'S SLIDE

Man accused of driving car off cliff should be freed, wife says

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REDWOOD CITY » The wife of Dharmesh Patel — who was sitting next to him when the Pasadena radiologist allegedly drove the family's Tesla off a 250-foot cliff near Devil's Slide last year — pleaded in court Thursday for her husband to be released from jail and sent home under a mental health diversion program.

Neha Patel implored prosecutors to drop the criminal charges against her husband, despite allegations that he tried to kill his family in January 2023 by plunging off Highway 1 and onto a rocky beach near Half Moon Bay.

Dharmesh Patel faces three charges of attempted murder — one each for allegedly trying to

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WAR IN GAZA

Hamas open to peace talks, but attack on Rafah would hinder progress

By Adam Rasgon, Hwaida Saad and Thomas Fuller
New York Times

JERUSALEM » A Hamas leader said Thursday that the group would soon send a delegation to Cairo to "complete ongoing discussions" on a cease-fire deal for the war in the Gaza Strip, raising hopes of progress in the stalled efforts for a truce.

The latest cease-fire proposal, which has been forcefully pushed by the Biden administration in

recent days, comes after nearly seven devastating months of war. The deal would include a week-long temporary truce the exact duration is unclear and the release of hostages held by Hamas and Palestinian prisoners in Israel. It would also allow the return of civilians to the largely depopulated northern part of Gaza, and enable increased delivery of aid to the territory.

Ismail Haniyeh, the leader of Hamas' political wing, said the group was studying the latest pro-

posal from Israel, which includes some Israeli concessions, with a "positive spirit." A Hamas delegation will go to Egypt soon to seek a deal that "realizes our people's demands and ends the aggression," according to a statement by the group.

Less than a day earlier, a Hamas spokesperson, Osama Hamdan, said on Lebanese television, "Our position on the current negotiating paper is negative." But the Hamas press office later said the group had

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Palestinians walk between damaged buildings in Khan Yunis in the Gaza Strip on Thursday. Hamas has indicated a desire to continue truce talks.

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