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State universities respond to demands to divest from Israel

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Across the California State University system, thousands of students have participated in protests in support of Palestinian people, and in opposition to the Israeli government and

the war in Gaza.

Some demonstrations have remained peaceful; at Sacramento State and Sonoma State, campus operations have not been disrupted by the occupation. At San Francisco State, students set up more than 30 tents in front of the student center, and it too has remained relatively quiet.

The week-long occupation at Cal Poly Humboldt between April 22 and April 29, however, was notably more intense, with students barricading themselves in a campus administrative building. In response, the university sent police in to forcefully remove them and 31 students, community members, and faculty were arrested.

Student organizers across the 23-campus system have taken different approaches to protests and occupations, but of those who have made demands, theirs are nearly identical: they all want university administrators to disclose any financial ties to Israel or Israeli companies and, if such financial ties exist, that the university divest from them.

HOW HAS CSU RESPONDED TO PROTESTER DEMANDS?

On April 30, the CSU Office of the Chancellor said in a statement that it "does not intend to alter existing investment policies related to Israel or the Israel-Hamas conflict." "While the CSU affirms the right of our community mem-

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Israeli troops take control of Rafah border crossing

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Israeli forces took control of the Rafah border-crossing in Gaza on Tuesday morning ahead of a possible assault on the city.

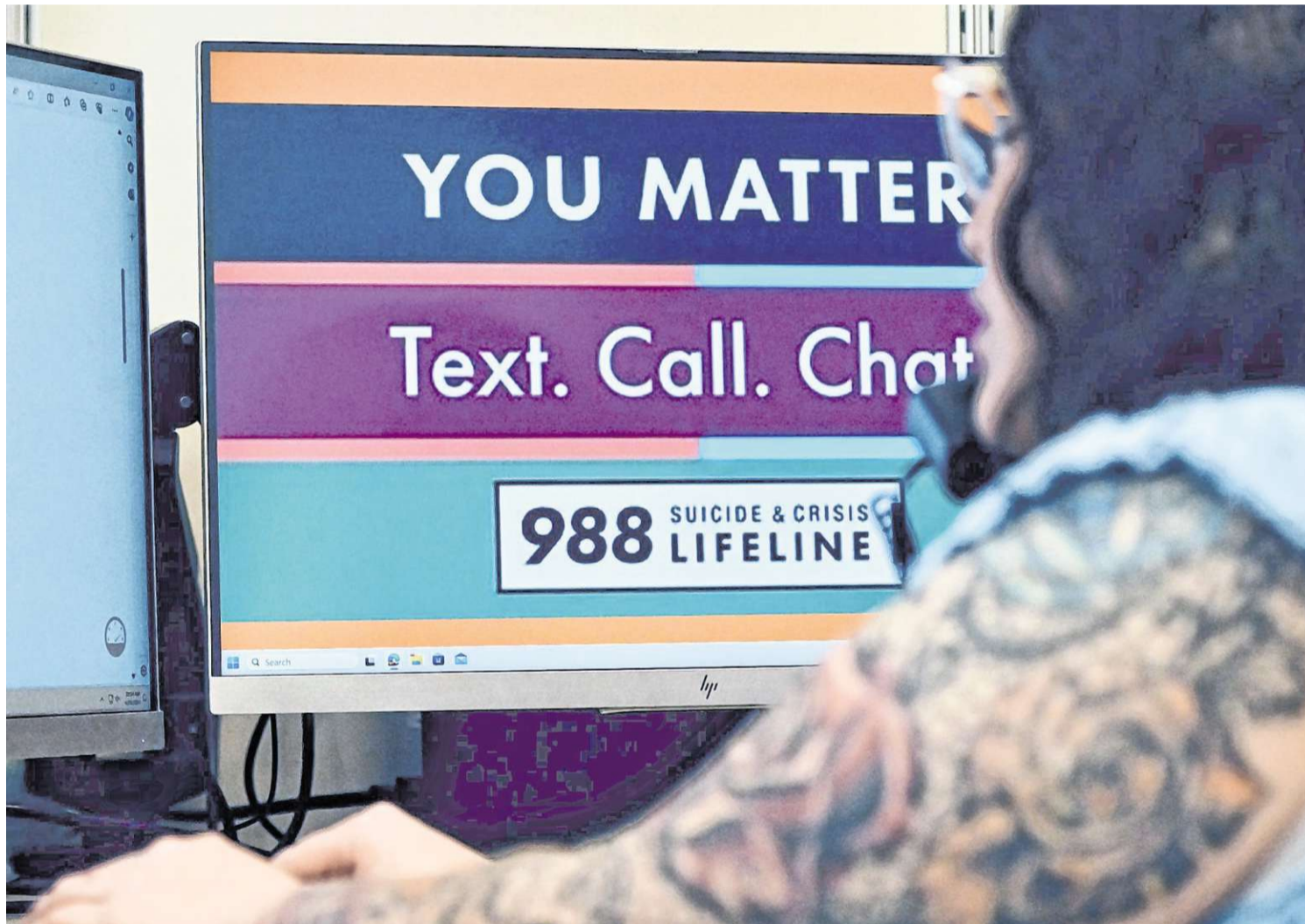
It's the first time Israel's army has entered that part of Gaza since the war with Hamas, an Iran-backed militant group, began in October.

The development came a day after Israel told residents in parts of eastern Rafah to leave immediately and launched more airstrikes in some areas of the city. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said civilians will be allowed to move out before any ground attack.

Cease-fire talks between the two sides continue but remain stuck over Hamas's demand that any pause in fighting is effectively permanent. Israel says the war can't end - even if there's a break for a weeks-long truce - until Hamas surrenders or is crushed as a military and governing organization.

Palestinian officials said all aid flows from Egypt into Gaza

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Suicide Intervention Specialist Serina Rivera talks to a repeat caller at the 988 Suicide & Crises Lifeline call center on April 26 in Fresno. Rivera explained she spoke to the caller for a few minutes but is known from past contact with the call center and is expected to call back again.

FCC working on geo-route fix for mental health hotline

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If someone right now were to call the national mental health and suicide prevention phone number — the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline — there's a chance they'd be sent to a call center thousands of miles away.

Where a caller is sent depends on the area code of their telephone number. That means someone who originally got their phone number in Maryland or some other distant state would be routed to that state even if they were currently in Sacramento.

This can be a huge problem for the counselors trained to quickly, decisively help callers. Counselors often want to recommend local resources or, if needed, send law enforcement intervention.



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Suicide Prevention Specialist Manpreet Kaur asks screening questions on a call.

While most callers don't require someone to check on them in person, seconds do matter when someone's life is at risk.

"We can't just be assuming

that just because they have a '559' that they're here in the Valley," said Jessica Franco, an outreach coordinator at the operator of the Fresno lifeline call center.

"We want to make sure that we're giving obviously the appropriate information to PD."

The problem could soon be fixed. The federal agency that regulates communication services kickstarted a rulemaking process last month to require wireless carriers to implement a solution.

The Federal Communications Commission approved starting the process of getting wireless providers to have 988 calls "geo-routed." Geographical routing or "geo-routing" does not give a caller's precise location. It sends calls to a destination based on the nearby wireless tower it used to connect.

"I think it's time to change this," Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel said during the FCC meeting on the plan last month. "If we do, I think we can save more lives by getting

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Daniels testifies about hotel room encounter with Trump

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Stormy Daniels, whose account of a tryst with Donald Trump is at the core of the first criminal trial of a U.S. president, took the stand Tuesday and described in excruciating detail an encounter she said left her shaking and bewildered, and the hush-money payment that bought her silence.

Daniels received \$130,000 from Trump's personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, just before the 2016 election to bury her account of the sexual encounter, which she said took place a decade earlier and which Trump has denied. Daniels' account and the subsequent payment underpin the case against Trump, who prosecutors say falsified business records to cover up his reimbursement of Cohen.

In her testimony, Daniels described having sex with Trump after he invited her to dinner in his Lake Tahoe hotel suite following a golf tournament in 2006. That night, she said, Trump dangled an appearance on "The Apprentice" in front of her, and told her not to worry about the fact that he was married.

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