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# Day Around the Bay: French-Themed 'Bastille on Belden' Block Party Lights Up FiDi Friday Evening

- **A car went off a cliff on Highway 1 around 2:30 p.m. Friday, falling 300 feet into the sea after a collision near the Scott Creek Bridge in Davenport and closing the road.** Only one person who was inside the vehicle, and they are now in the hospital in critical condition. [[ABC7](#)]
- **"Bastille on Belden," the SF block party dedicated to French culture and cuisine, will make a comeback for its second year this Friday evening.** Belden Place was formerly known as "The French Quarter" back in the Gold Rush days so the scene is set. [[Examiner](#)]
- **After a period of decreasing hospitalizations and ICU admissions for COVID, the decline has halted, indicating a possible increase in new infections.** The state's test positivity rate and viral concentration in wastewater samples also suggest a rise in cases. [[Chronicle](#)]
- **California Republicans got a win in Sacramento with the reintroduction of a bill this week that aims to**

**increase penalties for child traffickers endorsed by Gov. Newsom.** The bill, proposed by Republican state Sen. Shannon Grove, seeks to include child trafficking as a serious felony and increase prison sentences. [[AP News](#)]

- The Dallas-based ride-hailing company Alto is exiting San Francisco and Palo Alto after just a year to “focus on other markets” and says it will refund any membership fees to riders. [[SF Biz News](#)]
- Even with the severe heatwave bearing down on the Bay, meet the tourists still heading to the infamous Death Valley this weekend — which could approach 130 degrees this weekend. [[ABC7](#)]
- The Oakland Police Department recommended that residents reinforce their doors and install security cameras as home invasion robberies are spiking in several neighborhoods. [[SFGate](#)]

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