

THE CITY

UCSF set for massive move of patients

40 ambulances will cross city on Sunday

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Those out and about in San Francisco on Sunday morning are being advised of what will likely be an unusual sight: 40 ambulances primarily driving around the east side of The City for more than six hours.

Beginning at 7 a.m., UC San Francisco will transport some 150 patients — some critical, others stable — from its Parnassus and Mount Zion facilities to the new \$1.5 billion medical center in Mission Bay, said Kim Scurr, executive director of UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital San Francisco.

The children's hospital is one of three that will open Sunday, along with the UCSF Betty Irene Moore Women's Hospital and UCSF Bakar Cancer Hospital, after more than a decade of planning and construction.

UCSF officials anticipate the trans-



Ambulances this weekend will be transporting patients from UC San Francisco's Parnassus and Mount Zion campuses to three new UCSF hospitals in Mission Bay.

fer from Parnassus to the women's and children's hospitals will include 137 children and women, some who are pregnant or have just delivered a baby. And 12 patients will move from Mount Zion to the new cancer hospital.

"We have in preparation reached

what most of our elective surgeries, so basically everybody we have now either can't be transferred out or discharged, or we have an emergent admission that we're the only hospital that can care for that patient," Scurr said.

Forty ambulances will transfer the patients every four minutes, a process that is expected to take until about 2:30 p.m. Sunday, according to hospital officials.

One main route and two backup routes were selected for the respec-

tive moves between Parnassus and Mount Zion. Though the routes are not necessarily the shortest, they are believed to provide the least amount of stops, turns and hills.

The path from Parnassus will take patients on Interstate 280, while the Mount Zion route uses Golden Gate Avenue and Polk, 10th and 16th streets.

The most critical patients who will be transferred Sunday include premature infants in incubators and

a patient on extracorporeal life support, which is a heart and lung bypass machine.

UCSF has composed a transport team for each patient. A critical patient might need a doctor, nurse and respiratory therapist, while more stable patients may just require a bedside nurse. A parent or loved one for children and pregnant women will also be allowed to ride in the ambulance, hospital officials said.

The emergency medical response in The City will not be affected by the increase in ambulances, UCSF has contracted with American Medical Response to transport patients Sunday.

Ambulance services that day are expected to cost nearly \$100,000, said Brian Smith, director of transition planning for UCSF.

The Police Department will provide traffic enforcement at three main intersections between the routes from both Parnassus and Mount Zion.

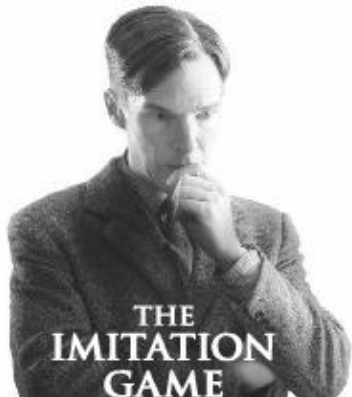
Hospital officials emphasized that the public should not worry Sunday if they see more ambulances than usual traveling in The City.

"It's actually a very good thing; we're moving into our hospital," Scurr said.

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MARIN COUNTY

• A portion of state Highway 1 that was closed in both directions since last month because of heavy rains reopened ahead of schedule, a Caltrans spokesman said. Highway 1 was closed on Dec. 11 after the soil beneath the road between Panoramic Highway and Muir Woods Road washed away but the road pavement remained intact, Caltrans spokesman Bob Hays said. Highway 1 was expected to be closed until March or late February at best, but Gillett Construction Co. crews worked 16 hours a day, seven days a week to finish the \$1 million project ahead of schedule, Hays said.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

• A man who died in a solo-vehicle crash on Sunset Road has been identified as 24-year-old Eduardo Rodriguez-Montano, a Contra Costa County coroner's deputy said. The Brentwood resident was in a 1970-era car with a 19-year-old Brentwood man when the vehicle veered off the roadway, overturning several times, California Highway Patrol Officer John Fransen said. The 1948 Plymouth Deluxe was

traveling east on Sunset Road. As the car flipped over, it ejected both men, Fransen said. Fransen said Rodriguez-Montano died due to injuries suffered in the crash and the 19-year-old was transported to Sutter Tracy Community Hospital with moderate injuries.

• Police raided a suspected marijuana grow house in Antioch, seizing more than 700 plants and a large amount of growing equipment after arresting a San Francisco man on Tuesday who was allegedly involved in the operation, police said. Patrol officers responded to the 3570 block of Countryside Way on a report of a possible marijuana grow house. Patrol officers stopped a vehicle leaving the residence and arrested the driver, identified as Young Li, 35, of San Francisco, who police said was in possession of marijuana suspected to be for sale.

SONOMA COUNTY

• Three Santa Rosa teens pleaded not guilty in Sonoma County Superior Court to the fatal shooting of a 15-year-old boy and attempted killing of three other people at a birthday party in Windsor last

June. Florio Ramos Caballero, 18, Oscar Gustavo Aguiluz, 17, and Dianne Darrell Morgan, 17, are charged with murder for killing Nathaniel Torres of Windsor on June 22. They are being held under no bail in Sonoma County Jail. Sergio Quiroz, 21, of Santa Rosa is charged with being an accessory. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for today.

ALAMEDA COUNTY

• An Oakland man was arrested after leading California Highway Patrol officers on a short pursuit and ramming two patrol vehicles while trying to escape, CHP officials said. Darnold Abrams, 40, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence, driving without a license, felony evasion and weapons violations as a result of a loaded handgun recovered from the vehicle, according to the CHP. The incident began when officers attempted a DUI stop on a 2014 Chevrolet Impala heading west on Interstate 580 around 2:45 a.m. Abrams pulled over momentarily near the Coolidge Avenue exit, but officers say he suddenly took off.

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