NCBH Shuts Down Labor and Delivery Units

By ANDREA CETRA

Jahir, 32, and his pregnant wife, who live in the apartment across the street from North Central Bronx Hospital in Norwood, were the first to be turned away following the official closure of the facility’s labor and delivery, nursery, and neonatal care units last Monday.

The couple gave birth to their first son, now 5, at NCBH. They are now among the many dismayed by the loss of services. “I am really upset that they are taking it away,” said Jahir on Aug. 12, the day the closures took effect, as he took part in a planned rally featuring dozens of hospital employees, union leaders and politicians. “This is not good for our community.”

Residents: Open Oval Park Rec Center, p. 2

NCBH was responsible for roughly 1,500 deliveries last year, 10 percent of all births in the borough.

The New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), which operates NCBH, released a statement last Monday specifying that the shift will “consolidate” services at Jacobi Hospital, which oversaw its own 1,900 births last year.

“There will be sufficient capacity to handle the projected additional deliveries,” the statement said. “No staff member who works in the NCBH unit will lose their job.”

NORWOOD RESIDENTS enjoying “Hotel Transylvania” last week at Williamsbridge Oval Park.

The HHC also said some staffers will remain in the hospital’s ambulatory OB/GYN or inpatient GYN services and others will be transferred to Jacobi’s labor and delivery units, indicating that shuttle service will be provided between the two facilities.

Jaci is approximately 10 minutes from NCBH by car and nearly 30 minutes by public transport. Local residents and nurses are concerned about the loss of accessible emergency care for expecting mothers in their neighborhood.

Norwood resident Elizabeth von Uhl gave birth to her son, Dax, now 22 months old, on October 7, 2011 after walking near the hospital when her water (continued on page 3)
4 Years Later, Park Center Still Closed

By HUGH THORNHILL and ALEX KRATZ

Tancy Rodriguez moved to the Norwood area four years ago. During her entire residence in the community, the Williamsbridge Oval Park recreation center, long known as a bustling hub of neighborhood activity and safe haven for local youth, has been closed.

“I want my son to enjoy the activities at the rec center, but it’s just not open,” she said during a “peaceful protest” outside of the closed center last Friday afternoon.

Rodriguez and local activists from the volunteer group Friends of Williamsbridge Oval Park organized the protest, which doubled as an arts and crafts project for kids and adults. The protesters collaborated in creating signs calling for the re-opening of the center by the Parks Department.

The center shut down for renovations in April of 2010 and was initially scheduled to re-open in time for the summer of 2011. Multiple estimated completion dates for its re-opening have been repeatedly pushed back.

“It just kept on going on and on,” said Lisa von Uhl, a fellow organizer. “We’ve seen very little work, and it just got to the point where enough was enough.”

In an email, Philip Abramson, a spokesman for the Parks Department, said the originally planned renovation of the center was actually completed last winter. But an additional infusion of $3 million allowed them to overhaul the center’s interior.

While Abramson declined to comment on the reasons behind the delays or give an estimated completion date, he did say the work was in its “final stages.”

The project is one of dozens supported by mitigation funds used to offset the building of the Croton Water Filtration Plant in Van Cortlandt Park. Many of those projects are also delayed and over budget, according to a recent audit by the Comptroller’s office.

Rodriguez said it was all about activities to keep kids busy, “so they won’t be out in the streets.”

Applause for Stop-and-Frisk Ruling

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create in street stops made during 2002. Nine out of 10 people stopped were not charged with any wrongdoing, and about 87 percent were African-American or Latino. White people accounted for about 10 percent of stops.

During this same time, the city has enjoyed a significant drop in violent crime.

While this ruling has garnered countless supporters, Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly strongly oppose it.

Following the ruling, Bloomberg held a conference at City Hall, where he said Scheindlin “conveyed a disturbing disregard for the good intentions of our police officers, who put their lives on the line for us every single day.”

Bloomberg vowed to appeal the ruling.

“If this decision were to stand,” Bloomberg said the drop in violent crime could be reversed and would ultimately “make our city, and in fact the whole country, a more dangerous place.”

Kelly, also present, shot down the accusations that the NYPD has been racially profiling New Yorkers, calling them “disrupting and offensive” and reminded residents that the NYPD is the most racially and ethnically diverse police department in the world.

Currently, the New York City Council is considering overriding a mayoral veto of the Community Safety Act, a bill that would create an Inspector General for the NYPD and allow victims of stop-and-frisk to charge police for racial profiling.

If the Inspector General role is created and Scheindlin’s appointment of independent monitor Peter Zimroth, a former prosecutor for the Manhattan district attorney’s office, holds up, the NYPD will have two outsiders monitoring its policies and activities. Before this summer, there were none.

William Cannon, a criminal justice professor at Monroe College who is also a 27-year veteran of the NYPD, has mixed feelings on stop-and-frisk tactics. He called the NYPD’s policy “a good one” because he said it has resulted in huge decreases in crime. But he said the NYPD erred when it began pushing stop-and-frisk as a required activity.

Cannon, who feared the decision would embolden people to carry guns on the street, said the make-up of those stopped was “consistent with the people who are appearing on the crime reports. The reason why they are targeting young black and Hispanic people is because they show up on the crime reports.”

Inquiring Photographer

By DAVID GREENE

With the new school year quickly approaching, we asked readers about the state of the public school system.

I think that public schools have too much overcrowding and too many security guards. We need smaller classrooms. I have about 40 kids in my class.

Idalia Vega

I agree that public education should be free, but some students take advantage because their parents don’t have to pay. But if their parents were paying they wouldn’t cut class and hang out with friends.

Md Nayeen

Next week my kids will go to public school for the first time. They just arrived in America, so I really don’t know what to expect.

Kasdi Goulam Fa-roque

My ex-wife lives here [in the Bronx], but where I live in Rockland County, the public schools are good for kids, especially elementary. We do have some issues with the high schools, with bullying and stuff like that. You have to be a little bit more involved.

Carlos Delagulia

I think there should be more programs for kids with disabilities. It feels right now like they don’t do too much and until you say you’re not going to agree with the terms that they set, that’s when they go into motion and finally do something for you.

Melissa Massey
broke suddenly at 3 a.m. “I do not trust that any change in women’s health services will be smooth,” she said. “It will affect a lot of women and may even adversely affect women and children’s health as going to the doctor is no longer as convenient as walking down the street.”

“This hospital was responsible for [1,500] births last year, so it is really a vital service to the community. Jacob is on the other side of the Bronx!” said Mary Fitzgerald, a nurse at Montefiore’s Moses campus, which is next door to NCBH and not equipped with delivery units or neonatal care.

Others feel the changes could be the beginning of the end for NCBH as rumors of additional closures have begun to circulate. “Maternity service is at the heart of the NCB Hospital. Without the maternity unit, we might as well close all service,” said Mei ka Chin, who spent 22 years as the associate director of midwifery at NCBH and is now director of women’s healthcare at Shanghai Family Hospital and Clinics in China, in an email.

Fitzgerald said the closures will have a cascade effect at NCBH. “This is part of the dismantling of services, one-by-one,” she said.

This is not the first time NCBH has faced closure. In April 1999, the hospital’s in-patient pediatric and rehabilitation units were shut down. A year earlier, NCBH reported a $4.6 operating deficit, and was expected to close within two to three years but managed to stay open until 2006 when it again faced reductions and the possibility of closure.

Patient advocacy and union groups believe these changes are part of a larger “patient care crisis” that unfairly targets already underserved neighborhoods throughout the city.

St. Vincent’s Hospital in Greenwich Village closed in 2010 after slipping nearly $1 million into debt and North Shore-LIJ took over operations at Lenox Hill Hospital on the Upper East Side the same year: Interfaith Medical Center in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Hollywood Hospital in Queens, Brookdale Medical Center in Brooklyn, SUNY Downstate Brooklyn, and Long Island College Hospital in Cobble Hill have also faced shutdown in recent years.

But according to some, the restructuring of services is part of a broader trend intended to increase specialization of care and quality of services.

Rich Umbdenstock, president and CEO of the American Hospital Association, said cutbacks have lowered the cost of health care, decreased the federal deficit, and improved patient care.

For now, only time will tell. HHC says the cuts may not be permanent, and has agreed to meet with CPHS soon to discuss the loss of services at North Central Bronx.

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Common Core Crushes Student Test Scores

By NATASHA RODRIGUEZ

Students in the Bronx and throughout the rest of New York City struggled mightily with more rigorous math and reading exams imposed by the state this past year. It resulted in a massive drop in scores citywide that some officials said was good for students, while critics said it reflected the mayor’s failed policies.

Schools in the Norwood News coverage area saw an average of 21 percent of students pass the new math test and an average of 18 percent pass reading. Those scores are lower than the city’s total average -- 30 percent of New York City students met state math standards and 26 percent passed the reading exams.

These results mark a drastic drop from scores in 2012, where an average of 54 percent of students at each local school passed in math and 41.5 percent passed in reading.

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and Norwood Heights’ School Principal King was also optimistic, saying the “scores do not reflect a drop in performance, but rather a raising of standards to reflect college and career-readiness in the 21st century.”

Out of all of the Bronx public schools in our coverage area, Norwood Heights (PS 56) students had the best scores, with 37.95 percent passing math and 26.41 percent passing reading.

Every Bronx school did better on the math exam than on the reading, save for the Timothy Dwight School (PS 291). Students scored 10.27 percent in math and 12.07 percent in reading.

Critics say the city’s focus on teaching to the test, including raising standards called the Common Core. Bloomberg said he saw the test scores as a positive. “Our administration has consistently raised the bar for our students — and given time and support, they have consistently risen to the occasion,” said Bloomberg. “We are confident that they will rise to this challenge.”

State Education Commissioner John King was also optimistic, saying, the “scores do not reflect a drop in performance, but rather a raising of standards to reflect college and career-readiness in the 21st century.”

As summer winds to a close and parents prepare their children to return to a regular routine of packed lunches and homework, experts from The Children’s Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM) highlight ways to ease anxiety, keep kids healthy and improve concentration in the classroom.

1) During summer, children usually go to bed later and wake up at different times. When it’s time to go back to school, kids may find it difficult to adjust their sleep schedule. To establish a consistent sleep pattern: Maintain a steady sleep-wake schedule seven days a week. No catching up on the weekends!

2) The start of a new school season is the best time to have your child’s eyes examined. Some signs that a child may be having vision problems include sitting close to the TV, holding toys close to the eyes or squinting to see at a distance. Covering or closing one eye to see also may indicate a need for glasses. If mom or dad wore glasses at an early age, it would not be unusual for their child to need glasses as well.

3) A nutritious lunch that’s tasty and satisfying is a welcome midday break for kids. Include notes in your child’s lunch box — let them decide what to make for lunch and prepare it with you.

Sources: Montefiore Medical Center

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Tips for a Healthy, Happy Return to School

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3) A nutritious lunch that’s tasty and satisfying is a welcome midday break for kids and gives them energy to get through the rest of the day. Even for the pickiest of eaters, parents can find the right nutritional balance for their kids and help them adopt good eating habits that can last a lifetime.

Presentation is key — we eat with our eyes first, so make sure food looks appetizing.

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Police Report

Bangladeshi Community Rallies Behind Stabbing

By DAVID GREENE

More than 100 members of the Bangladeshi community in Parkchester turned out in support of a man who was viciously and repeatedly stabbed for no apparent reason as he returned from a local mosque.

Nurun Nabi, 55, was returning from prayer service at the Parkchester Jame Masjid congregation at 6:30 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 10, when he was attacked outside of the Grab & Go Deli at the corner of Ellis and Virginia avenues.

Nabi was stabbed three times in the lower back.

No attempt was made by Nabi’s assailant to rob him, causing speculation that Nabi was the victim of a bias attack. A surveillance camera from the deli was able to help police to quickly capture the suspect, identified by police as Parkchester resident Hector Cuevas, 41.

At the demonstration held on Monday, Aug. 19, at the intersection where the attack occurred, Nabi was joined by Senator Ruben Diaz, Sr., Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., Councilwoman Annabel Palma and mayoral candidate John Liu.

“Why I’m crying, I ask you what’s wrong? Everybody knows that things like this happen,” said Nabi, choking back tears. “I want justice, please God in saving my family I need to protect this area.”

Nabi who has lived in Parkchester for the past decade and has driven a taxi during that time to support his wife and four kids, continued, “I don’t want to see a next time when something happens like this to my Muslim brother or non-Muslim brother, it doesn’t matter.”

“Thank you for saving my life,” Nabi offered to those who came to his aid and paramedics and doctors who treated him at both Jacobi Hospital and Montefiore Medical Center.

Late arrival Liu put his arms around Nabi. “For him to be just walking along the street and be attacked, senselessly stabbed in the back and injured like this is absolutely reprehensible and has no place here in the Bronx or anywhere here in New York City,” Liu said.

Liu added, “We need the police to do what they can to bring the most serious charges possible and if this was a hate crime, then it should be prosecuted as such.”

Residents are calling for added police protection when the mosque lets out, for the city to install new security cameras monitored by the NYPD and a crackdown of a local building where community leaders say drugs are being sold and creating a dangerous environment to the entire community.

Bangladeshi Community Rallies Behind Stabbing

Photography by David Greene

STABBING VICTIM Nurun Nabi, walking with a cane, and his 10-year-old son, walk past the street where he was attacked in Parkchester.

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Fordham Corner Now Relaxing Zone

By NATASHA RODRIGUEZ

Shoppers on Fordham Road now have a beautiful new spot to hang out and relax. The Fordham Road Business Improvement District recently completed a beautification project at a previously underutilized space at the corner of East 188th Street and East Fordham Road.

The project, which is part of a larger plan to improve the shopping experience along Fordham Road, turned the drab space into a little urban oasis. The space now boasts several benches, tree guards with plantings, and colorful flowers.

Wilma Alonso, the executive director of the BID, said they decided to undertake the project because it was obvious that the space had a lot of potential. The purpose of the newly redesigned area is for residents to have a place to sit and relax in the midst of their hectic lives.

“I think it’s nice that people can be able to take a shopping break in a beautiful new spot,” Alonso said. “We have already gotten a lot of positive feedback.” She added that many residents have posted comments on their website and called their offices to share their excitement.

As part of the larger plan, Alonso said they have already installed more than 20 benches and several trash cans in the district. The BID also helped raise $2.5 million for a major overhaul of Bryan Park at corner of Fordham and Kingsbridge roads, which is slated to open in 2014.

A LOOK AT the gradual changes at the corner of 188th Street and Fordham Road.
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Remembering Rosalie Feliciano (May 15, 1961–Aug. 8, 2013)
Lifelong Norwood resident Rosalie Feliciano, 52, passed away on Aug. 8 after a year-long battle with colon cancer. Born May 15, 1961, Rosalie is survived by her mother, Elsie, and siblings Lorraine, Robert and Mary. Robert, who lives in Norwood and works at Montefiore Medical Center, said Rosalie succumbed to her illness with her mother at her side at Frances Scherzer Nursing Home in Riverdale. “Rosalie had many friends in the neighborhood and in the AHRC community (AHRC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities) and we would like to thank everyone who supported us during this difficult time,” Robert said. Services were held at Williams Funeral Home on Aug. 11, with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery on Monday.

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE enjoyed the Summer Streets festivities on 204th Street in Norwood on Aug. 4 and 11. Activities included face painting, live performances, fitness demos, and more. The event was presented by the East 204th Street and Bainbridge Avenue Merchants Association, which is working to highlight the area’s blossoming appeal.
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- Woodlawn Conservancy presents a free Tribute to Ibrahim Gonzalez, Aug. 25 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery’s Woolworth Chapel, featuring members of the Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra, a poem reading and special video memorial. For more information, call (718) 920-1469.

Editor’s Pick

End of Summer Entertainment

NYS Senator Jeff Klein presents concerts: McLean Ave. Band, Van Cortlandt Park East, between 238th and 240th streets, Aug. 23 (rain location: PS 19, 4318 Katonah Ave.); and Dionne Warwick, Seton Park, Independence Avenue between West 232nd and 235th streets, Aug. 27 (rain location: PS 24, 660 W. 236th St.), both at 7 p.m.; and movies: "Mary Poppins," Loreto Park, Morris Park Avenue between Haight and Tomlinson avenues, Aug. 29; and "Up," Seton Park, Independence Avenue between West 232nd and 235th streets, Sept. 7 (both begin at dusk, and festivities begin at 8 p.m.). Bring folding chairs and blankets. If rain is predicted on show day, call Klein’s office after 4 p.m. at (718) 822-2049, and for more information, call (800) 718-2039.

- Bronx Terminal Market, shopping center at 610 Exterior St., celebrates Back-To-School, Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Aug. 23. Vendors welcome. For more information, call (718) 547-9350.

- The NY Botanical Garden presents its Greenmarket, farmers market at the base of the Library Allee inside the Mosholu Gate entrance, Wednesdays through Nov. 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call (718) 817-8658.

- Wave Hill, a Bronx oasis at 675 W. 252nd St. in Riverdale, offers Family Arts Projects: Landscape Movie Scrolls, to sketch WH’s landscape, then extend it onto a paper movie scroll, Aug. 24 and 25; and Fishy Fun, to make 3-D fish out of colorful paper bags to swim through the air and to take home, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, both at the Wave Hill House from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Grounds admission is free Saturdays until noon all year, and free Tuesdays all day in August and until noon in September. Glyndor Gallery tours take place Tuesdays and Saturdays at 2 p.m.; garden walks are held Tuesdays and Saturdays at 11 a.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., from the Perkins Visitor Center. For more information and a schedule of events, call (718) 549-3200.

- Bronx Museum of the Arts, 1040 Grand Concourse, 2nd floor North Wing, presents First Fridays: AIM Artist Screenings and Performances, Sept. 6 from 6 to 10 a.m. between 161st and 164th streets. For more information, call (718) 681-6000 ext. 131.

- Kingsbridge Heights Community Center (KHCC) will hold its summer play streets program, through Aug. 30. Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Kingsbridge Terrace between Summit Place and Perot Street. Events include health and arts activities, a rock climbing wall, hip-hop and modern dance classes, cooking classes, and sports. The Teen Green Market, run by the Teen Center, will run from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call (718) 884-0700 ext. 196.

- The Bronx Museum of the Arts, 1040 Grand Concourse, presents Free outdoor movie, “Up, Brave or Oz: The Great Powerful,” Sept. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Fordham Plaza (189th Street and Third and Park avenues). Bring a chair or blanket. For more information, call (718) 562-2104.

- Friends of Van Cortlandt Park and VC Track Club present Fun for the Trail Series, B’Ramble 10K/5K, Sept. 1 at 10 a.m., its inaugural race to celebrate the 100th anniversary year of VC Park’s cross-country course, and to raise maintenance funds. Number pickup begins at 9 a.m. at Tortoise and Hare Statue. T-shirts will be given to the first 200 runners. Registration fee is $25/online or $30/mail-in. Proceeds go to the Friends’ Summer Teen Trails Crew. For more information or to register, visit www.vctc.org/page/riverdale-b-ramble-10k.

- The Bronx County Historical Society, 3309 Bainbridge Ave., presents tour, Historic St. Mary’s Park and Its Neighborhoods, Aug. 31 at 11 a.m. ($10/members; $15/non members). Tour begins on the northbound side of the Jackson
Avenue train station on the Wakefield line #2 or Dyer Avenue line #5 trains. The #4 bus also brings you to the location. Tours are generally 90 minutes. For more information or to reserve, call (718) 881-8900.

Exhibits

- The Bronx County Historical Society’s Museum of Bronx History at the Valentine-Varian House, 3266 Bainbridge Ave., presents Past times & Pleasures: Having Fun in the Bronx, through Oct. 20. For more information, call (718) 881-8900.
- The New York Botanical Garden presents Wild Medicine: Healing Plants Around the World, Featuring the Italian Renaissance Garden, including interactive stations with activities and samples of products made from therapeutic plants, through Sept. 8. For more information, call (718) 817-8512/8637.
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Library Events

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- The Jerome Park Library, at 118 Eames Place, offers for children: Pajama Party: Aug. 26 at 6 p.m.; Chess: Sept. 3 at 4 p.m.; and Kids’ Active Health: yoga and zumba, Sept. 6, 13 and 27 at 4 p.m. (all for ages 5 to 12); for teens: Cooking at 2 p.m.: Aug. 22, 29 and Sept. 5 at 4 p.m.; and Learn to Dance With Anneliese Gonzalez Dance Theatre: Aug. 23 at 2 p.m.; and for adults: Computer Basics at noon: Aug. 22, 27, 29, Sept. 3 and 5; and Internet for Beginners: Aug. 28 at 10 a.m. For more information, call (718) 549-5200.

- The Mosholu Library, at 285 E. 205th St., offers for seniors and adults: Knitting Circle: Thursdays at 3 p.m.; Wii Program: Tuesdays at 3 p.m.; True Stories: Testimonies of Our Lives: (phone or in-person registration required), 10-week workshop, Fridays at 10:30 a.m., Aug. 23 to Oct. 25; Open Lab: (advance in-person registration required), for basic computer questions, Aug. 28 at 10:30 a.m.; and MS Word for Beginners: Aug. 29 at 12:30 p.m. Teens/young adults can attend Arts and Crafts at 3 p.m.: Aug. 22 and 27. Children can enjoy Clone of Toddler Story Time: (ages 18 to 36 months), Aug. 22 at 10:30 a.m.; and Butterfly Boogie: (in-person advance registration required), Aug. 23 at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call (718) 812-9239.

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