

Ten shot, 2 fatally, in another violent weekend in city. **B2**

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## 'I still have hope she's alive.'



**Noema Alavez Perez** looking at a photo of her daughter, Dulce Maria Alavez, in the living room of her parents' home in Bridgeton, N.J. Dulce went missing Sept. 16 from the city park. The police chief says he's optimistic. **CURT HUDSON**

# 4 Months Later, Dulce Still Missing

By Julie Shaw  
STAFF WRITER

**A**fter walking one more time through the playground where she last saw her 5-year-old daughter, Noema Alavez Perez wondered aloud about her disappearance. She knows so little. All she knows is that her daughter, Dulce, raced off to play, ran toward someone — and then she was gone. There was a witness: Dulce's 3-year-old brother, Manuel. But he can say only so much. "He saw everything, but like he's too young," the 19-year-old mother said last week. "For him, it's hard to talk." Four months later, Dulce Maria Alavez is still missing.

Authorities have interviewed 1,000 people, including the child's father in Mexico, people who were in Bridgeton City Park on the day she disappeared, and registered sex offenders in Cumberland and surrounding counties. They have chased down countless leads from tip lines from sources as far away as California, Michigan, and Texas, Bridgeton Police Chief Michael Gaimari said. After all that work, Gaimari remains hopeful and insists that the investigation has made progress. "I'm optimistic she's alive," he said. A task force of investigators from the police department, New Jersey State Police, county prosecutors, and the FBI meets daily as part of what Cumberland County Prosecutor Jennifer Webb-McRae described as "an See **MISSING** on B6



**Dulce had been** in the park with her brother. A task force meets regularly on the case.

# Source: 1st black president for Rutgers

Jonathan Holloway has been at Northwestern and Yale.

By Catherine Dunn  
STAFF WRITER

The governing boards of Rutgers University are expected to approve Jonathan Holloway as the school's first black president, a university official confirmed Sunday, speaking on condition of anonymity ahead of an official vote on Tuesday. Holloway currently is provost of Northwestern University, where he is also professor of history and African American studies. Before joining the Northwestern faculty 2½ years ago, Holloway was the dean of Yale College from 2014 to 2017.

The Rutgers Board of Governors and the Board of Trustees are scheduled to meet Tuesday at 9 a.m. to vote on a resolution on the "appointment of an executive-level member of the administration," according to their respective agendas. A school spokesperson declined to comment Sunday, beyond pointing to the notices posted regarding the vote.



**Jonathan Holloway** is said to be up for a vote Tuesday.

Rutgers president Robert L. Barchi announced last July that he would be stepping down from the role this year. He took over in 2012 as head of New Jersey's flagship university, which numbers more than 70,000 students across three campuses. NJ Advance Media was first to report on Sunday that Holloway will be named as Barchi's replacement. Holloway earned his doctorate in history from Yale in 1995, and has authored two books on black history: *Confronting the Veil*, a biography of three black scholars who taught at Howard University during the 1930s, and *Jim Crow Wisdom*, about race and memory.

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# My dream has you putting down guns

**I** have a dream and it's that on Monday, the federal holiday honoring the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., nobody gets shot or stabbed. Not another young black man. Not another battered woman caught up in a domestic nightmare. And certainly not another innocent child. Designated in 1994 as a national day of service, the holiday is supposed to be used "as a day on, not a day off." In other words, you're not supposed to just hang around the house. The goal is to get involved in service projects, which is noble. However, this year, I would like to suggest that another component be added to the annual recognition, and it's that it also be observed as a day of peace. Think about what that might See **KING DAY** on B5



**JENICE ARMSTRONG**



**DHS Commissioner Cynthia Figueroa** is taking over the newly created Office of Children and Families. It will work on issues concerning children in their lives at home as well as in school. The new office is to find ways for DHS and the School District to work together. **HEATHER KHALIFA / Staff Photographer**

# New city department will coordinate services for kids

By Laura McCrystal  
STAFF WRITER

Mayor Jim Kenney wants to improve city services for children, and he's created a new office to do it. The Office of Children and Families will oversee existing city departments that serve kids, including the mayor's signature pre-K and community schools programs, and will work closely with the School District of Philadelphia and other city departments to find ways to improve those services. Kenney signed an executive order creating the office earlier this month, hours after beginning his second term, and appointed

Cynthia Figueroa, who has served as the city's Department of Human Services (DHS) commissioner since 2016, as deputy mayor for children and families. "When you think about the barriers that kids and families face, it's not only going to be the academic achievement gap," Figueroa said in an interview. "It's what's going on in the home that's impacting the achievement gap that also needs to be addressed. So instead of doing those in silos, the best interest for our families in Philadelphia is to do that in a collective way." Kenney credits Figueroa with transform- See **FIGUEROA** on B6

# Face scanners are coming to Phila. airport

Starting Tuesday, some travelers will be in a PHL pilot program.

By Ellie Rushing  
STAFF WRITER

Starting Tuesday, travelers boarding certain international flights at Philadelphia International Airport will have their face scanned along with their boarding pass. Three gates at the airport will begin a 45-day pilot program for facial recognition scanners that cross-check a live image of a person with government photos. The scanners are meant to help U.S. Customs and Border Protection process passengers and speed up boarding, the airport said. Gates A15, A16, and A17 will each use a different biometric technology scanner for select outbound international flights on Qatar, British Airways, Lufthansa, and American Airlines. After the pilot program is completed, the airport will assess which brand performed best for permanent use. See **SCANNERS** on B7

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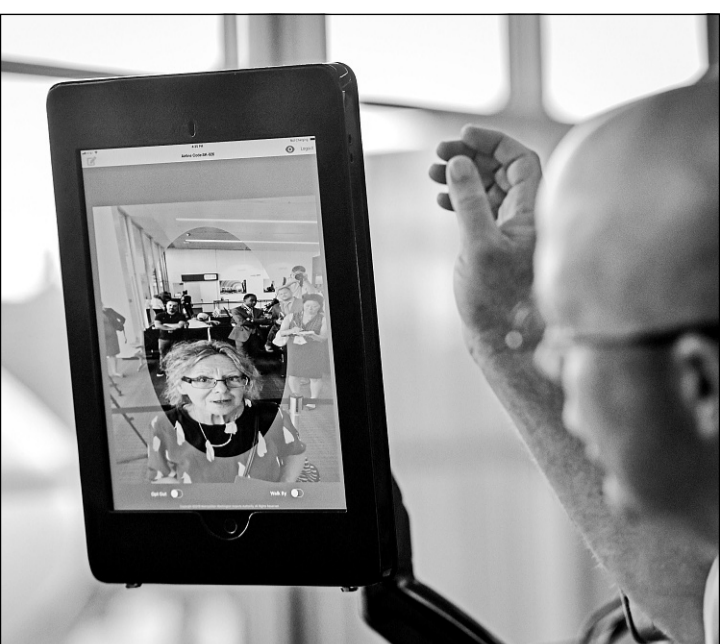
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An SAS airline employee ushers a passenger through the scanning process at Dulles International in Virginia. BILL O'LEARY / Washington Post

## Scanners

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CBP will install the system for travelers entering the country through Philadelphia, too. There is no timeline yet for that installation, but it will be in the Federal Inspection Station in Terminal A-West.

All travelers will be scanned unless they ask not to be. But although foreign nationals are required to get additional screening, they can opt out of the scans for outbound flights and be verified through other documents, said Stephen Sapp, a CBP spokesperson.

"It is designed to expedite boarding by eliminating the time gate attendants take to verify the traveler's identity manually," Sapp said. Passengers will still have to present their boarding passes and passports during the pilot program, but over time, the technology is expected to replace that paper check-in process.

The installation is part of a federal mandate and a more-than-decade-long push by Congress to track foreign travelers who enter and exit the country. As reported by the Washington Post, Congress in 2016 approved the use of up to \$1 billion collected from visa fees to fund the technology's implementation. A March 2017 executive order directed the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to speed up implementation.

Currently, 26 airports use the biometric scans for people leaving the United States, 16 use it for people entering the country, and six seaports use it for both entry and exit. Government officials say the technology provides additional security and has identified seven people traveling with another person's documents since September 2018.

But privacy advocates fear bias, inaccuracy and potential misuse of the information col-

lected.

"Automation in the boarding process makes sense in the efficiency and economic standpoint," said Michael Kearns, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania who specializes in machine learning, algorithms, and their biases. "But this also means that much more data about us will be logged."

"It also moves us more and more toward a surveillance society," he said.

Biometric technology, or tech that uses your physiological characteristics, such as the thumbprint and facial scanners in iPhones, is not new to society or to airports. British Airways has used the technology at London's Heathrow Airport for close to nine years.

As passengers board, a tablet device mounted on the gate kiosk scans their face and compares it to a database filled with passport or visa photos. If the images match, the machine clears the passenger for boarding. If there is a mismatch, the screen flashes and the person may be pulled aside for additional screening.

Once identities are verified, U.S. travelers' images are deleted within 12 hours, CBP said. Foreign travelers' photos are deleted from the comparison database within 14 days, but then may be retained in the Department of Homeland Security's Automated Biometric Identification System, according to CBP.

Inaccuracy and security are also a concern.

Kearns said that traditional machine learning is inherently biased. Over time, certain minority groups may suffer delays in boarding or be pulled aside by attendants more often.

"The question is not will it make mistakes, which it will," he said. "But how might those mistakes be unequally distributed across demographics?"

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## OBITUARY

# Barry Tuckwell, 88, renowned master of the French horn

By Emily Langer  
WASHINGTON POST

Barry Tuckwell, 88, an Australian virtuoso of the French horn whose mastery over his fiendishly difficult instrument brought him international renown as the preeminent hornist of his era, died Thursday at a hospital in Melbourne.

The cause was complications from heart disease, according to his wife, Jenny Darling.

Mr. Tuckwell grew up in a musical home — his father, an organist, manned the hulking Wurlitzer at the local movie theater — but he showed only moderate musical promise during his early years playing the piano, violin and organ.

Only at 13, when he first picked up a French horn, did his prodigious talent shine through. Mr. Tuckwell was still in his teens when he began playing professionally with orchestras in Australia. He was 24 when, in 1955, he became principal horn player with the London Symphony Orchestra, a post he held for 13 years.

Thus began a musical career that would take him around the world over half a century. In 1968, Mr. Tuckwell left the London symphony to strike out on his own, becoming one of the vanishingly few horn players to establish solo performing and recording careers. He was widely described as the most recorded "hornist in history."

A case of "right-arm disease" — his jesting term for the lure of the conductor's podium — led him to pursue conducting opportunities, as well, and in 1982, he became founding music director of the Maryland Symphony Orchestra in Hagerstown. Mr. Tuckwell retired from performing in 1997 and left his post in Maryland the following year, eventually returning to his native Australia.

The French horn (more properly called the horn, according to many enthusiasts) is formed from 20 feet of coiled brass tubing that opens into a flared bell. A descendant of the hunting horn, it is capable of producing rousing fanfares as well as musical lines of sublime delicacy, but only in the hands of the most skilled musician.

Mr. Tuckwell became the leading interpreter of the small but exquisite repertoire for French horn. It includes four concertos by Mozart, which Mr. Tuckwell recorded several times; two by Richard Strauss; and works by composers as disparate as Cherubini, Bruckner, Brahms, Ravel, and Shostakovich. Contemporary composers including Oliver Knussen, Richard Rodney Bennett, Thea Musgrave and Robin Holloway wrote works for him.

Barry Emmanuel Tuckwell was born in Prahran, a suburb of Melbourne, on March 5, 1931, to a family of Welsh origin. His mother played the piano. His sister, Patricia, played the violin and later married George Lascelles, II and an internationally known authority on the opera.

Mr. Tuckwell said that he could read music before he could read books but that he did not seem destined for a life in music before he tried the horn.

"I really wasn't any good at them," he recalled of his early experimentation on the piano, violin and organ. "One day somebody said, 'Look, he's musical, he must be able to play something. Try this.' And it was a French horn, and it was something I could do. So I was very lucky."

He said he drew inspiration from the musicianship of American jazz trombonist Tommy Dorsey, whose recordings he studied avidly. In 1950, after performing with the Melbourne Symphony

Orchestra and later the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, Mr. Tuckwell moved to England, where his appointments came to include a teaching position at the Royal Academy of Music in London.

Mr. Tuckwell led the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra in Australia before founding his ensemble in Hagerstown, a small city in western Maryland. He had been drawn to the area by Walter Lawson, a widely admired French horn maker who lived in nearby Boonsboro.

"I didn't know there were this many tinexdos in Hagerstown," one attendee quipped to The Washington Post when the Maryland Symphony Orchestra debuted in 1982.

His marriages to Sally Newton, Hilary Warburton, and Sue Elliott ended in divorce.

He and Darling, companions of 14 years, were married last year. In addition to his wife, of Melbourne, survivors include two children from his first marriage, David Tuckwell of London and Jane Tuckwell of Bromham, in Wiltshire, England; and a son from his second marriage, Tom Shahani-Tuckwell of London.

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### COVERT

**BERNICE ELEANOR PETERSON**  
Of Chester, PA, a teacher and counselor in the Philadelphia Public School System for 35 years, died on January 16, 2020, at Aristacore Norwood Terrace, Plainfield NJ, after moving to Fanwood NJ in 2016 to be closer to her daughter, Anita McNamara. A visitation will be held from 10 to 11 A.M. with the Service beginning at 11 A.M. on Wednesday, January 22nd, 2019 at The Asbury AME Church, 1712 Providence Ave, Chester, PA, 19013. Interment will follow at Haven Memorial Cemetery in Aston PA. To read complete obituary please visit  
[www.fanwoodmemorial.com](http://www.fanwoodmemorial.com)

### GROCKETT

**ERIC**  
On January 14, 2020. Viewing Friday, January 24, 2020, 9 to 11 A.M., **PELZER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 3rd and Christian Sts. Funeral Service 11 A.M.

### KAISERMAN ROBINSON

**CONSTANCE**  
January 18, 2020 of New York, NY. Beloved mother of Homer (Lisa Zahren) Robinson and Lyle (Thomas Beebe) Robinson. Cherished sister of Ronald (Rachelle) Kaiserman and the late Kenneth (Susan) Kaiserman. Loving grandmother of Bodhi, Talia, Theo, Finn and Felix. Daughter of the late Kevy (Hortense) Kaiserman. Relatives and friends are invited to services Wednesday January 22, 11 A.M. at Mishkan Shalom 4101 Freeland Ave. Phila., PA 19128. Int. Mt. Sharon Cemetery. The family will return to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kaiserman and request that contributions in her memory be made to CreativityforPeace.Org  
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### MULLEN

**CATHERINE S. (nee Sugden)**  
On January 18, 2020, at the age of 70. Loving wife of Patrick J.; devoted mother of Mary Catherine and Patrick J. Catherine was a catholic school teacher at St. Katherine of Siena School and also the School District of Phila. Relatives and friends are invited to her Viewing Thursday eve 7-9 and also Friday from 8:30 - 9:30 A.M. **BURNS FUNERAL HOME, 9708 BRUNKFORD AVE.** (So. of Grant Ave.) followed by her Funeral Mass 10 A.M. St. Katherine of Siena Church. Int. Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 2004 Sproul Rd., Ste. 208, Broomall Pa. 19008. in her memory.

### O'MALLEY

**KATHLEEN (nee Dobbins)**  
January 18, 2020, age 96. Beloved wife of the late Edward P.; devoted mother of Edward P. Jr. (Kathleen), Kathleen Anderson (Andrew), Patricia Lawrence (Charles), and Mary Jane Valaitis (William); loving mom mom of 14 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. Relatives and friends are invited to her Viewing Thursday eve Thursday eve 7-9 P.M., **THE ROGERS FUNERAL HOME, 1426-30 S. 3rd St., Phila.** and again Friday 8-9:30 A.M. followed by her Funeral Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church 10 A.M. Int. Holy Cross Cem. Share Online Condolences at  
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### PESCI

**DORIS M. (nee Meyfohr)**



January 18, 2020 at Pennswood Village, Newtown, PA. Daughter of the late William Meyfohr and Emma Wendt of Queens, NY. Beloved wife of the late Thomas A. Pesci, Jr., loving mother of Rev. Thomas A. Pesci S.J., Susan M. DiRenzo and her husband Robert, James M. Pesci and his wife Dragica, David J. Pesci, the wife Tragicca, David J. Pesci, the late Arline Leverich and Florence Budraitis. She is also survived by four grandchildren: Matthew, Jessica, Adam and Rebecca. Loving mother for seven decades. Longtime member of Questers. The family will receive relatives and friends on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 from 10:45 A.M. until her funeral Mass, 11:30 A.M. at the Olde Church of St. Andrew, 135 South Sycamore Avenue, Newtown, PA 18940. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.  
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### ULITSKY

**RANDI (nee Katz)**



January 18, 2020 of Philadelphia, PA. Beloved wife of Jay Ulitsky; adoring mother of Kyle Ulitsky; treasured daughter of Phyllis (nee Bell) and the late Leonard; devoted sister of Mitchell (Amy) Katz; loving aunt of Jordan (Julie) Katz and Melanie (Jarad) Silverstein; cherished great-aunt of Benjamin Katz and Harper and Lincoln Silverstein. Randi worked for the US Postal Service for 30 years and was a member of the Mailhandlers Union Local #308. Relatives and friends are invited to chapel services Monday, 2:00 PM, **JOSEPH LEVINE & SONS, 4737 Street Road, Trevose, PA.** Interment is private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Philadelphia SPCA 350 E. Erie Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19134.  
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