‘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 her case is unsolved. (CATHY HOBAN / Staff Photographer)

4 Months Later, Dulce Still Missing

By Julie Chow staff writer

Our walking one more time through the playground where she last saw her 5-year-old daughter. Noema Alavez Perez wondered aloud about her disappearance: this leaves so little. All she knows is that her daughter, Dulce, ran off to play; ran toward someone — and then she was gone.

There was a witness: Dulce’s 5-year-old brother, Samuel. But he can only say so much. “He saw everything, but like he’s too young,” she said. “He raced off to play, ran toward someone — and the last thing he saw was her.”

Four months later, Dulce Maria Alavez is still missing.

 Authorities have interviewed 1,200 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 Gaimarri 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 ongoing missing-persons case.”

By Laura McCrystal Staff Writer

“Some days it’s hard to talk.”

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

By Ellie Rushing Staff Writer

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By Emily Langer

Barry Tuckwell, 88, an Australian virtuoso of the French horn, died on New Year’s Day. He was a leader of the London Symphony Orchestra and his international renown as the world’s pre-eminent horn player was recognized on both sides of the Atlantic when he was awarded his Olympic torch at the opening of the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000.

“Automation in the boarding process makes sense in the efficiency and economic standpoint,” said Michael Kean, 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 was more or more and more of a surveillance society, he said.

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Over time, the technology is expected to replace that paper federal mandate and government process makes sense in the efficiency and economic standpoint.

CBP will install the system in Terminal A-West, but it will be in the Federal Inspection Services in Terminal A-West.

All travelers will be scanned unless they ask not to be.

Although foreign nationals are represented to get additional processing, they can opt out of the scans for outbound flights and be verified through other documents, said Steven Sapp, a CBP spokesperson.

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The installation is part of a federal mandate and a more than decade-long push by Con

As passengers board, a tablet device scans their face and compares it to a database of passport or visa photos in ad tabase. If they have not been scanned, they will still have to present their boarding pass and passport during the pilot program.

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