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# 'JOYFUL PILGRIMS'

*Philadelphia delegation invites Pope Francis to visit in a brief but powerful meeting.*



Mayor Nutter and Pope Francis embrace in St. Peter's Square. DAVID MAIALETTI / Staff Photographer

By David O'Reilly  
INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

**ROME — About 10:15** Wednesday morning, 15 minutes ahead of schedule, a tall, white shimmer of glass motored into St. Peter's Square, where tens of thousands had gathered for the weekly papal audience.

Heads turned, umbrellas swung, arms pointed, and the crowd murmur rose to a roar as Pope Francis, in the famous Popemobile, began a broad circle around the rain-swept square.

"Viva il Papa!" shouted some. "Papa Francesco!" cried others. Grinning broadly, Francis waved, blessed them, and cupped his palms skyward, as though urging on their cries.

Watching from seats just outside St. Peter's Basilica was Pennsylvania's eager delegation — Gov. Corbett, Mayor Nutter, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, and about 15 more civic leaders and representatives of the Archdiocese. **See ROME on A8**

**BEARING GIFTS**

Among the items presented to Pope Francis:

- ▶ A replica Liberty Bell with his name on it.
- ▶ Personalized sports jerseys.
- ▶ Jersey and hat from St. Joseph's Prep, Mayor Nutter's alma mater.
- ▶ Four ceramic tiles representing the four gospels, made by Moravian Pottery & Tile Works in Doylestown.
- ▶ A first-edition copy of Philadelphia artist Jerry Pinkney's children's book *Noah's Ark*.
- ▶ *Philadelphia Murals and the Stories They Tell*, inscribed by Jane Golden.
- ▶ Letters from students of Good Shepherd Elementary School in Camp Hill, Pa.



**Philadelphia Archbishop Charles J. Chaput** with the pope. The local officials asked the pontiff to visit Philadelphia during the World Meeting of Families next year.

**For many Americans, obtaining a birth certificate proves difficult.**

## Search for ID adds to a life of challenges

By Alfred Lubrano  
INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

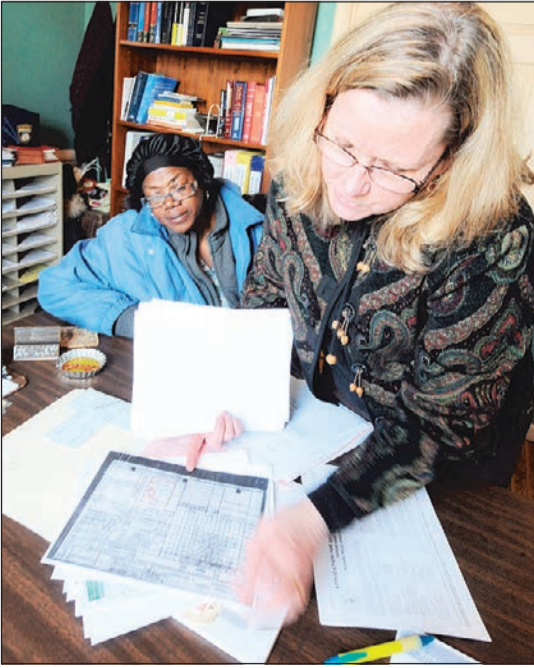
Gloria Cuttino knows she was born. She just can't prove it.

In a frustrating circumstance that's surprisingly common among poor African Americans born in the South in the mid-20th century, Cuttino has no birth certificate.

That wasn't a great hindrance for much of her life, but it's a bigger problem these days, when the post-9/11 world insists on identification cards with photographs, even for non-drivers.

Without a birth certificate (among other documents) in Pennsylvania, residents can't get state-issued ID cards. Without ID cards, officials say, people can't get jobs, access Social Security benefits, get medical benefits, have surgery, get medicine, access housing benefits, open bank accounts, or board planes or even intercity buses.

For Cuttino, who believes she's 62, the lack of photo ID means she can't access subsidized housing, for which she would qualify because her income is below the federal poverty level.



**Gloria Cuttino** (left) gets help from Niki Ludt of the Face to Face agency in her quest for a birth certificate. CLEM MURRAY / Staff Photographer

Injured from working for years as a nursing assistant, Cuttino receives federal disability payments, and moves back and forth between the homes of two grown sons in Germantown and **See DOCUMENTS on A18**

## Support for tough Pa. laws on ethics

After the aborted sting, candidates for governor seek stronger rules.

By Thomas Fitzgerald and Allison Steele  
INQUIRER STAFF WRITERS

Polls show the economy, not ethics, is dominating the campaign for governor, but the tale of an aborted sting that taped elected officials accepting cash has candidates pushing to tighten Pennsylvania's lax ethics laws.

The four Democrats running to take on Gov. Corbett said Wednesday that they would go further than the current proposals in the legislature to ban only gifts of cash.

"To me, it's like taking a garden hose to a five-alarm fire," said Katie McGinty, former secretary of the state Department of Environmental Protection, in an interview.

She wrote a letter Wednesday to the leaders of both parties in the state House and Senate, urging them to enact a ban on gifts to elected officials and staff in state government.

In Pennsylvania, it is legal for officials to accept cash and gifts, as long as they disclose them annually. The state is also one of the few in the nation that allows unlimited campaign donations.

York businessman Tom Wolf, state Treasurer Rob McCord, and U.S. Rep. Allyson Schwartz are all backing gift bans.

The issue surfaced in the campaign after The Inquirer reported March 16 that state Attorney General Kathleen Kane, a Democrat, had declined to prosecute at least five Philadelphia elected officials — four of them state legislators — captured on tape accepting cash or gifts from a lobbyist during a three-year undercover sting.

Kane said the investigation was poorly handled, possibly tainted by racial profiling, and based on a confidential informant who had more than 2,000 **See GIFTS on A2**

## Aide to bin Laden convicted of terror

Suleiman Abu Ghaith, a son-in-law of Osama bin Laden, is guilty of conspiracy linked to 9/11.

By Joseph Ax  
REUTERS

**NEW YORK —** Suleiman Abu Ghaith, a son-in-law of Osama bin Laden, was found guilty Wednesday of terrorism-related charges after a three-week trial that offered unusually vivid details of the former al-Qaeda leader's actions in the days after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Abu Ghaith, 48, a Kuwait-born Muslim cleric, faces life in prison after a federal court jury in New York convicted him of conspiring to kill Americans, conspiring to provide material support for terrorists, and providing such support.

Jurors took just over one day to reach a verdict in a courtroom that is blocks from the site of the World Trade Center destroyed in the hijacked-plane attacks.

Abu Ghaith's court-appointed attorney, Stanley Cohen, said there were several issues he would raise on appeal. They include U.S. District Judge Lewis Kaplan's decision to bar testimony **See VERDICT on A13**