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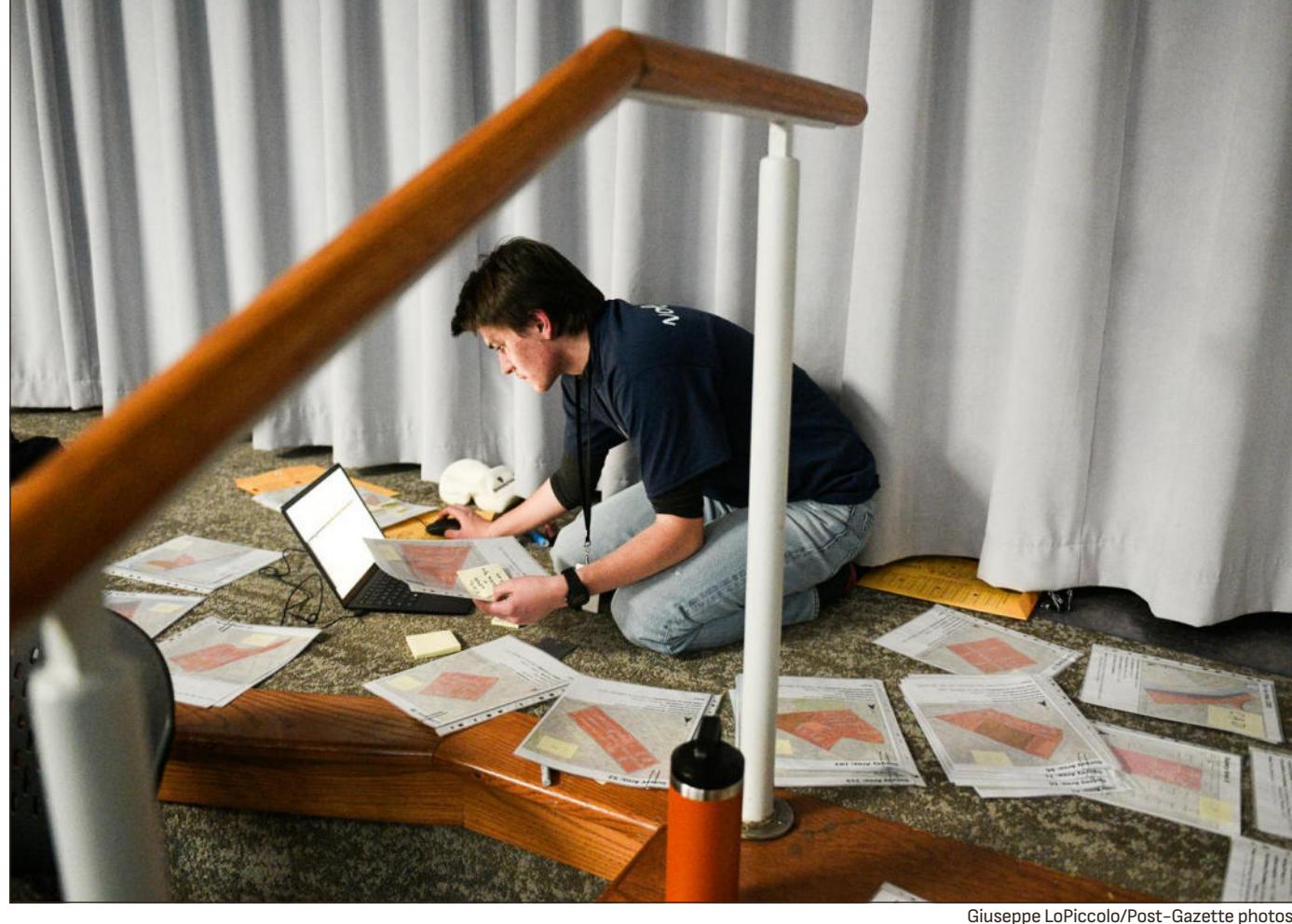
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Len Rial, a data analyst with the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, assigns teams to survey areas during the department's annual homelessness census on Tuesday. Three hundred local volunteers took part in the count, which is mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

MAKING IT COUNT

Hundreds volunteer for Allegheny County's survey of homelessness

By Stephana Ocneanu
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Late Tuesday night, while most of Allegheny County was indoors and soundly asleep, more than 300 volunteers ventured into cold streets, riverbanks and alleyways.

Armed with clipboards, their smartphones, reflective vests and packs of resources, residents from all over the region took part in the first ever "Community Counts" — a newly redesigned effort from the county's Department of Human Services to measure homelessness.

Community Counts is a new approach to the de-

partment's traditional annual "Point-in-Time" count, a federally mandated survey conducted nationwide on a single night each January. The count serves as the country's primary snapshot of homelessness and plays a key role in determining federal housing funding, how much local governments receive and what programs they allocate money to.

But it also has long been criticized for underestimating the scale of the crisis.

In Allegheny County, that concern was heightened when last January's results showed a

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Three volunteers discuss their assigned survey area on Tuesday.

Penguins Elite program impacts Team USA

Four former players on women's roster

By Matt Press
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Reclined in a black swivel chair inside his office, flanked by more than a dozen hockey sticks and a Big Mouth Billy Bass, among various other keepsakes, Shaun Suisham smiles and perks his head up when a visitor pokes through the doorway.

"We have film in one minute," says his daughter Stella, 14, before

shutting the door.

"This is what my days look like," Mr. Suisham says after she leaves.

He strolls away from his desk — and away from the mini fridge decorated with bobbleheads of Evgeni Malkin and Phil Kessel. He heads into the hallway of UPMC



INSIDE

A look at tenacious Penguins prospect Tanner Howe after he (finally) made his pro debut. **Sports, C-1**

Lemieux Sports Complex, close to the large, rectangular glass casing that outlines the chronology of Mario Lemieux's junior career.

Above the press clippings and statistics and jerseys, from Montreal-Concordia AAA midget in 1980-81 to Team Canada for the World Junior Championships in

1983, is a quote from Mr. Lemieux: "The seeds of my career were planted at a very early age."

For the members of Pittsburgh Penguins Elite, the youth hockey organization stemming from a partnership with the NHL's Penguins and Dick's Sporting Goods, those seeds are being planted inside the 185,000 square-foot Cranberry facility that opened in 2015.

They're being planted on the same ice Sidney Crosby and the NHLers skate in practice.

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Lando

PITTSBURGH POLICE

Lando approved to lead bureau

By Hallie Lauer
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Marking the end of a tumultuous era for Pittsburgh's bureau of police, Jason Lando was given full approval Wednesday morning by City Council to lead the bureau as the chief of police.

Chief Lando had been serving as acting chief since the beginning of January when Mayor Corey O'Connor's administration was sworn in. Before that, Chief Lando had been the police chief of Frederick, Md.

"It's such an honor," Chief Lando, 48, said of his unanimous approval by council Wednesday morning. "What an amazing, unique experience to be selected to be a police chief somewhere else ... but when the mayor called and asked if I wanted to come back home, for me that was a no-brainer."

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