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## Pa. counties have to tally early

First presidential election with mandatory nonstop mail ballot counting reflects 2022 law

By Ford Turner  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Nov. 5 will be the first presidential election where most Pennsylvania counties will have to pre-canvass mail ballots nonstop starting at 7 a.m. and begin a final,

nonstop count of those same ballots starting at 8 p.m.

It remains to be seen how those nonstop provisions of Act 88 of 2022 will affect presidential vote-counting. They were put in place as part of a tradeoff for counties being given grants to help cover

election costs.

But positive effects of the election integrity grants already are being felt: Allegheny County last year put more than \$665,000 of the grant it received toward staff costs for pre-canvassing and canvassing of mail ballots.

Meanwhile, state officials were watching Lancaster County on Monday after election workers

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## PHILLY DA SUES TO STOP MUSK PAC GIVEAWAY

Krasner: Endeavor is 'an unlawful lottery'

Staff and wire reports

Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner is suing to stop a \$1 million daily giveaway from Elon Musk's pro-Trump political group, saying the contest is "indisputably an unlawful lottery" that violates Pennsylvania's consumer protection laws.



Musk

The Justice Department last week warned Mr. Musk's group, America PAC, that the contest could be illegal, but the group has continued awarding a daily \$1 million prize to registered voters in one of seven swing states who sign a petition to support free speech and the right to bear arms.

The lawsuit is the first legal challenge to America PAC's contest, according to the Philadelphia Inquirer, which first reported the story.

Mr. Krasner says the contest violates Pennsylvania's unfair trade practices and is seeking an

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## STEELERS 26, GIANTS 18 PRIME TIME PERFORMANCE



Benjamin B. Braun/Post-Gazette

Steelers wide receiver Calvin Austin III celebrates after returning a punt 73 yards for a touchdown against the New York Giants on Monday. Mr. Austin scored two touchdowns as the Steelers held on to improve to 6-2 going into an off week. More game coverage in Sports, Section C.

## Longtime Downtown furrier puts wrap on it

By Mark Belko  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Over its long history, Carl Herrmann Furs has survived the Great Depression, two world wars, the COVID-19 pandemic and even a 6,000-pound slab of concrete plummeting through its roof.

But when health issues arose earlier this year, owner Carl "Guy" Herrmann IV decided that it was time for a change. After nearly 125 years in business, the Smithfield Street furrier will close for good in January.

"I love what I do. I love being around people," Mr. Herrmann said Monday as he sat in his shop surrounded by a colorful array of

hats, coats, scarfs, and accessories.

After getting its start on the North Side in 1900, the fur shop has been passed down from one generation to the next. Mr. Herrmann has been at it full time for 42 years — even longer if you count the time he worked the store during breaks in high school and college.

Now 64, he had hoped to keep the store going at least until he was 70. But when he was diagnosed with atrial fibrillation at the end of the summer he decided to reassess his plan. Both his dad and his grandfather suffered from heart issues.

"It's mixed emotions," he said of the upcoming closing. "It's fun. But

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Lucy Schaly/Post-Gazette

**MOVE-IN DAY** Seth Drane, of Natrona Heights, an employee of Friendly Movers in West Deer, carries bed frames Monday into Second Avenue Commons. Renovations are complete for the Uptown homeless shelter after residents were evacuated following a fire in June, which damaged the shelter bedrooms. Story, **A-9**.

## Scirotto exit leaves police in limbo

It's unclear when city will start chief search

By Megan Guza  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Pittsburgh police Chief Larry Scirotto's hasty retirement this week will leave in flux a department facing severe staffing shortages and an increased focus on public safety as multimillion dollar efforts to revitalize Downtown post-pandemic continue.



Scirotto

They're much the same issues that faced the chief when he was tapped to lead the department 17 months ago.

Much remains unknown about how the city will move forward in hiring a new permanent chief, including whether it will entail another yearlong nationwide search or if soon-to-be acting Chief Christopher Ragland will be in the running.

An apparent deal between Mayor Ed Gainey and Chief

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tonight's low, 57.  
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