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# Space shuttle set for 2nd launch today

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Columbia's astronauts, optimistic to the last, went to bed last night not knowing if the skies would clear enough for a sunrise launch of the shuttle's first return trip to space. The forecast predicted a 30-40 percent chance of overnight showers right through Columbia's 7:30 a.m. EST launch target. At 11:10 last night, the countdown resumed as planned after the expiration of a built-in "hold" period that had lasted most of the day. The decision whether to go, scrub or wait was to be made in a conference of top shuttle officials after midnight when they would have more information about the weather. Shortly before retiring for the night, both Joe Engle and Richard Truly told a meeting of top space officials that if a launch opportunity exists, they want to take it — even if it means sitting until noon in the cockpit waiting for a break in the weather. "They don't want to miss a chance to go at their first opportunity," said astronaut coordinator Bill Jones.

"They're ready and they want to go. "I think they're confident we can go, and we're sure going to give it a try and hope for the best," said Jones, one of a small group who gathered in the crew's quarters to wish them luck because there is no time for that on launch morning. "We are proceeding as though they are going to launch at 7:30 in the morning — that's the whole psychological attitude." Their goal is to take Columbia into orbit; the ship would become the first to make a repeat trip into space, ushering an era where travel and work in space would become almost routine. On the launch pad, all was well. Norm Carlson, a launch manager, said: "We absolutely have no problems," summing up one of the smoothest space launch countdowns on record. "The countdown is so smooth; it's making us a little nervous," said Jones. "The only problem is the weather." If there isn't a launch by noon — 12:10 p.m. to be exact — liftoff will be scrubbed for the day, or longer, said Donald K. Slayton, shuttle test manager. "It's going to go," he said.

Air Force Capt. Don Greene, a shuttle weather officer, said, "our job is to pinpoint" breaks in the cloud cover. He expressed confidence that the shuttle would take off some time this morning. At the midnight weather conference, top space officials decided that the weather would permit loading of the ship's volatile liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen fuels. That operation began about six hours before scheduled launch. If the launch is scrubbed, the fuels have to be unloaded and the tank purged of contaminants — a process that delays another launch by at least two days. That happened last April when computer problems stopped the shuttle's first launch attempt 16 minutes before ignition. The trip turned out to be a spectacular success, and officials here hoped not to stretch Columbia's 6½-month turnaround. It was possible that overnight rain would not delay the launch if ice accumulation is less than 1-16th of an inch on the fuel tank. Please see related story, Page 8.

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## Dombroski, Lewis lead in council race

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Republican John Dombroski and incumbent Democratic candidate Felicia Lewis led the race for two of the three open seats on the State College Municipal Council, with incumbent Democratic candidate James Deeslie and Republican candidate Gary Wiser in a close race for the third seat with 12 of the 19 precincts reporting. As of 2:20 this morning, Dombroski and Lewis were tied with 804 votes, and Wiser was in third place with 691 votes. Deeslie had 661 votes, Republican Ralph Way had 641 votes,

Consumer Party candidate Ray Boyle had 515 votes, Democrat Grove Speary had 405 votes and Chris Hall, a Consumer Party member who withdrew from the race in August, had 170 votes. Wiser said the race was too close to call and he had no comment because the major precincts, including his home district were not yet in. But Democratic council member Daniel Chaffee said if a Republican took the third open seat on council, it would be a disaster for the council. "For a councilman you need a sense of balance," Chaffee said. "You cannot go in with opinion and feel everyone will

support it. That will ruin representative democracy. "If Wiser and Dombroski win, it will be a setback. Control of the council would serve the Republicans." Consumer Party chairman Tom Ortenberg said Hall's name was still on the ballot even though he withdrew from the race because he withdrew after the deadline. He also said the fact that Hall got so many votes was a positive sign for the Consumer Party. This is the Consumer Party's first election as a registered party in Centre County. It sued the county commissioners for ballot status and won the decision in the Centre County Court of Common Pleas in September.

Voter turnout was light in the municipality, with about 16 percent of the eligible people voting. If a Democrat wins the third council seat, three Democrats and four Republicans will serve on council. If a Republican takes the seat, however, two Democrats and five Republicans will serve on the council. The three Republican candidates ran as a team, backed by Mayor Arnold Addison, who ran unopposed in the election. They stressed fiscal responsibility throughout the campaign. Deeslie, Lewis, and Dombroski were unavailable for comment.

## Kean leading Florio in New Jersey election; Robb wins in Virginia

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Democrat Charles S. Robb ended 12 years of Republican rule in Virginia yesterday and the GOP and Democratic candidates in New Jersey fought indecisively into the morning in governor's races watched as ballot-box barometers of how Americans feel about President Reagan's economic program. The Virginia contest between Robb, son-in-law of the late President Lyndon B. Johnson, and Republican Attorney General Marshall Coleman was a battle of conservatives that provided no clear choice on Reagan's policies. But the Reagan program was a major issue in New Jersey, where late returns gave Republican Thomas H. Kean a 3,000-vote lead over Democratic Rep. James J. Florio, with just 1 percent of the ballots still to be counted. Florio had called on voters to "send the nation a message" expressing their dissatisfaction with the administration. The White House and the two national party organizations had large investments in money and prestige in the two races. But as the campaigns ended, the outcomes appeared as dependent on local issues as voter feelings about the Reagan presidency. With 5,628 of New Jersey's 5,647 precincts reporting, unofficial totals gave Kean 1,127,770 votes and Florio 1,124,468 — a virtual 50-50 split. Kean led most of the night, but Florio briefly took the lead as late returns came in from his home base in Camden and Gloucester counties. It was New Jersey's tightest gubernatorial election in two decades, and Democratic State Chairman James J. Maloney said, "It's increasingly apparent that this election will not be decided tonight (Tuesday)." Reagan campaigned for Republicans in both New Jersey and Virginia. In Virginia, he appealed to voters: "Don't let me down." But Robb, lieutenant governor the past four years, won handily. "It's ours," he told supporters at a victory rally in Richmond. "Our cause will continue despite this sudden setback," Coleman said in his concession speech. With 1,875 of the state's 1,909 precincts reporting, the unofficial vote was Robb 753,637 — 53.8 percent — and Coleman 648,226 — 46.2 percent.



Photo by Barb Parkyn

### Super score

Penn State Gerry Moyer (left) scored the winning goal in overtime to lift the men's soccer team to a 1-0 win over Lehigh yesterday at Bethlehem. Please see photo and stories, Page 10.

## Turnout low in student precincts

Voting averages 11.63 percent

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Students did anything but vote yesterday as turnout figures in the student-dominated precincts showed. With 10 of 11 student-dominated precincts reporting at 2:15 a.m. today, voter turnout was running at 11.63 percent — ranging from 20.9 percent in South Central 1 to 3.9 percent in East 4. Registration figures, however, were not up to date at the Centre County Courthouse. During last year's presidential election, campus and area political groups held registration drives. Most likely, at least one quarter of these students who were registered in last fall's drive have left the State College area, said Jeffrey Bower, chairman of the Centre County Board of Elections. The county Board of Elections can only purge a name if it receives a notice from another district that a person has registered somewhere else, he said. The low turnout is "a combination of apathy and students graduating and moving elsewhere," Bower said. "However, even with that, it is not going to increase your three percent to a much higher figure." Bower agreed that the students register and vote with much higher frequency in years of presidential and gubernatorial elections. Daniel Chaffee, chairman of the Centre County Democratic Party,

said the Democrats purged the county registration list in East 1 by comparing it with what the University residence hall lists show. In East 1, Chaffee said the Young Democrats reduced the 1,184 registered to "a couple of hundred students."

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Using the registration figures provided by the county, the four districts with polling places on campus — East 1, East 2, East 4 and West Central 1 — showed low student turnout. In East 1, the polling place is in Findlay Union Building. With 1,144 voters registered, only 50 people or 4.9 percent voted. East 2, centered in Stevens Hall in South Halls, however, had a voter turnout of 15.4 percent with 145 of 939 registered people voting. East 4, with polling in Pollock Union Building, show returns with the same pattern as in East 1, with only 3.8 percent or 53 of the 1,384 voters registered. West Central 1, with a polling in Waring Union Building, was the first state district to report its totals. Of 859 registered voters, 60 people or 6.9 percent voted.

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## weather

Mostly sunny and pleasant today after some morning haze, with high temperatures near 66 degrees. Clear early tonight, but cloudiness should gradually increase later. Low temperatures will be near 45 degrees. Becoming mostly cloudy tomorrow with the chance of afternoon showers. High temperatures around 58 degrees.

—by Mark Stunder

## Nix wins second term on state Supreme Court

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Supreme Court Justice Robert N.C. Nix Jr. won reelection to a second 10-year term yesterday as Republican candidates led for two other seats on the high court. Nix's win puts him in line to become the state's first black chief justice in 1984. A Democrat, he won endorsements from both parties as well as the state Bar Association. Among candidates for the state Supreme Court, Republicans James T. McDermott, a Philadelphia Common Pleas Court judge, and William Hutchinson, a House member from Schuylkill County, were ahead of Common Pleas Court Judge S.L. Farino and District Attorney Robert Colville, both of Allegheny County. With 60 percent of the vote counted, McDermott had 670,369 or 28.2 percent; Hutchinson, 610,780 or 25.5 percent; Colville, 559,506, 23.3 percent; and Farino, 557,608 or 23.3 percent. Farino had raised more than double the funds of the other three candidates. His committee collected more than

\$196,000 by mid-October.

McDermott earned a tough reputation in 16 years on the bench and campaigned extensively around the state last month. Meanwhile, eight candidates for Superior Court were locked in a tight battle for four seats on the expanded appeals court. With 49 percent of the vote counted, less than 2 percentage points separated the contenders in a race characterized by shifting leads and party line voting. Incumbent Democrat Donald Wieand was leading the crowded field with 13.4 percent of the vote, based on unofficial returns. His closest rival, Montgomery County Judge Vincent Cirillo, a Republican, was 12,000 votes behind with 13.1 percent. Two Democrats were competing for the third and fourth positions. Incumbent Richard DiSalle and Luzerne County Judge Peter Paul Olszewski each had about 12.6 percent of the tabulated vote, with DiSalle holding a slight edge. Scranton lawyer John McLane, a Democrat, was slightly ahead of Republican incumbent Stephen McEwen, each with about 12.3 percent of the vote. Trailing were two

Republicans — Beaver County Judge James Rowley with 12 percent and incumbent Perry Shertz with 11.7 percent. In the Commonwealth Court race, Democrat Joseph "Ted" Doyle and Republican incumbent Madalaine Palladino traded leads through the night. Judge Palladino, seeking her first full 10-year term, took an early lead, lost it and then regained it as votes came in through the night. With 47 percent of the vote counted, Doyle had 460,333 or 50.1 percent, and Judge Palladino, 458,124 or 49.9 percent. Officials of both parties had expected a 40 to 50 percent voter turnout in the western counties, which in past elections have solidly supported their favorite son candidates. McDermott's chances hinged on the showing in Philadelphia, where the off-year judicial and municipal contest drew only about 20 percent of the voters in the May primary. In Pittsburgh, incumbent Democrat Richard Caliguiri defeated Republican Fred Goehring. Pennsylvania has 5.7 million registered voters, with Democrats holding a 53-42 percent edge.