



THEY CALL 'EM SANTA'S BELLES Sandy Gutierrez, 21, left, and Virginia Lee Runnion, 25, part of a team of Santa's Belles, are working in Los Angeles getting passers-by to contribute to the Volunteers of America Christmas fund. After 68 years of relying on male Santas for the street-corner collecting, the organization decided to use the comely young ladies who wear red minidresses and tight red leotards. (AP Wirephoto)

Parents Scream At Forced Trim

FORT WORTH (AP)—In a move aimed at inspiring "esprit de corps," Coach Kerry Kirby says he sheared about 15 athletes at suburban Kennedale High School.

The mass haircut aroused the ire of some parents, who Supt. Barton Horton accused of "making a mountain out of a molehill."

Nevertheless, he added, the episode would not be repeated. Kirby, 25, said Wednesday he had suggested a month ago that the athletes get their hair cut shorter. Apparently the response was unsatisfactory.

He lined up the boys Monday during a physical education class and attacked their locks with a pair of thinning shears.

"The kids were in a jovial mood," said Kirby, in his first year as football coach at Kennedale.

HORTON POINTED out that none of the boys was forced to get a haircut. He added, "I haven't seen a boy yet who was disturbed about it."

"I thought it was funny," said freshman athlete Rocky Combs, who wore his hair neatly combed, if shorter, Wednesday.

"Nothing looks worse than a bunch of greased-up basketball players," said Marvin Raines, who plays football. He sported a fresh trim.

RAINES blamed the outcry on a "bunch of big-mouthed parents" who he asserted were getting involved in a matter that is "none of their business."

"We haven't had the winningest season in the world," observed Supt. Horton, "but we have had the spiritestest."

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CHRISTMAS REWARD FOR LITTLE AGGIE FAN Blain Hart, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hart of 3401 Parkway Terrace, accepts an autographed football from Senior Letterman Tommy Maxwell, right. Looking on were senior lettermen Bob Long, Curley Hallman, and Steve O'Neal. Blain, a diabetic, plans to play football during his college career at A&M.

NASA Plans Launching

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP)—While preparations for the Apollo 8 ring around the moon shot moved ahead today, another launch team readied the world's most powerful communications satellite for launching tonight.

Intelsat 3, intended to double transatlantic satellite telephone and television links, is scheduled to ride into space atop a three-stage Delta rocket at 7:32 p.m. It is to be placed in stationary orbit 22,300 miles above the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Brazil.

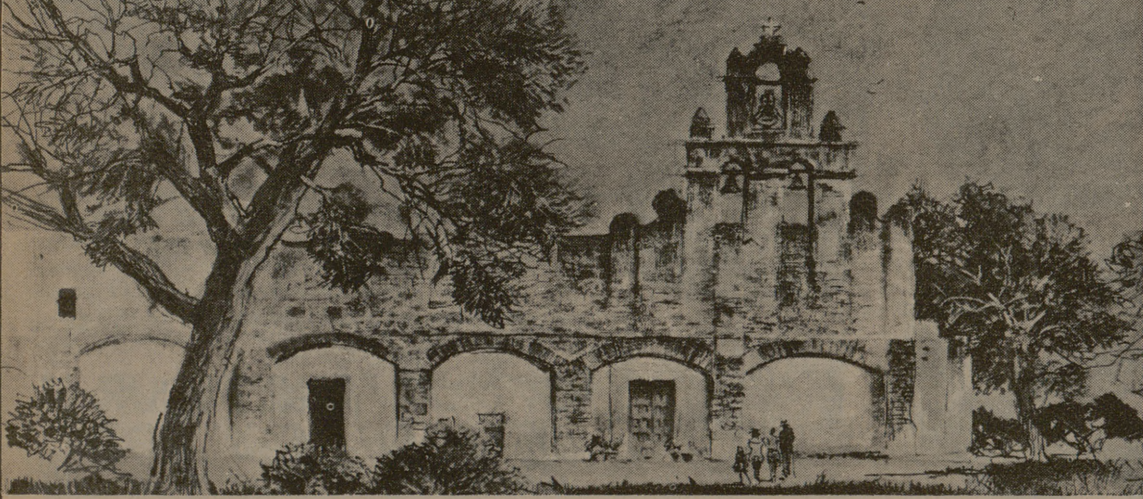
The National Aeronautics and Space Administration is launching the satellite for the 63-nation telecommunications satellite consortium for a fee of \$4.7 million.

Rainfall Nears Record Amount

Bryan and College Station have come within 4 1/2 inches of the wettest year on record since 1889, counting rainfall through Dec. 1.

The area, which is under a rainfall runoff study by the Meteorology Department at A&M, has recorded varying amounts at different stations.

At the department weather station, automatic equipment tabulated the total for 1968 through Nov. 30 as 56.17 inches, 4.58 short of the Weather Bureau listing of 60.75 in 1900 and 59 per cent above normal. Bureau records are complete from 1889.



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