

APOLLO 17



Colorano "Silk" Cachet



APOLLO 17 - LAUNCH - DECEMBER 7, 1972 - 12:33 A.M. Astronauts Cernan, Evans and Schmitt turned night into day as the rocket's brilliant flame illuminated the Cape Canaveral area heading for the moon after a delay of 2½ hours caused by a computer problem that falsely signaled a safety system that the rocket's third stage was not properly pressurized. Engineers bypassed the erroneous signal, and liftoff came 2 hours and 39 minutes later than originally planned. At 12:44 A.M. the engines cut off, leaving the astronauts safely in orbit and prepared to start the quarter million mile journey to the moon.