

Designer Amen off to London for partying

SUPER PEOPLE — Versatile interior designer Kelly Amen is off to London, where he'll be the guest of Prince Abdullah Ben Sau Aboudi. After a few days of special parties in his honor, Kelly will journey on to Tangiers to attend the Bal des Petits Lits Blancs, sponsored by his royal majesty, King Hassan II. It is a favorite of the international set. There will be parties galore connected with that event; then it will be Kelly's turn. He'll host a Texas sunrise breakfast in the Casbah home of Spencer Cornellson, who will soon open a unique merchandise shop here in Houston. Kelly will rest a few days following his breakfast bash, then head to Cairo, where he'll direct the weaving of several large rugs for some local clients.

ZUM ZUM GANG — Harry Parrish not only made all of the wedding plans when Gary Binder and Sharon Kall were married in the Hill Country but, in addition, arranged for a big wedding party innertube float down the Frio River. Gary is a charter member of the Rio Frio Floaters Association, which Harry and his wife Bev founded. Thirty guests accompanied them on the tube trip. They all swear it lasted five hours, and just 300 yards short of the end of the float, Gary's tractor tube exploded. He made the final yards hanging on where he could. ★ Invitations are in the mail for the Oct. 28 Artists and Models Ball. Gene and Paul Scarne will produce it, and already it is shaping up into one of the wildest, craziest evenings one can imagine. There'll be entertainment by San Francisco's Captain Yance and His Space Cadets and Frankie Lee and Studio 2000. It'll be held at the Houston Oaks.

OUR WEDNESDAY photo stars are Loews Theaters' Ed Orr, Houston Hurricane coach Time



Ed, Timo, Karen and Hans



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Liekieski, Columbia Pictures' Karen McWhorter and Hurricane president Hans von Mende, taken at Loews Saks Theater when the soccer team tossed itself a night at the movies.

RICH AND FAMOUS — Oil tycoon Michel T. Halbouty will be honored by his industry associates Sept. 27 at the Hyatt Regency. The evening will be sponsored by the Oil Industry Council, benefiting the City of Hope National Medical Center. This will be the very first time the dinner has ever been held outside of Los Angeles. Michel has been saluted with just about every industry award there is, but this will certainly be a beautiful frosting on the cake. ★ Lillian Kohler says singer John Gary has worn a beard and moustache since '71. Sorry, I didn't remember seeing it until last week. ★ Local gospel singer Terri Mullins has gone to Nashville. She'll begin recording this week in the Acuff-Rose studios. Terri's agent is Ron Woolman. He really knows his way around, and reps for Mickey Newbury and Sammi Smith.

BIG SHOTS — Goldman, Duncan's Sylvia Duncan and Glenn, Bozell and Jacobs' Pat Hoyt tossed a birthday party for Urban Architecture's Hossein Oskoule at the Club Brownstone. Hossein's firm is in the process of moving into new offices in

the Atlantic Pacific building on Fountainview. ★ J. H. Blades' Bonnie Whittlesey showed the town to London's Valerie O'Dell. Throughout the year they do biz by phone.

MOVERS AND SHAKERS — Shoal Creek Publishing of Austin's president W. L. Thompson personally supervised the format of Martha Anne Turner's latest book, *Richard Bennett Hubbard: An American Life*. Hubbard was governor of Texas in 1876, and prior to that served as the U. S. ambassador to Japan. ★ Allergist Dr. John McGovern received an honorary doctor of science degree from the John F. Kennedy University in California. We've all lost count on the number of recognitions given Dr. John, because there have been so many. ★ Bea Rossi and Midge Hill tossed an autographing party for Dr. Mary Elizabeth Schlayer for her book, *How To Be a Financially Secure Woman*.

THE FAST LIFE — David Prutting's Off Boulevard Gallery is showing the current works of painter Joseph Donaldson. Joseph has been a professor in the Texas A&M University College of Architecture and Environmental Design for the past 22 years, and is headed into his last term of full-time teaching. ★ Associated Business Consultants' Jerry Roeling and his wife Bette have returned from a long vacation through Europe and eastern Russia. ★ Former Houstonians Mack Newberry and Jonni Hartman, who moved to L. A. at the same time, report life is beautiful. Mack says he works for Solters and Roskin and has been assigned to handle the biz of some biggies, like Paul Auka, Dyan Cannon, and Raquel Welch, and Barbra Streisand's new flick, *The Main Event*. Jonni is busy with Shirley Jones and David and Shaun Cassidy.

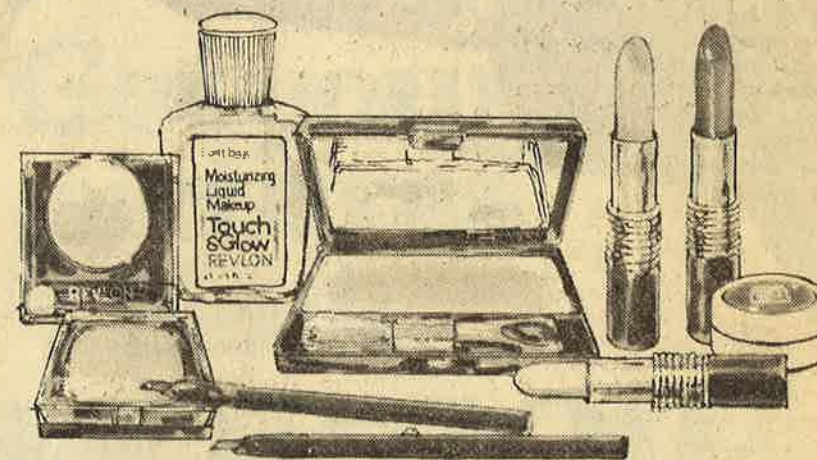
Fire evacuates 40 in historic hotel

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — An early morning fire broke out Tuesday in the historic Pantlind Hotel in downtown Grand Rapids, forcing evacuation of at least 40 guests, authorities said. Fire officials said a hotel operator managed to rouse the guests from their beds before phone lines went dead. No injuries were reported. Officials said the blaze erupted shortly after 6 a.m. in the hotel's basement.

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