

How Should You Address A Congresswoman?

By Karen Feld

When Sen. **Paula Hawkins** of Florida dashed into a Washington department store to purchase a pair of hose, she flipped out her American Express card to pay for the purchase. The female sales clerk said, "I'm sorry, you can't sign on your husband's card." The Senator protested: "This is my card. Look, it says 'Senator Hawkins.' " The case "wound up in a draw," says Hawkins. "The clerk appeared non-plussed and was baffled that a woman could be Senator" . . . Of course, *capitol hill* readers know that women belong in both the House *and* Senate. But if you're writing to any of the 24 female members of Congress, note that only five prefer "Ms." to the more traditional "Miss" or "Mrs." For instance, both women Senators, **Nancy Kassebaum** of Kansas and Florida's **Paula Hawkins**, prefer to be called "Mrs." But it's "Ms." **Bobbi Fiedler** if you're writing to the California Congresswoman. According to an official list of preferred usage for the 98th Congress, compiled by the Clerk of the House, the other GOP Congresswomen, all married or widowed, prefer to be addressed as "Mrs." . . . Legislation to designate the Federal Building in Lafayette, Indiana, in honor of former House GOP Leader **Charles A. Halleck** has been introduced by Rep. **John Myers** of Indiana. Halleck represented Lafayette and the State's 2nd District 34 years before retiring in 1969. He now lives in Rensselaer.

Are You Better Off?

In the wake of the Soviets shooting down the unarmed Korean airliner, a new bumper sticker was spotted on Capitol Hill: "Communism is an idea whose time has succumbed" . . . Who says kids should be seen and not heard? One Florida youngster wrote President Reagan with this suggestion to whip the unemployment problem: Provide each jobless person with a $75 Amway kit and send him or her out to sell the firm's products. **Richard Devos**, are you listening? . . . Now that the economy continues to recover, the Communications Workers of America have come up with an idea which may backfire. The union is promoting lapel buttons carrying a picture of President Reagan and asking: "Are YOU better off now?" According to a recent Gallup Poll, 77 percent of all Americans say they are better off . . . The death of **I. Lee Potter** earlier this year still saddens the Washington political community. Before his death, Lee headed up the Republican Congressional Boosters Club and had served as Executive Director of the National Republican Congressional Committee as well as numerous other Party posts, including Virginia GOP Chairman. He was 74 . . . The Hill community was saddened by the death June 24 of former seven-term Rep. **William E. Miller** who was Sen. Barry Goldwater's 1964 Vice Presidential running mate. Miller, who died following a stroke in Buffalo, also served as chairman of the GOP National and Congressional Committees while in Congress.

Vinovich Starts New Job October 1

The Club's Entertainment Committee Chairman, **Ralph Vinovich**, former Administrative Assistant to House GOP Leader **Bob Michel**, starts his new job at the Tobacco Institute October 1. Ralph will handle Congressional Relations, particularly on the House side, for the trade group . . . **William Dabaghi**, Director of Congressional Affairs for the Department of Transportation, has joined the Washington office of the Houston-based law firm of Reynolds, Allen and Cook . . . **Harry Phillips**, Press Secretary for GOP members of the Connecticut House of Representatives, has been named to the same post with Rep. **William F. Clinger, Jr.**, of Pennsylvania, replacing **Mark Heuer** who left to pursue graduate studies at the University of Maryland . . . **Zan Thompson** has joined the staff of Sen. **Pete Wilson** of California handling media relations on the West Coast . . . **Roger F. Noriega** has been named Press Secretary to Rep. **Bob Whittaker** of Kansas . . . Gov. **James Thompson** of Illinois has appointed **Starline Carter** of Chicago to the State Board of Education. Dr. Carter has been legally blind since she was 15 . . . Obviously reflecting dissatisfaction with Washington's leading daily newspaper, bumper stickers have cropped up around town stating: "I Don't Believe the Post."



VINOVICH
Lobbyist



MYERS
Halleck Honor



ROSEN
Consultant

65 Years in the Catering Business

A computer camp for adults who "could use a vacation and a tax deduction at the same time" will be held November 6-11 at Coolfont Re + Creation near Berkeley Springs, West Virginia. The camp is the idea of **Ann Cole** who felt there should be an easy way for people to learn about computers while enjoying the brisk mountain air and sporting activities available at Coolfont. For details, call her on (703) 549-4671 . . . Incidentally, the 10th annual Apple Butter Festival will be held at Berkeley Springs Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9. The Festival features apple butter made in bubbling kettles over open fires, mountain cooking and music, square dancing and ample other activities, kicked off by a parade

Saturday morning . . . Avignone Fréres, Washington's oldest catering firm, celebrates its 65th birthday this month. **John Orcino, Jr.**, carries on the tradition of quality catering started by the firm's founder, **Pietro Orcino** . . . There's no question Federal officials can attend meetings at private clubs as long as the clubs permit attendance at all meetings on a non-discriminatory basis, the National Club Association reports. NCA had pressed the Office of Personnel Management for clarification of the issue for seven years and finally received an answer.

Rosen Leaves Hill After 22 Years

John Schrote, former administrative assistant to Rep. **Jim Sensenbrenner** of Wisconsin, and deputy director of personnel at the White House, has been named executive vice president of Bishop, Bryant and Associates, a Washington media consulting firm . . . **Tom Duesterberg**, a legislative assistant on Sen. **Dan Quayle's** staff, has been named administrative assistant. He'll replace **Lester Rosen**, who is leaving Capitol Hill after 22 years to do private consulting in Washington. Rosen came to Washington as administrative



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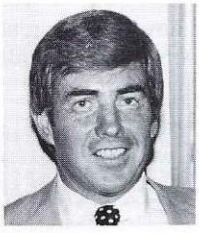

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Liaison

assistant to former Rep. **Garner Shriver** of Kansas . . . **Lee Verstandig**, formerly an Assistant Secretary at the Department of Transportation, is now at the White House as director of intergovernmental affairs . . . **William H. Harrison**, long time CHC and Board of Governors member, has moved from the nation's capital to Denver where he handles Field Liaison for the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management. Harrison works with states, tribes and industry on energy and mineral matters . . . A *Conservative Digest* straw poll of its readers shows that Rep. **Jack Kemp** of New York would be the readers' first choice for the GOP nomination if President Reagan decided not to run . . . Club member and award-winning photographer **Jake McGuire** has started a new stock photo agency in Arlington, Virginia, handling mostly Washington, D.C. photos for the use of business and editors. His most requested photo, says McGuire, is of the U.S. Capitol. He can be reached on (703) 522-8403.

Editor's Note: Columnist Feld recently won first place in feature writing in the 1982-83 communications contest sponsored by Capital Press Women, the D.C. affiliate of the 5,000-member National Federation of Press Women. Karen's winning entry was a feature on Justice Sandra O'Connor, entitled "Don't Call Her Madame Justice," which was syndicated by King Features.