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SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE

Because we found that the topic of most interest to our members was talk of cuts and/or changes in Social Security and Medicare, this issue will address those topics. For up-to-date information from the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare you can go to http://www.ncpssm.org/current_news/ for drugs and prices at Target go to www.target.com/Pharmacy. You may want to ask at other stores such as Walgreens if they have similar plans by calling your local store.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM UPDATE

In its efforts to get land to build a National Women's History Museum, the group has caused the National Women's History Museum Act of 2011 (S.680) to be introduced in the Senate. This bill provides for the purchase of land to build the museum which the museum would own for 99 years.

\$ AND SENSE

Postage rates are scheduled to go up after the first of the year. If you purchase rolls or books of "forever stamps" now those stamps could still be used after postage goes up without having to purchase additional stamps.

McDonald's throughout the country are now offering "senior drinks" which are small drinks at a reduced cost. In Hattiesburg a senior drink costs \$0.35. The same drink is \$0.50 at Reagan International Airport in Washington, DC. You may want to ask other fast food vendors whether they have senior drinks and how much they are.

CONTACT ADDRESSES FOR GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION can be obtained through Congressional Switchboard 1-866-327-8670 (this is a toll free number). You can contact your Congressman and Senator through this number without paying long distance charges.

<http://www.house.gov/> for members of the House of Representatives <http://www.senate.gov/> for members of the U.S. Senate

White House 1-202-456-1111

STATE GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION can be obtained through
<http://www.emailyourgovernor.com/> Information available at this site allows contact with governors, members of the state legislature, state supreme court, congressional delegation and state agencies such as the Education Department, Attorney General, Motor Vehicles Department and Voter Registration. PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME OF THIS INFORMATION MAY BE OUT OF DATE

INFORMATION ON HOW YOUR CONGRESSMAN VOTED ON KEY BILLS
<http://projects.washingtonpost.com/congress/112/bills/>
FIVE CONSTITUENT CONTACTS WILL CAUSE A LEGISLATOR TO PAY SERIOUS ATTENTION TO A GIVEN ISSUE.

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