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EXTRA SENSITIVITY AND PSYCHIC CONVENTIONS

We'll have to try another approach to the announcements of the forthcoming programs this week. This is being written on my office computer and the notes from which I sometimes work are lying on my desk at home. I know we will have Mr. Gillespie soon, and we will have the gentleman in charge of the utilities here in town, but that's all I know right now. So, when I get home tonite, I will concentrate really hard on the notes and your job will be to let yourself become the epitome of Extra Sensitivity, I will project the facts mentally and we'll both know. Makes one wonder why people have to be told there will be a psychic convention, if they are the least bit psychic, wouldn't they just know it?

When you get a chance, have a look at the new "Rotarian". There are some really valuable articles in it as regards fitness in your golden years. If nothing else, the centerfold will elicit a chuckle. And when you get through with that, there are some perfectly logical comments on blood pressure, cholesterol, depression, (which I thought was over in 1941.) osteoporosis, prostate cancer, (Side bar note: Bicycling is not good for the blood vessels that service the prostate, so read that part of the article with that knowledge.) sexually transmitted diseases, (Another side bar note, It would, at the very least, have to be a bicycle build for two.) colorectal cancer, cervical cancer, and diabetes.

Mel Gibson is mentioned in "The Rotarian" because he gave a million dollars for southern Mexico hurricane disaster relief through the Rotary Club. I have always liked the guy since he was in the movie, "Road Warrior", the one movie that gave "Bullitt" a run for the money as regards chase scenes. I have two daughters, one

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of whom loved car chases (live and staged) and scary movies and one who had more sense, (They both read this, so I have gone as far as I can with this except to say...) my Cindy was so nervous through the chase scenes, she peeled off a brand-new fingernail polish job – all ten fingers - during the 120 minutes in question.

If you can, volunteer to help Dan Ingram in the Science booth during the Street Fair. Dan probably can't tell you how much time and effort he has put into the project, but it is certainly in the "Above and beyond the call of duty" category. There aren't enough pats on the back to repay him for his selflessness, but try anyway, OK?

You done been reminded of the fact the uptown Lowdown Jazz Band will be here to play for us the evening of May 25th, dinner at 6 and jazz at 7. Be there and bring guests.

We had another great meeting at Phillips Farms last week. The kids who spoke are such a relief to hear. They stand there and talk, they make sense, they were in their work clothes and still make a most presentable appearance and they don't say "like" unless the sentence calls for it, like this.

Seeing and hearing people that young, that clean-cut, that ambitious, that purpose driven makes us think that things just aren't as bad as the media will have us believe. What we see are the other kind. Take my drive to the restaurant for lunch today. A kid tried to rush out in front of me in an effort to beat the red light. He had sort of a low-rider bike, but his pants were riding even lower. As he jumped on the bike, the crotch of his pants were so low, he was prevented from reaching the pedals as he was hung up on the seat with his legs and butt sort of dangling in the air, since he couldn't reach the pedals... he didn't have quite enough momentum from pushing off and vaulting on the bike, and his fanny never got to the seat so he started to crash. He didn't quite fall, but the panic he must have felt as cars were bearing down on him surely gave him a little blood pressure surge, not enough, alas to reach his brain. My bet is that he wouldn't put the facts together: The pants were too low to allow him to run to get started, they hung too low to get his dumbass onto the bike seat, but he will blame the fact the light changed too soon.