

The Fearless Spectator

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In a gallant stroke of salesmanship a group of New York health shops are featuring health martinis. This tippie is made with cabbage juice—with a twist of lemon.

I find this wistful to a degree.

Consider the health-food nut, a subphylum of the muscles nut. He determinedly guzzles carrot detritus, blackstrap molasses, and desserts larded with saccharine.

The basic principle of health-food shops is that the clientele is secure, utterly, in its conviction of superiority to non-health-food nuts.

The blackstrap molasses set knows it is vividly marbled, stronger, and more sagacious than other folks.

Its members are aware, especially, that they are light years ahead of the lads with the purpled noses, and the too-loud, too-confident line of chatter.

And the unhappy home life. Where the boozers, with hardly bated breath, berate the kiddies and beat up the wife. Or, alone and bereft, sit for hours in four-dollars-a-week hotel rooms. Where they read girlie magazines; and dream, in total futility, of becoming a shiny-faced junior executive with a thin black tie and never a hangover.

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The health-food nut is an almost invulnerable cit. All that lechitin, and vitamin 6, and safflower oil make him part of a priesthood.

He loathes the meat-and-potatoes culture of the canaille. He is a true esoteric. If he should find out that the crystallized sweat of a Tibetan bhari is said by some guru in Santa Monica to be good for vapors, then he has it made for that Tuesday.

This is the kind of assurance I admire. I adore cultists.

When you meet a cultist, you are spared the effort of communication. He has The word. It may be from Big Sur, or the banks of the Ganges, or Fountainebleau, or the brothel where de Maupassant lived.

No matter. There it is. And, baby, it's final.

I think all bores should join up with cults, like health foods, because such an arrangement would make social life much happier for me. I am gifted with a tin ear, long developed as a journalist.

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Complacency, too, I find an endearing cocktail party quality. It requires no effort from me; since any effort I might make would pass unnoticed anyhow. The ideal cocktail party companion, therefore, is a complacent bore.

If you don't like people. If you do like people, I fear you demand something more which ain't at cocktail parties.

So when I find a group that I consider largely complacent bores using something wholly discreditable and unhealthy (the martini) to peddle their health wares, I begin to wonder.

It is possible, again, that nothing so resembles a bump as a hollow? That a health-food nut is really a libertine and boozier at heart, without the guts to go out and practice?

These are comforting reflections. For the boozers, if not for the health nuts.

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If one has to make cabbage juice glamorous by causing it to become gin manaque, it seems there may still be hope for the wicked.

If virtue, to be attractive, still has to drape itself in the vestments of vice, then it may be there's something seriously amiss with virtue.

I should like to think that in a world properly arranged Joe's Bar and Grill would call a martini a Carrot Mash, or some such, to make it attractive to the general. Instead of the other way 'round.

It may be that virtue has had it. Look at all those people putting the knock on Liz and Richard because they are happy adulterers, knocking each other's brains out from time to time in their Dorchester suite, and bothering nobody.

I think these knockers are just jealous. One thinks of the curates who pinch girlie behinds, and then lend the pinchees Kierkegaard.

Or the health-food darlings, who drink cabbage juice and think martinis.

Bullets Keep Perfect Slate With 2 Wins

Two come-from-behind victories last weekend left the Torrance Bullets tied for the South Bay Connie Mack League-lead with an undefeated record. Torrance will have two more contests coming up this weekend. On Saturday at 3 p.m., the Bullets will travel to Culver City High School to meet the defending league champions. Sunday's game will pit Torrance against Hawthorne at 3:30 p.m. on the Leuzinger High School diamond.

Athletics Hold Lead In Clutch

Coming through in the clutch, the Athletics barely held on to their Pacific American Babe Ruth League lead the past week as they edged the second-place Tigers by an 8-3 count.

Currently, the Athletics boast an 11-6 record while the Tigers are only one-half notch behind with a 10-6 mark. The Yankess are in third in the tight pennant chase at 10-7 while the Red Sox still harbor hopes for the title with a 9-7 slate.

The Orioles at 7-10 and the Indians at 3-14, are out of the chase.

IN THE KEY contest of the week, Larry Tyner whiffed seven men, allowed a like number of hits and walked only one to take the triumph.

Jim Mcpherson drove in two runs for the Athletics and Tyner collected a double. Jerry Dudley, Craig Moore, and Bob Lane also hit safely.

FOR THE TIGERS, Steve Hertzog picked up a pair of safeties while Orvis Atkinson put down five men in a row as a relief hurler, allowing not a single hit or run.

Ed Holmes fanned 13 batters, throwing a three-hitter as the Yankees eked out a 5-4 duke over the Orioles.

HOLMES HELPED his own cause along by going 3 for 3 at the plate while Steve Parker collected two hits and three RBIs and Don Hunt picked up the Yank's sixth safety.

For the Orioles, Emil Derdowski, Glenn Thompson, and Ron Hull hit safely while Ron Dreigler earned two RBIs.

IN THE FINAL contest of the week, the Indians nudged the White Sox, 6-2, as Bruce Muhonen chucked a five-hit game, fanning eight batters.

Richard Thomas earned two hits, including a double, for the Indians while Muhonen, Bob Wald, Scott Christenson, and John Wallace had one hit apiece.

Dale Reis doubled and tripled for the Red Sox.

SLO-PITCH RESULTS

MONDAY LEAGUE
Party House Raiders 6, Breezers 3
Columbia Const. Co. 8, Paul's Impalas 2
Torrance Elks Club 12, Port of Call 0

FRIDAY LEAGUE
Rambling Rees over Gardena (forfeit)
Rick's Bar over Torrance P.O.A. (forfeit)
Knight Owls 5, Hollywood Riviera Sportsman 2

CHURCH SOFTBALL
Compton Assembly 16, Ascension Lutheran 4
North Redondo Chapel 14, Torrance First Lutheran 4
Calvary Assembly 5, Resurrection Lutheran 1
King's Men 17, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd 10

OPEN SOFTBALL
Local #905 2, Laven Insurance 1
Local #1547 over Soaring 60s (forfeit)

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PROTECTION'S SAKE . . . Lifesaving techniques are demonstrated to El Camino College swimmers by student instructor Tom Frame, who watches as Charles Brown rescues "victim" Steve Price. Registration for two-week instruction periods starting July 29 and August 12 will be held in the campus center at 8 a.m. July 27. Schedules are available in the registration office.

Bob Salas Spins Second No-Hitter

Fantastic Bobby Salas hurled his second no-hitter in a row the past week in leading the Torrance National Little League Yankees to an 8-0 triumph over the Cubs.

Salas, who has given up only six hits in 42 innings of mound work, fanned seven batters and allowed two walks as he won a tight pitching duel against Terry Waters.

Waters whiffed 12 Yankees, walked six and was touched for four hits.

ART CAYLOR hit a final-inning home run to pace the Yankee offensive while Tim Venable and Walt Lynch also drove runs across.

The Cardinals won a pair of contests the past week, both over the second-place Phillies, to remain in first place. The Cards currently own an 11-4 record while the Phils boast a 10-4 mark.

NEXT IN LINE are the Yankees at 8-7 with the Cubs, 6-7; the Angels, 5-9; and the Braves, 3-12, trailing.



WATER DEMONS . . . The 280-inch hydroplanes, led by Jerry Ballard's "Sam Too" will be out nine strong in an 82-boat field of inboards in the 15th annual July 4 Sweepstakes regatta at Long Beach Marine Stadium today. Don Ward of Torrance will have his 266-cubic-inch hydro Skitter entered.

Loop-Leading Devils Oppose Tough Culver

Two one-sided victories last weekend kept the Torrance Red Devils undefeated against South Bay Connie Mack League opposition and left the club in a first place tie with the Torrance Bullets.

Following two straight triumphs over Hawthorne, the Red Devils will face a bye this Saturday before returning to action on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. against Culver City, the defending league champions.

In a Saturday night game, the Devils received excellent hitting and top flight pitching to post an easy 16-3 win over Hawthorne.

SPARKED BY Rick Ganulin's sixth-inning grand slam home run and the five-hit pitching of Don Coil, the Devils had little trouble in hurdling their final opponent in the first round of play.

Coil, who was backed by 14 hits, fanned 12 batters and walked only three. Ty Goodman, an All-CIF selection from Hawthorne High, absorbed the defeat.

TORRANCE HELD only a 3-1 lead going into the sixth frame before exploding for 11 runs. Ganulin led all Red Devils in hitting by knocking seven runs across the plate. Steve Woody collected two RBIs while Ken Balch, Steve Waters, Bernie Clayton, Dave Hepburn and Coil were responsible for one run each. Two Torrance runs scored on an error.

BALCH, Waters and Ganulin collected doubles off Goodman and teammate Jack Westphalen.

Opening the second round of play against Hawthorne, Torrance came through with nine runs in the final inning to pick up a 14-7 triumph. The Red Devils were able to score in only one other frame, the seventh, when they earned five tallies.

WATERS POUNDED out four hits, including a triple and a double, to lead the 18-hit Red Devil attack.

Hepburn and Carey Hubert each hit safely three times while Ganulin and Bill Coffman earned two bingles. Ganulin doubled twice for Torrance and Steve Woody picked up another two bagger.

In the second game, the Cards bashed out 12 hits while Rob Jones limited the Phillies to two safeties and the league-leaders chalked up a 10-1 victory.

FIVE CARDS belted home runs in the contest. Daren Vom Stieg, Randy Bishop, Rob Jones, Pete Lorenzo, and John Clayton all connected for the circuit.

Jones walked only one man and fanned 11 as he went the full route and the Card batters backed him up with their first home runs of the year.

Outstanding team play, under the guidance of manager Dave Olguin and coach Bob Woods, pushed the Dodgers ahead of the pack early in the year and established them as the club to beat.

They proved to be a well-rounded nine with six players winning berths on the league all-star team. The new champs include Ron Olguin, John Richardson, Marc Salomone, Don Tobin, Bob Woods, Gordon Fox, Joe Groves, Joe Poblasco, Les Rahmeyer, Les Wilbanks, Leon Baudot Alexander Costa,

George Fleming, and James Nielsen.

Six Dodgers earned berths on the league all-star club while three others were honored on the 13-year-old all-star team.

Frey Appears On Television Bowling Show
Defending champion Robbie Frey of Torrance will face Inglewood All-Star Wilma Anderson Saturday night on the televised "Women's All-Star Bowling" originating from the Monterey Park Lanes.

The Torrance bowler is currently carrying a 198 television average with 223 as her game. She has victories over Merle Matthews and Nancy Tatum this far in her bid for a double crown.

The program will be broadcast at 4 p.m. over KTLA, Channel 5.

Hogle, who is driving much like one-armed veteran Allen Heath, and who is reminding Ascot observers of Indianapolis champion Parnelli Jones.

Pressing Hogle will be the likes of Heath, Dee Jones and Gene Brown from Phoenix, Ariz.; Parnelli's brother Paul Jones of Torrance, and a field of more than 40 cars.

Ascot Park, Speedway Plan Big Weekend

USAC

Indianapolis veteran Bobby Unser of Albuquerque, N. M., is rated the driver to beat Saturday night at Ascot Park, Gardena, when he returns to head a field of 44 throttle pushers in a United States Auto Club midjet car program.

A national championship 50-lap main event, the "Firecracker 50," is the headliner of seven races in the fourth program of J. C. Agajanian's weekly schedule for the 110 Offys. First race on the spectacular dirt quarter-mile track is at 8:30 p.m., qualifying at 7. Unser is returning from Colorado where he defended championship honors in the annual Pikes Peak Hill Climb this week.

Several more USAC aces from the Pikes Peak event may accompany Unser to the Gardena track, it was said.

Saturday night's "Firecracker 50" also brings about a re-sumption of the grudge war between Allen Heath of Northridge and Johnny Moorhouse of Santa Ana, who have been taking turns showing each other off the track in their private speed war.

CYCLES

Skip Van Leeuwen, the Flying Dutchman of the two-wheelers, goes to the post a slim favorite over the loaded field in the 15-lap main event of an AMA motorcycle steeplechase program tomorrow night on the spectacular twist, turn and jump course at Ascot Park, Gardena.

Favoritism for the Lakewood rider follows his big night last month over the Ascot barriers when he smashed track records for one, four and 15 laps. Victory would give him three wins

out of six starts. Currently Van Leeuwen is tied with Sid Payne of Bakersfield at two apiece.

Along with Payne, opposition includes two national TT champions, Dick Dorresteyn of San Pablo and Dick Hammer of Lakewood; Clark White and Dave Palmer of Bakersfield; Jack O'Brien of Santa Monica, and Jack Simmons of Artesia.

Eddie Mulder of Burbank and Bob Bailey of Torrance continue their torrid feud in the amateur division with Mulder the choice.

URA

When the starting flag goes down tomorrow night at Western Speedway for a top field of United Racing Assn. full-size midgets, the battle for first place will be as usual rest between two men.

Incomparable Lowell Sachs and dangerous Johnny Gavin will return to the Speedway to head the midgets in an eight-race, 30-lap speedfest. Qualifying one-lap spins open the show at 7 p.m. with the first race beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Sachs, the 1962 URA champion from San Diego, has been especially tough of late, winning two straight. He gained a heartstopping win over doughty Ed Johns two weeks ago.

After Johns had led for more than 20 laps, Sachs took over on the final time around to earn the checkered flag.

Also on hand to challenge Gavin and Sachs will be Dick Mitchell of Torrance, Keith Austin, Redondo Beach; Johnny Hysinger, Norwalk; Dick Barry, Covina; John Starner and Nelson Ragland, San Bernardino; and Jack O'Donnell, Fullerton.

CRA

Two big shows, in the form of car racing and fireworks, will be presented tonight at Ascot Park in Gardena by the California Racing Assn.

CRA speedsters will stage an eight-race event topped by a 50-lap main coupled with a full fireworks show.

The first race is set for 8:00 p.m. with qualifying beginning at 7 p.m. CRA President Walt James has announced that the fireworks show will take place immediately after the final race.

Back in action will be current CRA point leader Bob