

Trojans

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on the tube, cuz the soccer coach, who shall go nameless, had reneged on his promise of hooking up *Plank* and the kid with duckets for a Galaxy game this season. We had been invited to attend an early season game at the Home Depot Center in the garden city of Carson, but we were “uninvited” when the coach apparently found someone better to take to the game.

That’s okay, not the first time I have been left twisting in the wind. Probably found a better way to waste/spend the \$15 bucks for parking, \$12 bucks or so for a diet beer, and \$5 for a warmed-over hot dog which they probably ran out of by halftime.

Anyway, watched a bit of the game last Friday, which was interrupted a couple of times by power outages that dimmed the lights hovering above the pitch. But the Galaxy and Ball-Bender Beckham prevailed in the overtime sessions, so the lads will play on. The Ball-Bender set up the first goal, sending a free kick near the opponent’s net, which some nondescript Galaxy player collected and deposited into the twine.

That Beckham guy can sure play, but what the heck is going on with his hairdo? Some kind of Mohawk deal, I guess. Would make has-been crooner George Michael or the occasionally incarcerated Boy George proud, I guess. Not my style, but then I apparently have no style.

Promise that I will get to the football, NFL style, but I will again digress. Watching the New England Patriots dismantle the at-the-

time-undefeated Indianapolis Colts right now. That guy coaching the Pats is pretty sharp. Whoops. check that. Coach B. just made an incredibly risky decision and cost his team the game...

Anyway, the ponies are running again at Hollywood Park for the next five weeks or so, in what they term their autumn meet. They have an online contest called “Show Me the Money,” in which all you have to do is pick one horse out of the 70 or so running each day that will “show.” Finish anywhere from first to third, doesn’t matter where. Pick correctly, you move on. Screw it up, you are a moron. Easy as pie, any idiot can do that, right?

Apparently not. I was blown out of the competition on Day 1, when my nag scratched, and the dumb-ass horse that the website assigned to me in lieu of my incredibly well-researched selection ran way up the track. What a pisser!

I get some of my incredible horsie knowledge by listening to a couple of the racing shows on el radio Saturday and Sunday mornings when I run the streets. One of the shows is hosted by a trainer by the name of Roger Stein, who can be somewhat acerbic at times. Or a real pinhead. He was lauding the listeners on Saturday, mentioning how smart most of us/them are. But he couldn’t leave it at that, adding something akin to “we also have some idiots who listen.” How did he know that I was tuned in to his show?

Guess I’ll get to the NFL next week... •

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In other Gitmo-related news, it was announced late last week that the criminal trial for 9/11 “professed mastermind” Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and four of his cohorts would be held in a civilian courthouse a stone’s throw away from the acreage that used to house the Twin Towers. U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder announced the decision. “After eight years of delay, those allegedly responsible... will finally face justice.”

Opponents of holding the very public trial down the street from site of the 9/11 devastation are also beginning to have their say. Many fear that an open and public trial will give the terrorists and their propagandists unprecedented opportunities to besmirch America and rally the troops trying to propagate a not-so-holy war, or jihad. Debra Burlingame, whose brother died on 9/11, expressed her concern about “the prospect of these barbarians being turned into victims by their attorneys.”

Patrick Leahy, Senate Judicial Committee Chairman, said that an open trial is the only way to do it in America. “By trying them in our federal courts,” the Vermont Demo said, “we demonstrate to the world that the most powerful nation of Earth also trusts its judicial system.”


Lots will be written and said about the trial in the upcoming months, and probably years. When the alleged criminals *do* finally get their days or months in court, there is the guarantee that the interrogation techniques used against the thugs by our government reps will become a focal point of the trial, part of the backbone of the defense strategy to somehow garner worldwide sympathy for the men on trial.

Whatever.


Someone plotted the 9/11 carnage. And someone has to pay for it, hopefully with their life, a little “waterboarding” be damned. •

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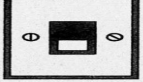
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