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GARY STEVENS TO RIDE IN HONG KONG

Southern California-based jockey Gary Stevens has accepted an offer to become the contract rider for trainer Stephen Leung in Hong Kong and will depart for that city Wednesday. Stevens' contract in Hong Kong begins Feb. 6 and continues through June 11, at which point he will have an option to renew the contract for the following season, beginning in October 1995. In any event, Stevens, 31, said he plans to return to the United States for the Del Mar meeting from July through mid-September. "I'm excited about going to Hong Kong," said Stevens. "It's a new adventure for me and I think it could open up some new avenues for me as far as international racing goes." Aside from providing Stevens with a guaranteed salary, the contract includes several perks such as a house, maid, car and all expenses. Racing in Hong Kong is conducted just twice weekly, with six races Wednesdays and eight Sundays. "That will be one of my toughest adjustments," Stevens said. "It's going to take some getting used to. I plan to play a lot of golf, lift a lot of weights and do some travelling." The contract also allows Stevens the option to return to the U.S. for major races such as the Kentucky Derby and the Santa Anita Handicap. "I'm going there with an open mind," he said. "If I enjoy it, I'll go back. If I don't, I won't."

INDIANA'S FIRST SATELLITE WAGERING FACILITY OPENS

The first satellite wagering facility in Indiana history began operations Wed. as the Churchill Downs Sports Spectrum opened in Merrillville, attracting 792 patrons and a first-day handle of \$111,701. Licensed to Hoosier Park, LP, which is owned and operated by Churchill Downs, the Sports Spectrum will whole-card simulcast from harness and Thoroughbred tracks around the country. "It's very exciting to be a part of history," noted Hoosier Park Executive VP and General Manager Rick Moore. "The people of Merrillville and Northwest Indiana have welcomed us very graciously. We're confident that we will provide the type of operation that they can be proud of." Additional Sports Spectrums are scheduled to open in Ft. Wayne May 1, Indianapolis August 1, and Jeffersonville.

Saturday, Aqueduct:

AFFECTIONATELY H.-Gill, \$75,000a, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

"The thing that worries me about Saturday's race is if there will be a soft pace," said Buzzy Tenney, assistant to trainer Shug McGaughey. "If there is, and the track is speed-favoring like it is a lot of the time, then it'll be hard for these two fillies to catch up." The two late-running fillies he is referring to are Emory Hamilton's **Tara Roma** (Lyphard) and Heidi Doubleday's **Sterling Pound** (Seeking the Gold). In her most recent effort Dec. 17, Tara Roma stormed from next-to-last in a field of 10 to win the Gill Ladies H. at Aqueduct by 3 1/2-lengths. It was her fourth victory from her last six starts. "In the Ladies, the distance (1 1/4-miles) suited her very well," said Tenney. "Given that she comes from way back, she needs some help up front, and she got that. And, the track had a little moisture in it, and she loves that. She caught everything her own way." Four-year-old Sterling Pound also started in the Ladies, right after taking her stakes debut in the Gill Honey Bee H. at The Meadowlands. In the Ladies she was an uncharacteristically dull eighth, but rebounded with a fast-closing third against some of the same horses she'll face Saturday in the Woodhaven H. January 7. "In the Woodhaven, she was into the race much earlier and then fell back down the backstretch," Tenney said. "But, she finished like a crazy horse, even into a slow pace." The field for the Affectionately, from the rail out, is as follows: **Beloved Bea** (Personal Flag), Velazquez; Tara Roma, Alvarado; **Sea Ditty** (Afleet), Madrid; **Family Effort** (Goldlust), Somsanith; **Miss Pocket Court** (Court Trial), Migliore; **Dancer's Gate** (Gate Dancer), Martin; Sterling Pound, Luzzi; **Acting Proud** (Proud Birdie), Castillo; **Endless Desire** (Manila), Leon; **Avie's Daisy** (Lord Avie), Rydowski; **Footing** (Forty Niner), Perez.

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STRUB STAKES TAKING SHAPE Strodes Creek (Halo), fourth as the 7-5 favorite in the San Fernando S. Jan. 14, worked six furlongs over a muddy Santa Anita track in 1:17.11 prior to Thursday's first race. Regular rider Eddie Delahoussaye was up. Trainer Charlie Whittingham said the big colt hasn't been able to get in all of his work, but added it shouldn't hamper his preparation for the \$500,000 Strub Stakes Feb. 5. "(Because of the weather) we haven't been able to job and gallop him every day, but he should be fit enough," said Whittingham. The 1 1/4-mile Strub S. is expected to attract the first four finishers from the San Fernando. In addition to Strodes Creek, first, second and third-place finishers **Wekiva Springs** (Runaway Groom), **Dramatic Gold** (Slew o' Gold) and **Dare and Go** (Alydar) are all on course for a rematch. The Strub S. will be televised nationally by ESPN.

ESPN EXTENDS "RACING TO THE BREEDERS' CUP" AGREEMENT ESPN announced Wednesday that it will continue to televise the "Racing to the Breeders' Cup" series under the terms of a new multi-year agreement. The series, sponsored by Breeders' Cup Ltd., debuted on ESPN in 1992 and showcases the world's best Thoroughbreds competing in 17 major stakes races leading to the Breeders' Cup. The new agreement begins with this year's series of nine telecasts, which will feature 13 Grade I events including three \$1 million races: the Pacific Classic from Del Mar, the Arlington Million from Arlington International Racecourse and, for the first time, the Molson Export Million from Woodbine. "We are excited to continue our relationship with Breeders' Cup Limited," said John Wildhack, ESPN senior vice president of programming. "Thoroughbred racing plays an important role in our overall ESPN programming philosophy."

CASTANEDA'S PROGRESS CONTINUES Northern California-based jockey Marco Castaneda, who continues to make progress in his recovery from severe injuries suffered in a spill Dec. 26 at Bay Meadows, had the cast removed from his fractured left ankle Wed. at Mills Hospital in San Mateo, California. According to Castaneda's agent Brian Beach, doctors replaced the cast with a brace. Beach added that his client is expected to be released from Mills, where he has been since the accident, in a week.

BLANCO NAMED PUBLICITY DIRECTOR AT CALDER Calder Director of Marketing Mike Cronin announced yesterday that Michele Blanco will become the Director of Publicity at Calder Race Course this season. Blanco was most recently Director of Promotions for the track and has also handled various other responsibilities in publicity and advertising at Calder beginning in 1992. "Since her first days at Calder, Michele has excelled in everything she has undertaken, from producing the first-ever, comprehensive media guide to managing a million dollar advertising program," said Cronin. Making a return to Calder Race Course is Jackie Niblock, previous Director of Promotions for the track in 1991. Niblock will assume her former position.



SOUTHERN C.A.L.I.F.O.R.N.I.A REPORT

Yesterday's Result:

8th-SAX, \$53,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16 3/5, gd.

1--**PHOENICIAN MISS, 116, m, 5, Classic Go Go--Special Charm, by Verbatim.** O-VHW Stables; B-Verne H. Winchell (KY); T-Ronald McAnally. Lifetime Record: 15-5-2-1, \$119,675.

2--**Tapstress, 116, m, 5, Desert Wine--Ameridouble,** by Nodouble.

3--**Tres Norte, 116, m, 6, Northern Baby--Satan's Pride,** by Crimson Satan.

Margins: neck, 2, 1/2. Odds: 15.30, 5.10, 5.10.

Phoenician Miss, returning from a 2-month layoff, recorded her 1st victory since Jan. '94, closing from mid-pack to cross the wire a neck in front under Alex Solis. 4-5 choice MISS INTERGREEN (Interco), trying for her 3rd straight victory, set all the pace before tiring late in the stretch to finish 4th. The winner is 1/2 to Cassalera (GII, \$525,662, by Pretense).

Local News, Santa Anita:

Jockey Fernando Valenzuela, sidelined since going down in a spill in the first race Dec. 26, had his back brace removed Wednesday and should be able to begin galloping horses in two weeks, agent Ray Kravagna reported yesterday.

Paseana (ARG) (Ahmad) was scheduled to work a mile Thursday morning, but the drill was postponed until Friday due to the muddy track condition, trainer Ron McAnally said. McAnally added that the eight-year-old mare has been nominated to the \$150,000-added Santa Maria H. Feb. 5, but made no guarantees that the two-time Eclipse Award-winner will run in the Grade I race.



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Local News, Golden Gate:

Golden Gate Fields will simulcast the special Chinese New Year holiday racing card from Sha Tin Racecourse in Hong Kong next Wednesday night. Golden Gate will import two cards from Hong Kong next week, as it will also be open next Friday night, Feb. 3, for simulcast wagering on racing from Sha Tin.



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Yesterday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$46,000, Alw, 4yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:43 3/5, ft.

1--JACKSONPORT, 114, h, 6, Vigors--On the Brink, by Cox's Ridge. O/T-Murray Garren; B-Loblolly Stable (KY).

Lifetime Record: 95-9-14-17, \$565,686.

2--Iron Gavel, 119, g, 5, Time for a Change--Sealed Bid, by Mr. Prospector.

3--Aztec Empire, 114, h, 5, Alydar--Smart Heiress, by *Vaguely Noble.

Margins: 2 1/2, 1, 1. Odds: 11.00, 2.05, 5.10.

SW Jacksonport, beaten 28 1/4-lengths in the GIII Aqueduct H. in his last start Jan. 16, had not visited the winners' circle in 27 tries since taking an allowance at Aqueduct Feb. 12, 1994. Reserved down the backside, he rallied between horses on the turn for home, split horses to challenge in midstretch, was bumped by Iron Gavel inside the furlong marker then wore down that one to win going away. 8-5 bettors' choice FARMONTHEFREEWAY (Talc), shooting for his 3rd straight victory, led in the early going then gave way to cross the wire 6th.

7th-AQU, \$36,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13 4/5, ft.

RUNAWAY FLING (f, 4, Imperial Fling--Run Cola Run, by Run the Gantlet), a SP runner at Rockingham Park last August, finished 2nd at 17-1 odds in a \$70,000 claimer at Aqueduct in her last. Bet down to 4-1 here, she went wire-to-wire for a 1 1/2-length triumph under Jorge Chavez.

TENSIE'S PRO (Distinctive Pro), stepping down from graded stakes company, was 2nd, while 4-5 chalk **DIXIE LUCK (Dixieland Band)** finished 3rd for the 4th straight time. Lifetime Record: 31-9-9-3, \$139,469.

O-C.G. Hagedorn & J.R. Rottkamp. B-Bar-Lyn Farm (FL). T-Jeff Odintz.

6th-AQU, \$30,000, Msw, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:57 1/5, ft.

BERING ROSES (f, 4, Bering {GB}--Perldia {Fr}, by *Diatome), 2nd in her last 3 trips to the post, made it to the winners' circle this time with a come-from-behind, 3-length score as the overwhelming 1-5 favorite. 5-1 second choice **ARAZ (Fappiano)** was 2nd. Bering Roses, a \$20,500 Kee. Jan. yearling, is 1/2 to **Castle Guard (IRE) (G3-Fr, \$84,084, by Home Guard).** Lifetime Record: 7-1-4-0, \$41,940. O-Gayno Stables & Edward L. Gaylord. B-Robert S. West Jr. (KY). T-Kristina Dupps.



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Yesterday's Result:

9th-GPX, \$26,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, a1 1/8mT, 1:49 2/5, fm.

POLISH TREATY (f, 4, Danzig--Infinite {SW, \$122,979}, by Majestic Light), off since breaking her maiden over a yielding turf course at Aqueduct Nov. 4, rallied from last-to-first under Mike Smith to win by 2 1/2 as the 9-5 second choice. 7-5 favorite **CHRYSOCOLLA (Manila)** raced evenly to be 4th. The winner is 1/2 to **Ultimate Goal (SP, \$121,910, by Cox's Ridge)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$50,640.

O/B-Ogden Mills Phipps (KY). T-Claude McGaughey III.

FOALING NEWS:

CONTREDANCE, 13, Danzig-Nimble Folly (Cyane) Foal born 1-22-95, a colt by Forty Niner.

Will be bred back to St. Jovite.

Boarded at Calumet Farm in Lexington, Kentucky. Accomplishments: Grade I winner of \$492,700.

SURVIVE, 11, Pass the Glass--Elite Khaled (Prince Khaled)

Foal born 1-22-95, a colt by Capote.

Owned by R.D. Hubbard and Dr. E.C. Allred.

Boarded at Crystal Springs Farm in Paris, Kentucky.

Accomplishments: MGII winner of \$670,361.

TADWIN (GB), 8, Never So Bold (IRE)--Songs Jest (GB) (Song {GB})

Foal born 1-23-95, a filly by Shadeed.

Will be bred back to Dayjur.

Boarded at Shadwell Farm Inc. in Lexington, Ky.

Accomplishments: Stakes-winner in England, GSP in Ireland, earned \$84,491.



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-TPX, \$29,480, 1-25, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 2/5, gd.
GRAB (f, 4, Danzig--Snitch, by Seattle Slew) Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-1, \$64,403. O-Virginia Mullins. B-Claiborne Farm & the Gamely Corporation (KY). T-Paul J. McGee. *SP.

8th-TPX, \$27,900, 1-25, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:47 4/5, gd.
FINELY CRAFTED (f, 4, Far Out East--Tahell, by Laomedonte) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$40,200. O/T-Randy Preston. B-John Penn (KY).

9th-FGX, \$24,000, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.
O'STAR (h, 5, Risen Star--Twofold {MSW}, by Timeless Moment) Lifetime Record: 32-7-4-3, \$144,391. O/B-Ronnie Lamarque (KY). T-Louie J Roussel III. *GSP.

7th-FGX, \$18,000, 4yo/up, f/m, a1 1/8mT, 1:53 3/5, fm.
SILVER TRAINOR (f, 4, Silver Hawk--Like a Train, by Great Sun) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, \$25,535. O-Brereton C. Jones. B-Brereton C. Jones & David Hall (KY). T-W. Elliott Walden. *1/2 to By Land By Sea (MGI, \$627,963, by Sauce Boat).

8th-LRL, \$15,000, 3yo, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.
DAKOTA'S TRICK (c, 3, Clever Trick--Prima Babu Gum, by Gummo) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$19,890. O-Gilbert G. Campbell. B-Gustav Schickedanz (CAN). T-Edward T. Allard. *1/2 to Sweet Briar Too (MSW, \$194,913, by Briartic).

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Where's Lester, g, 3, Believe It--Our Lutka (SP, \$153,000), by Splendid Courage. SAX, 1-26, 1m, 1:37 3/5. B-Anthony Galanis, Jerry Galanis, Et Al (Ky). *\$34,000 2yo 1994 FTKAPR.

Gateholme, f, 3, Gate Dancer--Seaholme (MGSP, \$118,191), by *Noholme II. AQU, 1-26, 1 1/16m, 1:51 4/5. B-Live Oak Stud (Fl). *\$25,000 2yo 1994 FTNNOV.

Southern Breeze, c, 3, Miswaki--Ocean Breeze (MSW, \$127,568), by Blade. FGX, 1-26, 6f, 1:10 2/5. B-Robert Wilson (Ky). *\$55,000 wlng '92 KEENOV; \$175,000 2yo 1994 KEEAPR.

Medal Winner, g, 3, On to Glory--Extemp, by Exclusive Ribot. GPX, 1-26, 7f, 1:27. B-Two Sisters Stable (Fl).

Holiday At Home, c, 3, Proper Reality--Claire Stevens, by Lt. Stevens. TPX, 1-25, 6f, 1:13. B-Mereworth Farm (Ky).

Forchuck, c, 3, Real Courage--Sailing Lesson, by Sharpen Up (GB). GPX, 1-26, 7f, 1:26 4/5. B-Meadowbrook Farms, Inc (Fl). *\$7,000 yrl '93 OBSAUG; \$12,000 2yo 1994 OBSAPR.

Mary's Shamoo, f, 3, Sham--Mary's Minstrel, by Talc. GPX, 1-26, 1 1/16m, 1:50 2/5. B-Bruno Schickendanz (Can).

Fancy Nancy, f, 3, Strawberry Road (Aus)--Flocked, by Big Spruce. SAX, 1-26, 6f, 1:10 4/5. B-Robert P. Ochocki (Ky). *\$7,000 yrl '93 KEESEP.

Lennys Wild Again, c, 3, Wild Again--T.V. Bee, by T.V. Commercial. AQU, 1-26, 6f, 1:14 1/5. B-Elser Farms Corp (Ny). *\$20,000 2yo 1994 KEEAPR. **1/2 to Channel Three (MGII, \$412,548, by Tri Jet) and Fretina (SW, \$141,465, by Star de Naskra).

Bering Roses, f, 4, Bering (GB)--Perldia (Fr), by *Diatome. AQU, 1-26, 1 1/8m, 1:57 1/5. B-Robert S. West Jr (Ky). *\$20,500 yrl '92 KEEJAN. **1/2 to Castle Guard (IRE) (G3-Fr, \$84,084, by Home Guard).

Foolin Around, c, 4, Foolish Pleasure--Arrianna's Dream, by Lord Avie. AQU, 1-26, 1 1/16m, 1:48 3/5. B-S.A.G.P. Inc. (Ky). *\$7,700 yrl '92 FTKSEP; \$44,000 2yo 1993 OBSMAR.

Sea Drifter, c, 4, Island Champ--Proud Mariah, by Proud Birdie. LRL, 1-26, 5 1/2f, 1:05 3/5. B-James S. Thompson (Md).

Star O' The West, g, 4, Tejano--Buckboard Bounce, by Buckaroo. SAX, 1-26, 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-Robert S. Evans (Fl). *\$10,000 yrl '92 KEESEP.

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