

**DAILY RACING FORM PIECE NOMINATED FOR STANLEY BERGSTEIN AWARD
JAY BERGMAN'S COLUMN EXPLORES PERILS OF BIG PURSES, LAX TESTING
TEAM VALOR ENCOURAGES SUBMISSIONS FOR ITS \$25,000 WRITING HONOR**

Team Valor International has issued an automatic nomination to Jay Bergman of *Daily Racing Form* for the inaugural Stanley Bergstein Writing Award, recognizing an August 13 column in which he examined the perilous relationship between lax drug testing and rising purses at racetracks with slot machines.



Bergman focused on harness racing, writing that “the combination of slot-infused purses and deep cuts in state spending have essentially paved the way for the possibility and expectation of rampant drug abuse.” The full column is [here](#).

Team Valor CEO Barry Irwin launched the Stanley Bergstein Writing Award last fall to honor the late Bergstein and encourage his style of substantive writing about important issues in horse racing.

Irwin said Bergman’s piece is very much in the spirit of what Bergstein, a long-time columnist for the *Racing Form*, would have written himself.

Articles may be submitted for consideration to Jeff Lowe at jeff@teamvalor.com by November 1.

Esteemed writers Bill Christine, Frank Deford, Richard Eng and Bill Nack will be judges for the inaugural award, carrying a prize of \$25,000 from Team Valor.