

**NEW YORK TIMES REPORT NOMINATED FOR STANLEY BERGSTEIN AWARD
INVESTIGATIVE PIECE FROM MARCH 25 IS SECOND AUTOMATIC NOMINEE
TEAM VALOR ENCOURAGES SUBMISSIONS FOR ITS \$25,000 WRITING HONOR**

Team Valor International has issued an automatic nomination to a team of *New York Times* writers for the inaugural Stanley Bergstein Writing Award, recognizing a March 25 story that took Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing to task for equine fatalities and doping.



Walt Bogdanich, Joe Drape, Dara Miles and Griffin Palmer wrote the story "Mangled Horses, Maimed Jockeys," which cast light on unusually high injury rates and lax drug testing for horse racing in New Mexico. The full story is [here](#).

On March 27, the executive director of the New Mexico Racing Commission said it would institute random out-of-competition drug testing by this summer.

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.

"Make of it what you will," said Barry Irwin, "but this piece has already made some racing jurisdictions stand up and take notice. It appears that the state of New Mexico, which took the brunt of the article's criticism, has already been moved to action by the *New York Times* piece."

Stories may be submitted for consideration to Jeff Lowe at jeff@teamvalor.com by November 1. Earlier this month, Team Valor issued an automatic nomination to Ray Paulick for a January 16 story from the *Paulick Report* that exposed a Pennsylvania scam involving retired racehorses.

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.