

**TVI ISSUES FINAL AUTOMATIC NOMINATION FOR STAN BERGSTEIN AWARD
BUNNY HINZMAN, 16, ACKNOWLEDGED FOR BLOG ON THE USE OF LASIX
INAUGURAL AWARD WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON DECEMBER 4 IN KY.**

Team Valor International has issued a final automatic nomination for the inaugural Stanley Bergstein Writing Award to Bunny Hinzman for her blog entry “The Lasix Debate” from October 26.



Bunny Hinzman

Hinzman is 16 and still in high school, but she thoroughly addresses one of American racing’s most complex and important issues, the use of furosemide, or Lasix, in horses on race day. The blog, from her website Bits ‘n Bunny, is [here](#).

“This is impressive for a person of any age,” said Barry Irwin, who launched the award last year to honor the late *Daily Racing Form* columnist and encourage his style of writing on substantive issues in horse racing.

Hinzman, who lives in Georgia, also writes a blog for *America’s Best Racing*.

Entries for the Stanley Bergstein Award closed on November 1. Team Valor also issued automatic nominations to Ray Paulick of the *Paulick Report* for a story that exposed a Pennsylvania scam involving retired racehorses, to a *New York Times* team for two stories on the use of drugs in racing, to Jay Bergman of *Daily Racing Form* for a column on the relationship between lax drug testing and rising purses, and to Bob Fortus of the *New Orleans Times-Picayune* for a story on new tests that detected the use of a powerful and illegal drug.



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. The winner will be announced on December 4 in a luncheon at the Thoroughbred Club of America next to Keeneland in Lexington, Kentucky.