

PIECE ON SUDDEN HORSE DEATHS NOMINATED FOR BERGSTEIN AWARD RAY PAULICK CONTINUES PROBE INTO RASH OF FATALITIES IN CALIF. CLARIFIES THE STATUS OF A STATE HORSE RACING BOARD INVESTIGATION

Team Valor International has nominated a *Paulick Report* story on the fallout from a rash of sudden horse deaths within one stable in Southern California for the second annual Stan Bergstein Writing Award.



The Stanley Bergstein Award

Writer Ray Paulick clarifies the status of a California Horse Racing Board investigation into the unexplained deaths of seven horses trained by Bob Baffert. The full story is [here](#).

“This is the kind of hard-hitting reporting that should be applauded,” Team Valor CEO Barry Irwin said.

The nomination is the second this year for Paulick on closely related subjects. In April, Team Valor selected his [story](#) on a flaw in California’s required postmortem examinations for any horse who dies at a licensed facility in the state.

The Stan Bergstein Writing Award carries a \$25,000 prize and will be presented at the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program’s Global Symposium on Racing and Gaming on December 10. The 4 judges are Ray Kerrison of the *New York Post*, Bill Plaschke of the *Los Angeles Times*, former *Sports Illustrated* senior writer Billy Reed and Jeff Siegel of HRTV.

Team Valor also has nominated stories from a *Thoroughbred Daily News* series on drugs in racing and a piece from the *Blood-Horse* on a series of investigative errors following the questionable death of a horse prior to a race at Mountaineer Racetrack.

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