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**VOSS' LOOK AT NY DRUG TESTING NOMINATED FOR BERGSTEIN AWARD  
PAULICK REPORT PIECE PEELS BACK LAYERS OF DISTINCT PROGRAM  
PUBLICATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 1 FOR \$25,000 WRITING HONOR**

Team Valor International has nominated a story from the *Paulick Report* on drug testing in New York for the Stan Bergstein Writing Award.



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**The Stanley  
Bergstein Award**

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Natalie Voss wrote the piece "New York's Drug Testing Has Its Own 'Style,'" published in March, that delves into several layers of New York's drug testing system: cases in which split samples were denied to trainers with drug violations, unusual rates of positive tests, the law that dictates that drug testing for horse racing in New York must be administered by a laboratory at a

state university, the lab's failure to detect certain drugs, and whether or not it maintains anonymity in the screening process.

The full story is [here](#).

Team Valor nominates stories throughout the year and will pass them along to a panel of judges to select a single winner of the \$25,000 Stan Bergstein Award. Stories about horse racing for a North American publication or website from November 2, 2014 to November 1, 2015 are eligible. Other nominees so far include Frank Angst of the *Blood-Horse* for two stories ([one](#) and [two](#)), Ray Paulick of the *Paulick Report* for two stories ([one](#) and [two](#)), Chris Wittstruck ([story](#)) of the United States Trotting Association website and Doug McCoy and Frank Vespe of the *Racing Biz* website ([story](#)).

The award program is set for November 12 at Fasig-Tipton sales pavilion in Lexington and will include speeches by Ben Nichols of the World Anti-Doping Agency and Jeff Gural of The Meadowlands. Email Jessica Berry at [Jessica@TeamValor.com](mailto:Jessica@TeamValor.com) for more information.