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# ***Stan Bergstein Writing Award Finalists***

*Ray Paulick—The Paulick Report, April 16*

## **California Post-Mortem Program Has Major Flaw**



*“There is no requirement that veterinary records of deceased horses be submitted to researchers conducting the post-mortem examinations. Those records are an important component for researchers who are trying to meet the program’s objectives.”*

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*Ryan Goldberg—The TDN Magazine, May 2*

## **A HISTORY OF DRUGS IN RACING**

Part 1 of A Painful Truth:  
A six-part series on medication and  
the reform movement in U.S. racing



*“But drugs are so intertwined in racing that removing them is like pulling a thread from a sweater and the whole garment unraveling.”*

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*Ryan Goldberg—The TDN Magazine, May 10*



*“If all of these drugs are classified as therapeutic, their purpose presumably based on science, then how could separate racing jurisdictions approach them so differently?”*

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Bill Finley—*The TDN Magazine*, May 17

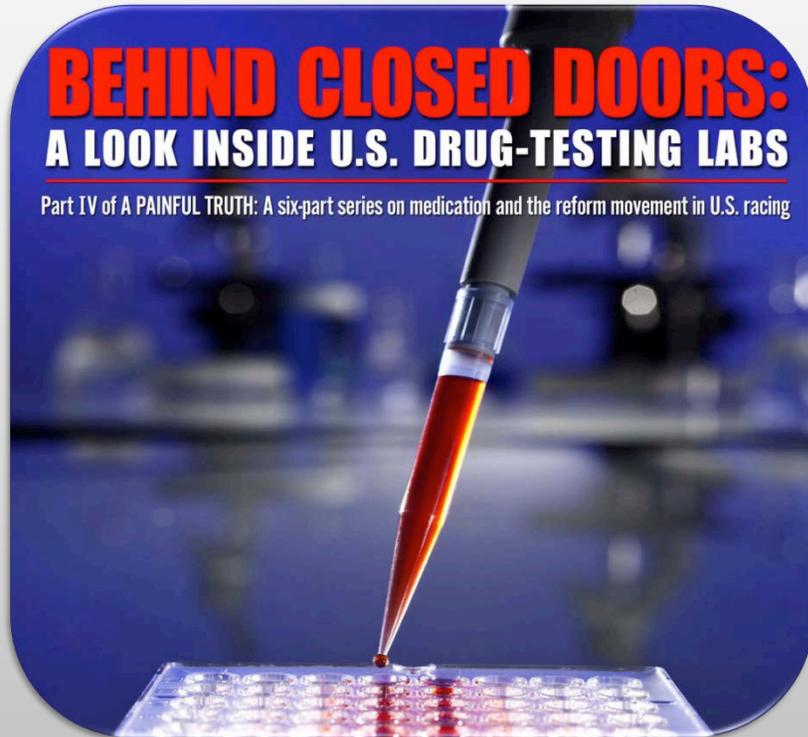


*“[T]he parts of the world where racing doesn’t have the love affair with drugs that the U.S. has don’t seem to have anything to apologize for. Their racing does just fine without an assist from chemistry.”*

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*Lucas Marquardt—The TDN Magazine, May 30*



*“The people we pay to monitor that problem [drugs] are becoming as important to the future of racing—a betting sport whose foundations must be integrity and fair play—as any track executive or marketing team.”*

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Bill Finley—*The TDN Magazine*, June 15

**AS THE SCIENCE GETS BETTER,  
CATCHING THE CHEATERS BECOMES EASIER**

Part V of A PAINFUL TRUTH: A six-part series on medication and the reform movement in U.S. racing



*“It's no longer about finding a drug in the blood or urine of an equine or human athlete but identifying changes in the body caused by the drug.”*

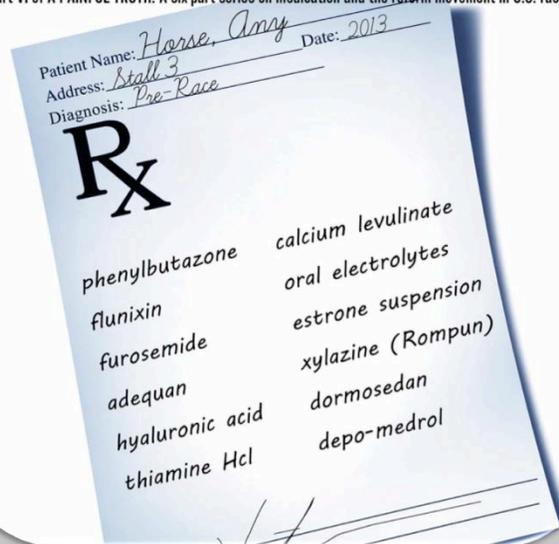
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Ryan Goldberg—*The TDN Magazine*, June 22

## 'RACE HORSE IS NOT A DIAGNOSIS': THE PATH FORWARD

Part VI of A PAINFUL TRUTH: A six-part series on medication and the reform movement in U.S. racing



*“That trainers and vets were eager to get ever more substances into a horse hours prior to a race counters the idea that permissive medication is intended to provide therapy to a horse. It only reinforces the belief that a win-at-all-costs mentality has turned this exquisite animal into something like a breathing Petri dish atop four brittle legs.”*

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*Frank Angst—The Blood-Horse, July 24*

**Horse's Death Exposes Hole in Regulatory Net**

***THE  
Blood-Horse***

*“The [West Virginia Racing Commission] accepted the settlement with [the trainer] Jarvis after it realized key pieces of potential evidence had not been collected as track security and regulatory officials failed to work together, putting the case behind the eight ball.”*

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*Ray Paulick—The Paulick Report, August 14*

## **Questions Still Unanswered in Baffert Sudden Deaths**



*“Over the next several weeks, especially after arriving in Southern California to attend the Del Mar meeting, I was encouraged by numerous owners, breeders, trainers and other industry professionals to keep asking questions, because things simply didn’t make sense.”*

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*Ray Paulick—The Paulick Report, September 18*

**Fla. Investigation: Vet Said Cibelli Told Him ‘Keep Me Out of It’**



*“Orlando Paralicci sat in his Honda Odyssey, a nervous wreck. Only minutes before, he had been caught by a Tampa Bay Downs official injecting a pain-blocking agent into a horse’s right foreleg hours before it was to race – an egregious, illegal act. And now, Jane Cibelli, the trainer the equine veterinarian would later say had ordered him to give the injection, was calling.”*

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## Ray Kerrison

*New York Post*

**On Ray Paulick's Story "Vet Said Cibelli Told Him 'Keep Me Out of It.'":**

*"He shone a bright light on four dark corners—the trainer's larceny, the vet's illegal actions, the track's clear reluctance to move against Cibelli (but not the vet) and the regulatory body's unbelievable inertia in investigating the offense and imposing sanctions.*

*"Paulick forced their hands, but the case vividly illustrates the industry's incomprehensible reluctance to prosecute and punish wrong-doers."*



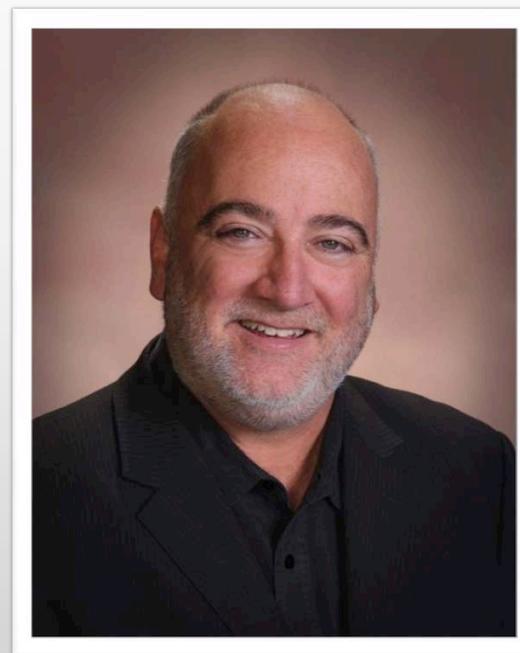
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## **Bill Plaschke**

*Los Angeles Times*  
*ESPN*

*On Ray Paulick's Story "Vet Said  
Cibelli Told Him 'Keep Me Out of  
It.'":*

*"Chilling account of the drugging  
of a horse and the subsequent  
deception by its trainer."*



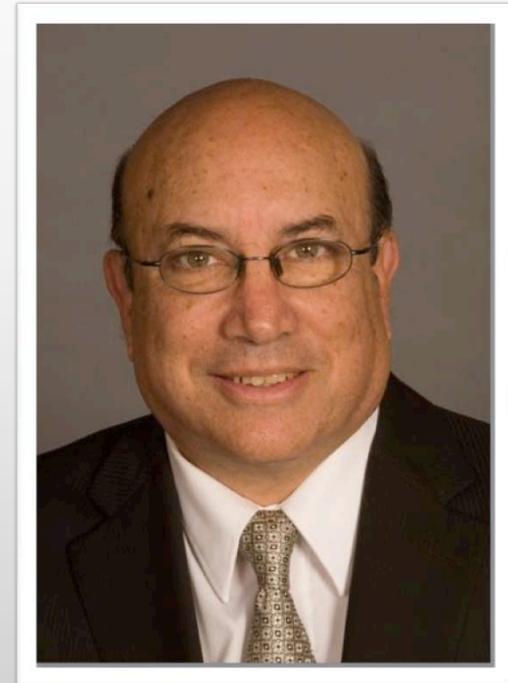
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## Jeff Siegel

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### On the *Thoroughbred Daily News* series:

*“Any one of the six installments in ‘A Painful Truth’ would be worthy of the award. The entire series was truly enlightening and I’m happy it was brought to my attention.”*



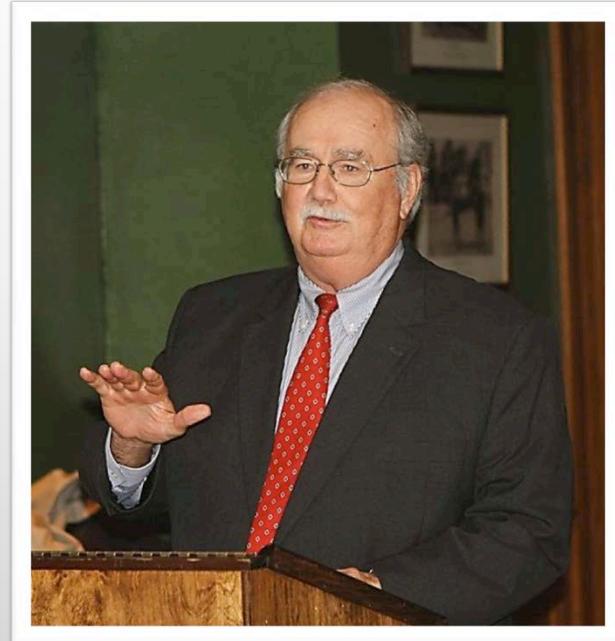
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## **Billy Reed**

*Formerly of  
Sports Illustrated  
Louisville  
Courier-Journal*

**On the *Thoroughbred Daily News*  
series ‘A Painful Truth’:**

*“The most comprehensive and well-  
documented report on the drug  
problem that I've ever seen. It's a  
service to the industry and the public.”*



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