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**VIRGINIA FILM OFFICE ANNOUNCES 2004
“GOVERNOR’S SCREENWRITING COMPETITION” WINNERS**

RICHMOND, VA — The Virginia Film Office has announced the three winners of the thirteenth Governor's Screenwriting Competition. They are Wayne Bayard from Loudoun County, George V. Wills from Blacksburg and CB Wilson from Ruther's Glen. The Governor's Screenwriting Competition was created to celebrate the accomplishments of Virginia writers, as well as to promote the future of filmmaking in Virginia. It provides screenwriters with a forum for their work and an opportunity to present their scripts to decision-makers in the film industry. Each writer submits a full-length screenplay or television script to be evaluated by a panel of Virginia judges. Final scripts from the first round of judging are then sent to a second panel comprised of active professionals in the film or television industry.

Wayne Bayard grew up in New Jersey and New York and, after earning a Master's Degree in Journalism from the University of Missouri, worked as a journalist, earning 13 Virginia Press Awards. He has written numerous screenplays, interviewed more than 50 Hall of Fame Baseball players and has written a history of the National Football League. He lives in Winchester and is currently the public information officer for Loudoun County Public Schools.

George V. Wills is a free-lance illustrator and painter. He is a life-long Blacksburg, Virginia resident where he attended Virginia Tech's Fine Arts program. He worked briefly as a writer and inker for the late Richmond Times cartoonist Jeff MacNelly on his "Shoe" comic strip. George continues to plug away at humor writing in many forms while supporting his local volunteer-run movie house, the Lyric Theatre.

Kentucky-born CB Wilson was raised primarily in Virginia, studying theater and writing at Lynchburg College. After moving to a career in bookstore management, she chose to retire in order to stay home with her two children. The author of occasional magazine articles and several plays for a West Virginia community theatre, she now lives in Ruther Glen with her children and her husband of twenty-five years.

Eighty-five screenplays were submitted to the competition and ten finalists were selected to go to the second round of judging. In addition to the winners, the finalists were Jeff Bridgeman (Herndon), T.K. Ellmore (Blacksburg), Glenn Harris, Jr. (Richmond), Jeff Hudson (Richmond), Anne McLaughlin (Midlothian), Allan Moye (Staunton), Thomas Roberts (Richmond), Peter Ryan (Charlottesville), Previn Taylor (Newport News).

The Governor's Screenwriting Competition is held annually and is open to Virginia residents. The majority of the script must take place in Virginia or at locations which could reasonably be found in Virginia. For further information on the competition, contact the Film Office at (800) 854-6233 or visit the Film Office website at www.film.virginia.org.

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