

Governor Signs New Laws; Issues Some Vetoes

As the 2001 Legislative Session came to a close, Governor Bob Wise was faced with the crucial task of signing into law or vetoing the bills passed and presented to him.

One bill that eventually made it past the chopping block is Senate Bill 1005, which mandates the construction of a veterans nursing home here in West Virginia. The approved bill was actually the second attempt; the Governor vetoed the original bill (which was passed during the regular session) because of a technical flaw. During the special session, the improved version of the bill was approved and signed.

Also making it into law was Senate Bill 116, which imposes a 7% excise tax on all tobacco products other than cigarettes (which already include a 17¢ per pack State tax). "This is a health law, not a revenue law," said Wise. "I asked for this tax to stop tobacco use among young people." Anti-tobacco and health groups across the State are pleased with the passage of this legislation.

House Bill 3128 was signed into law at the Mercer County courthouse in Princeton. That bill exempts domestic violence shelters from certain municipal zoning requirements. According to Wise, these shelters are vitally needed for families and should not be subject to unnecessary zoning requirements.

Persons with disabilities were pleased with the enactment of Senate Bill 525, The Independent Living Act. That bill creates a group to assist with developing a State plan to assist persons with disabilities in gaining the skills and services

needed to pursue productive lives in their own homes. In addition, another piece of legislation requires the Department of Administration

The Governor believes that abuse of Oxycontin and other controlled substances is a very serious problem and he will create a task force to

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to develop nonvisual access standards for information on the State's internet sites by September, 2001. "A blind or visually-impaired person should have equal access to any State website that a sighted person can read," Wise said.

Veto isn't taken lightly; however, Wise felt it necessary to veto a few of the bills presented to him. Briefly, the following bills (not an all-inclusive list) were vetoed.

Senate Bill 239: Relating to the monitoring of controlled substances prescriptions. Governor Wise believes this bill posed a threat to an individual's right to privacy and to the physician-patient relationship.

address the unlawful use of controlled substances.

Senate Bill 554: Relating to informational tax returns. While Wise supports continuing study of tax reform, he feels this bill wouldn't have provided sufficient or timely statistical information for the process. In addition, it required \$500,000 in administrative expenses and \$2 million in tax credits that were not included in the 2001-2002 budget.

House Bill 2852: Relating to the Consolidated Public Retirement Board. Wise supports the goals of

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T&R Cabinet Secretary Michael Garrison Appointed Chief of Staff

Governor Wise has announced that Michael S. Garrison accepted appointment to the position of Chief of Staff. Garrison succeeds David Satterfield, who is returning to West Virginia University.

Garrison has been working as the Cabinet Secretary for the Department of Tax and Revenue since January, 2001. He holds undergraduate and law degrees from West Virginia University and was a Rotary International Scholar at Oxford. Prior to joining Wise's administration, Garrison was an attorney with Steptoe and Johnson in Charleston, representing employers and businesses in employment law and business litigation.



Michael Garrison

BEP Communicators Win National Awards

Contributed by John Womack of the Bureau of Employment Programs.

Six Bureau of Employment Programs communication professionals recently won 9 national awards as part of the 7th Annual Communicator Awards Print Media competition.

The Communicator Awards is a national program designed to recognize outstanding work from all areas of print communication and is not limited to government entries. There were nearly 3,400 entries in the 2001 contest, all of which were evaluated and judged by a panel of professionals who evaluated the entries for clarity, creativity, resourcefulness, and the interaction between pictures, graphics, and words. Part of the judging panel reviewed the entries from the technical point of view of experienced professionals while another part of the panel reviewed the entries from the viewpoint of the targeted consumer.

Each entry was eligible for one of 3 levels of award. The top-level award, the Crystal Award of Excellence, went to projects judged to be among the best in the nation. Only 12% of the entries in the 2001 contest were judged to be at that level. The second level, the Award of Distinction, went to entries exceeding industry standards for communication. A third level of award, Honorable Mention, was given entries judged to meet industry standards.

All writing and design work on the winning BEP entries was done in-house, without the use of any outside advertising agencies or consulting firms.

Winning Bureau of Employment Programs entries, their categories, award levels, and persons responsible for the projects are:

🏆 **Workers' Compensation Division Web Site (www.state.wcv.us/bep/wc)**
Web Site/Home Page - Crystal Award of Excellence - Bob Powell

🏆 **Y2K: Year of Technology**
Annual Report/Government -Crystal Award of Excellence - John Womack

🏆 **Amnesty Campaign**
Marketing/Promotion/Campaign - Award of Distinction - John Womack

🏆 **The Pulse**
Newsletter/Medical - Award of Distinction - Tim Baker

🏆 **Vision & Action Plan 2000**
Brochure/Educational - Award of Distinction - Cindy Grinstead

🏆 **WV Bureau of Employment Programs Web Site (www.state.wv.us/bep)**
Web Site/Home Page - Award of Distinction - Bob Powell

🏆 **News&Views Online**
Employee Publication/Internal Communication - Honorable Mention - Rob Rosier and Judy Haas



BEP employees recently won 9 national awards as part of the 7th Annual Communicator Awards Print Media competition

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We often get asked if our leave forms are online. You can open and print out Leave with Pay, Leave without Pay, Parental/Family Leave, and the Physician's Certification forms by going to:

<http://www.state.wv.us/admin/personnel/forms/default.htm>

Scroll down to the Leave Forms line and click on the download of your choice.



Due to unavoidable circumstances/schedule conflicts ...

**THE WV STATE GOVERNMENT
PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION
WEEK CELEBRATION
HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL SEPT.**

The exact dates will be announced in a future issue of *Stateline*.

All employees who would have received years of services awards this month will receive them in September.

A Fun Summer Night of Family Entertainment!!

Annual Doo-Wop Saturday Night Performers Set

Contributed by Ginny Painter of the Division of Culture and History.

The West Virginia Division of Culture and History is pleased to announce the musical line-up for this summer's Doo-Wop Saturday Night Outdoor Concert on Saturday, July 14, at Camp Washington-Carver in Clifftop, Fayette County.

Groups scheduled to perform include Rock and Roll Hall of Famers The Platters; The Classic Rock All Stars featuring original members of Rare Earth, Iron Butterfly/Blues Image, Sugarloaf, and Cannibal and the Headhunters; and Doo-Wop Saturday Night regulars Rockin' Robin's



The Platters were once considered the most popular vocal group of the 1950s.

Rhythm Kings. Concert-goers will hear all the great hits from these supergroups, including "The Great Pretender," "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes," "Twilight Time," "Ride Captain Ride," "I Just Want to Celebrate," "In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida," "Green-Eyed Lady" and "Land of a Thousand Dances." The Classic Rock All Stars will also perform a tribute to Motown and the Four Seasons.

Billed as the number one classic rock supergroup in the world, The Classic Rock All Stars earn rave reviews and keep audiences on their feet with hit after hit from some of the greatest bands of the 1970s. All

Star drummer Peter Rivera was the original lead singer and founder of Rare Earth, the first white band to sign with Motown. Rare Earth's hits included "Get Ready," "Losing You," "I Just Want To Celebrate," "Born to Wander," and "Hey Big Brother." The group's "Get Ready" album is in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The original lead singer and founder of Sugarloaf, Jerry Corbetta, plays keyboard with the All Stars. Sugarloaf's hits included "Green-Eyed Lady," "Don't Call Us, We'll Call You," and "Bach Doors Man." Corbetta also recorded and toured with Frankie Vallie and the Four Seasons. Guitarist Mike Pinera was the original singer for Blues Image, whose hits included the song "Ride Captain Ride." He also was a member of Iron Butterfly, whose "In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida" album is in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Bass guitarist Dennis Noda was the leader and musical director of Cannibal and the Headhunters. The group was best known for "Land of a Thousand Dances," which has become the all-time dance party anthem "Na-Na, Na, Na, Na."

The Platters formed in Los Angeles in 1953. Two years later they had their first hit, "Only You," and began their climb to stardom as the most popular vocal group of the 1950s. Between 1955-60, The Platters had four number one songs and 16 gold records, most of which can still be heard on any oldies station in the country. The group's record sales are in excess of 80 million copies and include hits like "My Prayer," "Harbor Lights" and "(You've Got) The Magic Touch." They have toured in some 75 countries and have played venues ranging from Madison Square Garden to the Bottom Line, delighting audi-

ences on a regular basis. In 1990, they were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Legendary disc jockey Wolfman Jack called Rockin' Robin's Rhythm Kings "the greatest band on the planet." Started as a backup band in the late 1970s, Rockin' Robin has worked with a variety of doo-wop artists, including The Drifters, The Coasters, Danny & the Juniors, Gary U.S. Bonds, Frankie Avalon, and The Shirelles. They have been featured on more than 150 television shows, hundreds of recordings and thousands of concerts around the world. They were the first rock band to play the "Grand Ole Opry" in



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Nashville and have performed at The Royal Albert Hall, The Palladium and The Super Bowl.

In addition to enjoying the great music, concert-goers can cruise through the aisles of hot vintage cars in the Doo-Wop Saturday Night Classic Car Show. New additions to the event's afternoon activities will include bubble gum blowing, Elvis

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look-a-like and hoola-hoop contests; oldies karaoke; and the world’s largest Twister game. Food, drink, and souvenirs also will be available.

Gates open at 1 P.M. Contests and games will be held from 2-5 P.M. The show begins at 7 P.M. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$7 for children under 12. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to spread out on the ground. Alcoholic beverages and coolers are prohibited. No rainchecks/refunds will be given.

DIRECTIONS: Camp Washington-Carver is located in Clifftop, adjacent to Babcock State Park just off Rt. 60 (Midland Trail) on Rt. 41. Official promotional sponsors for Doo-Wop Saturday Night are WOAY-TV, The Fayette Tribune, Groovy 94.1 and Mountain River Tours Inc. For more information, call 304/438-3005.

The West Virginia Division of Culture and History brings together the state’s past, present, and future through programs and services in the areas of archives and history, the arts, historic preservation, and museums. Visit their website at www.wvculture.org for more information about programs.

Pencil In ...



As late as May 14, the Division of Forestry was asking all residents to **refrain from outdoor burning until your area receives one day of steady, soaking rain.** In one recent week, there were 80 forest fires statewide that burned more than 1,500 acres, and burning debris piles caused over 50% of them. The normal springtime restriction is **no burning between the hours of 7 A.M. and 4 P.M.**

!! DUCK !!

Nope - TURKEY!!



ABOVE: The smashed window in Building 5. RIGHT: Neil Bowman displays the turkey.



General Services’ Neil Bowman took home the turkey on April 10. The female turkey was visiting the Capitol grounds and took a terribly wrong turn – into a 4th floor window of Building 5.

After getting the go-ahead from DNR biologist Scott Warner, Bowman plucked and cleaned the bird. Bowman’s wife, Ellie, also a General Services’ employee,

prepared the turkey and they shared it with their co-workers for a Good Friday luncheon. The co-workers provided potato salad, baked beans, peanut butter pie, and other luncheon dishes, and all agreed it was a delicious meal!

But what about the person whose office window was shattered? Brenda Miller, who works in Room 435 of Building 5 was working in her office with another employee when the bird hit. She didn’t know exactly what happened at first, but it definitely scared her. She said the turkey hit with such force that “it sounded like a bomb went off!”

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the bill, but felt the title didn’t reflect all of the contents of the bill, making it constitutionally defective.

House Bill 3142: Relating to addresses of manufactured homes and solid waste collection in annexed areas of cities. Wise deemed this bill constitutionally defective also because it contained 2 unrelated purposes without a meaningful or reasonable relationship.

You can view detailed legislative information at the Legislature’s website: http://129.71.161.247/bill_status/2001/bstat_menu.cfm.

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 **The Safety Set**

Design/Poster - Honorable Mention - John Womack


 **Working Men and Working Women Flyer Set**

Marketing/Promotion/Flyer - Honorable Mention - John Womack

In 1999 and 1994 the Bureau won national awards from the American Association of State Compensation Insurance Funds for external brochures, and in 1993, BEP won an award from AASCIF for an external video.

Bureau of Employment Programs Commissioner Robert Smith said he was pleased that the talents of his communications staff were recognized at the national level. “I am delighted that we have the staff talent in-house to produce the quality of work which enabled us to earn this type of recognition for the Bureau,” Smith said.

Congratulations are extended to all winners.

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