

OPINION

Guest Editorial Bond's Broadcast Introducing MovieCare

By Peter Pitts

Imagine turning 65 and finding a letter tucked in your mailbox offering you free movie tickets for just twenty-five bucks a month. You read through the fine print, and amazement, the offer isn't scam. It's a new federal program called "MovieCare."

Not a bad deal. It's estimated that seniors spend between five and six percent of their income on entertainment, and this new program — funded by the government — would cover most of those expenses.

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Not surprisingly, more than eight in ten beneficiaries are pleased with the drug benefit, more seniors than ever before would be able to go to the movies.

If MovieCare were modeled on the Medicare drug benefit, more seniors than ever before would be able to go to the movies.

But before long, it's also likely that some congressional lawmakers would decide that MovieCare — despite its enormous popularity — is costing taxpayers too much.

We'd see speeches vilifying studio moguls and their "massive" profits. We'd see headlines reported about who went to see Flagg's night but ended up trapped in a showing of Man of the

Today, as I write this, it is Monday evening. Earlier in the day, this morning to be exact, I went to the Nicholas County High School football field to witness the deployment ceremony for the local guard detachment heading for Iraq.

I saw plenty of familiar faces out there and I saw strangers who were there for members of the brigade from adjoining counties and from spots clear across Kentucky.

I watched as the parking lot filled up with cars, trucks, motorcycles, and buses.

It was an amazing crowd, all obviously there with a sense of urgency to join in the moment.

The bleachers were nearly full as the end zones had gathering of the crowd.

Old Kentucky softly played through the speaker system as the members of the local 138th Field Artillery, were in the end zone.

Members of the unit were standing by the platoons, ready to march down into the football field into position for the program.

It is admirable that through their training and dedication to task they can carry forward the banner of their unit, along with the hopes and prayers of those

who are left behind. I can tell you the range of emotions that went through my mind and heart as this ceremony progressed.

My thoughts went back to World War II when towns gave up their men to the war effort, and not coming home until the war's end.

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to take care of them because there is a lot of work finishing grades and logging returned textbooks.

On another note, our ever-growing babies are developing very quickly.

They are starting to hold onto toys and getting very strong. Angelo had been trying hard to sit up when he was year old.

And we knew he was probably going to be turning over on his back in a blink of an eye.

To our astonishment Amy witnessed his turn over from his back to his stomach. Amy had laid Antonio down on his back on a blanket when I saw him gasped loudly while watching him.

My parents, who were sitting on another couch jumped in their seats and immediately began fussing when they turned Amy over onto his stomach.

She ran over to him picked him up and kissed him in astonishment. While all of this was happening, I was easily alone and missed the entire thing, but I am sure he will grow tall and strong (but it won't be the same of

or devastating hurricanes? What if we have another terrorist attack? Carlisle is small. Perhaps there are enough National Guard units close by to take care of a disaster here. Let's hope so.

So how do we support the National Guard units? Not by putting yellow ribbons on our cars. Call or write. Congressmen and Davis and tell him to support backing a costly and unpopular war. Tell him to support Davis to let him to support backing a costly and unpopular war.

Almost 100 percent of stateside guard units are paid less than fully trained reserve force for any problem in America — problems on our soil — not problems overseas. And, are our troops properly equipped for combat?

The National Guard has often been called up for Overseas duty in time of war, but never before has the Overseas so used — or maybe we should say used up — depleted National Guard units left our nation greatly at risk, and might leave our soldiers at greater risk in Iraq.

When Katrina hit, 35 percent of the Louisiana Na-

tionals Commission (PCC) in 1949 that required broadcasters to "afford reasonable opportunity for the discussion of controversial issues of public importance." In other words, stations were required to present balanced time to all sides in any discussion of political or controversial issues.

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Yet, due to the dismal failure of public debate (PCC v. Federal Communications Commission), the liberal answer to conservative talk shows and other such attempts to counter the success of our normative media personalities, some in Congress have apparently decided that we need an army of government bureaucrats policing the airwaves and making decisions on behalf of consumers about what is fair and balanced.

While it has not yet been reintroduced in the 110th Congress, the Media Ownership Reform Act of 2005 would have reinstated the fairness doctrine and could be one vehicle supporters of the concept could try to pass.

With the exception of National Public Radio (NPR), which is partially supported with taxpayer money, time and again the marketplace has shown that liberal talk radio just does not bring in the ratings that radio stations need to survive. Hard-core liberal radio hosts and financial losses from unsuspecting listeners are rampant. If we will risk violating a rule that could result in legal action against them, instead there will be far less political or controversial programming.

One of our most precious liberties in America is freedom of speech — not just that, but freedom with, more regulation. If you don't like what you hear, change the channel.

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Fourth District Report

The Unfair Fairness Doctrine

By Geoff Davis

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