

# Bluegrass Beacon

When it comes to closed government, it's Miller time!

When I read Jonathan Miller's recent diatribe referring to me as "mush" in the Kentucky Gazette, the following Biblical allusion came to mind: "When I was a child, I understood as a child, I understood as a child, but when I became a man, I put away childish things."

Miller, finance cabinet secretary, got upset because I called the Behear administration on the carpet for appearing supportive of government transparency but doing little to help it happen. So, as to my case with bureaucrats who dislike operating in the sunshine, Miller resorted to bogus charges and fear mongering - childish behavior at best, unproductive at worst.

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in the Witness Protection Program and Social Security numbers. But Secretary of State Trey Grayson has published his own expenditures during the 2008 legislative session. The bill didn't even get a hearing in the House.

When he was Democratic Party chairman and clawing his way up the bureaucratic food chain, Miller spoke as a partisan and thought as a partisan. But now that he's a cabinet secretary, he should file away his parti-

an plays and focus on what best serves the public.

But Miller never offered much evidence that he finds thrilling the possibility of Kentuckians finding out how their tax dollars get spent. He didn't support proposed transparency-in-government legislation of 2007 led by Rep. Jim DeCesare during the 2008 legislative session. The bill didn't even get a hearing in the House.

Miller then made the criticism of the Behear administration on an issue rooted in partisan politics. But those who have been paying attention know this column is among the most nonpartisan in the business, Miller resorted to bogus charges and fear mongering - childish behavior at best, unproductive at worst.

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without careful review and analysis." That's code for "careful hiding and sanitizing."

The secretary thinks the information about how your money gets spent needs the "review and analysis" of Miller and his fellow bureaucrats. I, however, have great confidence that hard-worked Kentucky taxpayers can perform their own adequate "review and analysis."

My own "review and analysis" of Miller's attack is that it offers a classic modus operandi for slowing down progress: detract from the real issues, minimize urgency, review, send it to another committee to "take a look" at it, etc., etc.

He himself has consistently shown resistance to open government.

As state treasurer, Miller denied open-records requests for unclaimed property funds and gave a 400-percent raise and questionable promotion to a top aide, Rebecca Brooke Parker, who accompanied him on a taxpayer-funded junket to Las Vegas. Miller said at the time he couldn't recall her presence.

More transparency would help solve these kinds of mysteries. Post expenditures online, such as Parker's, and neither Miller nor taxpayers would have to rely on a partisan's memory? Taxpayers of all political stripes should demand that Behear's administration put information on state expenditures, contracts and payrolls online - just like New York is doing at www.

throughout.net.

Let the taxpayers of Kentucky get online and find out for themselves how much money was spent by the state Transportation Department, whose driveway got paved, which roads got four lanes that only needed two and who benefited from the contracts.

Who knows what else might turn up among such unfiltered, un-revised, un-analyzed information?

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### LABOR DAY WEEKEND AUCTION

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## ENERGY

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want real solutions to a problem that is crippling our economy. We need to spend millions in subpoenas or investigations. It lies in real leadership and in solving problems like drilling for more oil and getting serious about developing renewable energy, which are uniquely poised to do so.

So I am submitting a "to-do list" of all the above mentioned politicians. Jack Conway: Stop this silly investigation and focus on law enforcement.

Leland Conway: Stop this conservative edgy, of taxpayer dollars receiving welfare benefits and health care.

## TALKIN'

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University the leader that means the most to him. He will teach them to be honest, caring, fair and balanced journalists.

Nick will teach his students the most important lesson in Journalism. Nick will teach them integrity.

Dale Greer is on the faculty at Morehead State University. He has had vast experience in radio and television including reporting from Vietnam, covering Presidential candidates, and covering Dr. Martin Luther King, Junior. He recently wrote and produced a documentary in Ethiopia. You can reach him at [ddgreer@msu.edu](mailto:ddgreer@msu.edu).

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### Please join us in welcoming Drs. Grant and Mair to our medical community

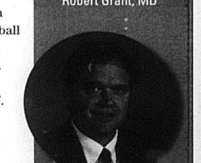
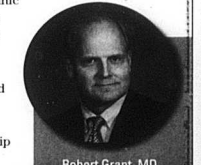
In partnership with UK HealthCare, Harrison Memorial Hospital is pleased to welcome Dr. Robert Grant and Dr. Scott Mair.

Dr. Grant completed his fellowship at Kentucky Sports Medicine Clinic in Lexington. He serves as team physician for Berea College and is the former New York Mets spring-training team physician.

Dr. Mair completed his fellowship at Steadman-Hawkins Clinic in Vail, Colo. He serves as the team physician for UK's men's basketball and specializes in shoulder arthroscopy and reconstruction. He was also named one of America's Best Doctors® in 2007.

Both Dr. Grant and Dr. Mair are fellowship-trained sports medicine surgeons.

To find out more or schedule an appointment, please call 859-235-3562.



Robert Grant, MD  
Scott Mair, MD

#### NICHOLAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH TAXING DISTRICT

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2007

Published in accordance with KRS 424.220 and 45.070

The following information and support data may be inspected by the general public at 2320 Concrete Road, Carlisle, KY between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Robert S. Sparks, CMO, Chairman, Board of Health, 240 Conway Drive, Carlisle, KY 40311	
Larry Trichter, Judge Executive, Board Member, Nicholas County Courthouse, Carlisle, KY 40311	
John Anderson, Board Member, 3033 Burns Road, Carlisle, KY 40311	
Margie Burman, Board Member, 270 Conway Drive, Carlisle, KY 40311	
Dorey Hamilton, Board Member, 3033 Burns Road, Carlisle, KY 40311	
Marsha Henry, Board Member, 306 S. Walnut Street, Carlisle, KY 40311	
Larry Hamilton, Board Member, 3033 Burns Road, Carlisle, KY 40311	
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Paul Randolph, Board Member, 90 Catherine Street, Carlisle, KY 40311	
Bobby Reid, Board Member, 1050 Millidge Road, Carlisle, KY 40311	
Richard Storm, 2991 Upper Lake Road, Moorefield, KY 40330	

#### RECEIPTS - FISCAL YEAR 2007-08

Beginning Balance of Funds Available - July 1, 2007

NOW Checking	1,017,249.49
Certificates of Deposits (CDs)	510,578.28
<b>Fiscal Year 2007-08</b>	
Nicholas County Sheriff (Franchise and Property Tax)	\$60,994.94
Nicholas County Clerk (Motor Vehicle and Delinquent Property Tax)	\$18,147.37
Nicholas County Board of Health (Motor Vehicle and Transportation Tax)	\$23,181.42
Interest Earned on NOW Checking Account	\$11,995.86
Interest Earned on CD's	\$2,660.49
<b>Total Receipts - Fiscal Year 2007-08</b>	<b>\$123,970.06</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS - FISCAL YEAR 2007-08

Appropriations to Health District Health Department	\$51,346.00
Building Maintenance and Repair	\$19,072.02
Salaries	\$173,141.81
Miscellaneous (Board Meeting Expenses, Bond Insurance, and Safety Deposit Box)	\$384.48
<b>Total Disbursements - Fiscal Year 2007-08</b>	<b>\$727,572.72</b>
Balance of Funds Available as of June 30, 2007	\$347,544.11

#### BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2008 - TAXING DISTRICT ACCOUNTS

NOW Checking	\$232,326.06
Certificates of Deposits (CDs)	\$118,288.05

This is to certify that at the close of business on June 30, 2008, a total of \$350,614.11 was credited to the NOW Checking Account of the Nicholas County Public Health Taxing District.

Tom A. Ockerman, Vice President of Deposit Bank of Carlisle

This is to certify that at the close of business on June 30, 2008, a total of \$118,288.05 was credited to Certificate of Deposits (CDs) for Nicholas County Public Health Taxing District.

Tom A. Ockerman, Vice President of Deposit Bank of Carlisle

Witness my hand this 21st day of August, 2008.

Dr. R. B. Sparks, Chairman, Nicholas County Public Health Taxing District

Commonwealth of Kentucky  
County of Nicholas

Subscribed and sworn to by Dr. R. B. Sparks before me on this 21st day of August, 2008.

My commission expires 10/18/2010.

Shelia Anderson, Shelia Anderson, Notary Public

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#### Wednesday Evening August 27, 2008

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