



The Florida Democrat

Keeping Florida Democrats up to date on news in the state

Republican Culture of Corruption

Just when you thought the RPOF scandal couldn't get any worse...



The *Orlando Sentinel* reported: "Jim Greer got cut of Delmar's fundraising contract, under FDLE investigation."

Link: <http://tinyurl.com/ydvonc7>

According to the *St. Petersburg Times/Miami Herald*, "GOP leaders signed a severance agreement with Greer" and that Greer was possibly paid \$200,000 in "hush money."

Link: <http://tinyurl.com/yzgbnke>

Just how much will the RPOF corruption scandal hurt Career Politician Bill McCollum?

Link: <http://tinyurl.com/ycyj5o>

The *Miami Herald/St. Petersburg Times* details a possible connection between Greer's severance package and Career Politician Bill McCollum

Link: <http://tinyurl.com/ycc9syg>



Dean Cannon, Marco Rubio, and Ray Sansom racked up \$458,000 in AmEx charges.

Link: <http://tinyurl.com/ydk27r9>

A junior staffer rang up \$1.3 million on her RPOF AmEx card.

Link: <http://tinyurl.com/yehlv5u>

Republican Culture of Corruption (Continued)

- Florida Democratic Party Chair Karen Thurman and Alex Sink call for Governor Crist to appoint a special prosecutor into the alleged corruption at the RPOF.
Link: <http://tinyurl.com/ydkhndo>; <http://tinyurl.com/yekeybhf>
- Reuters links Greer investigation/RPOF spending scandal with RNC's bondage-gate.
Link: <http://tinyurl.com/ye6ecwx>
- *Talking Points Memo* asks if "donor money was used as a slush fund?"
Link: <http://tinyurl.com/yatocz9>
- The *Orlando Sentinel* says that Greer could "damage party leaders."
Link: <http://tinyurl.com/ybcxswr>
- From the *Miami Herald*: "The Stench from Tallahassee."
Link: <http://tinyurl.com/ya9usna>

Democrat Craig Lowe Wins Gainesville Mayor's Race

- Lowe got 50.14% of the vote to win the race.
Link: <http://tinyurl.com/y7ndy7r>
- A mandatory recount is occurring today. On Thursday, Lowe got a "seven-vote boost" going into today's recount.
Link: <http://tinyurl.com/y6fhu64>

Democratically Opposed Bills

HB 1207-Sponsored by Representative Seth McKeel

This bill creates slush funds for corrupt politicians to funnel money into for their personal campaign spending. After the exposure of even more RPOF corruption and the opening of a criminal investigation into them, the bill was vetoed on April 6th.

SB 6-Sponsored by Senator John Thrasher

This bill passed through legislation and Broward Superintendent Jim Notter called state Senate Bill 6 "a crushing blow against our most important employees, our teachers." All Democrats voted in opposition to this bill.

Read more: <http://www.miamiherald.com/>

Update: On Thursday, after much public pressure and a strong push from CFO Alex Sink, SB6 was vetoed.

Events

For a complete list of the events in April, please visit the FDP Google calendar.

Link: http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=fdpintern10%40gmail.com&ctz=America/New_York

Third Annual Florida Democratic County Chairs Retreat

Sponsor: FDCCA, FDP, Small County Coalition

Location: Orlando Marriott Lake Mary; 1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary FL 32746

Time: April 16th-18th

Contact Info: Chair Alison Morano at 813-766-9872

Cost: \$50 for event, room reservations at \$99 per night, \$250-\$2500 to sponsor (call for assorted prices)

Wellstone Training Seminar (Seminole County)

Sponsor: College Dems

Location: Info. to come

Time: 17th (10 a.m.) to 18th (9 p.m.)

Contact Info: Seminole HQ at 407-745-1173

Other Details: Paul Wellstone discusses strategies to running a successful grassroots campaign

Democrats of Hillsborough County at America's Second Harvest Food Bank

Sponsor: South Tampa Democrats and America's Second Harvest Food Bank

Location: America's Second Harvest food bank 5300 East Adamo Drive Tampa, FL 33619-3208

Time: 17th from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Contact Info: Service project

Other Details:

Run, Jane, Run!

Sponsor: Democratic Women's Club (Lake County)

Location: Tavares Civic Center 100 E. Caroline St., Tavares, FL 32778

Time: 9AM-12PM

Contact Information: Elizabeth Kapoor (352)-365-1189

Other Details: Seminar aiding women in running for office or helping in campaigning.