



# 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/ycyjh5o>

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 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **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](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 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

**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:** 17<sup>th</sup> (10 a.m.) to 18<sup>th</sup> (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:** 17<sup>th</sup> 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.