Rubio, Murphy Senate race attracts big dollars

By Andy Reid
Staff writer

With control of the U.S. Senate at stake, money pouring into the race between Sen. Marco Rubio and Rep. Patrick Murphy has reached $20 million, with the Florida electorate in pursuit of Florida’s most competitive Senate seat.

Rubio’s campaign has raised about $120 million and Murphy’s campaign raised $11 million through Sept. 30, according to recent filings to the Federal Election Commission.

For Rubio, that’s already more than the $82 million he raised in his initial run for Senate in 2010, according to the commission.

And it’s also more than the nearly $17 million Sen. Bill Nelson raised in his 2012 re-election run, according to federal records.

The money keeps flowing into the race because both Republicans and Democrats think winning Florida’s seat can help them win control of the Senate, according to David Keating, president of the Center for Competitive Politics.

“Florida is probably one of the biggest competitive states,” Keating told the Sun Sentinel. “It seems like each time we have a Senate race, it’s something of national importance in terms of getting control of the Senate.”

Clinton, Trump crisscross state

By Anthony Man and Andy Reid
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Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton was a nerve of supporters at the Broward College campus in Coconut Creek on Tuesday. She marked her 69th birthday, which is Wednesday. At right, Republican candidate Donald Trump campaigns in Sanford, one of several Florida stops that included his golf resort in Doral.

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Mendes, Marsalis and ‘Pink Panther’ coming in '17

By Phillip Vales
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On Monday, the Festival of the Arts Boca and the Palm Beach Symphony will co-present a screening of the classic “The Pink Panther,” which spawned the iconic album “Pink Panther,” with the 1969 animated movie version of the cartoon, featuring the theme song by Henry Mancini. The concert will also feature works by Spanish composer Alejandro Sanz, who is known for his fusion of Latin and Western music.

The show will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, at the Festival of the Arts Boca Theatre, 590 Plaza Real, and Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center, 200 Plaza Real, in Boca Raton. Tickets are $25–$45, and can be purchased at 561-393-7989, festivaloftheartsboca.org.

Schumer slammed for Beyonce parody

Comedian Amy Schumer says her parody of Beyoncé’s “Formation” video is racist and insensitive.

The video features a woman who is wearing a black dress and a black eye mask. She is seen walking down the street with a gun in her hand, and then she starts singing to the camera. Her voice is heard over the music, and she begins to dance. She continues to sing and dance, and eventually she is joined by other women who are also singing and dancing. The video ends with the woman holding up a black power fist.

On Twitter, Schumer wrote: “I am so sorry. This video was not meant to be a parody of Beyoncé’s ‘Formation’ but rather a fun, empowering piece to share with the world. I am sorry if anyone thought it was disrespectful.”

Schumer’s video has been widely criticized, with many people calling it insensitive and racists.

The video has since been removed from all platforms, and Schumer has issued an apology.

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Today

Music
Mary Chapin Carpenter: The critical acclaim and commercial success of the Grammy-winning songwriter’s latest album, “The Other Woman,” has cemented her status as one of the most respected and beloved figures in modern country music.

Carpenter, who has been performing for nearly 30 years, has released 14 studio albums, each one more successful than the last. Her latest effort, “The Other Woman,” was released in 2016 and quickly became a critical favorite.

The album features 11 original songs, all written by Carpenter herself. The title track is a powerful statement about the pain of being rejected and the struggle to find love in a world where it seems impossible.

Comedy
Girls Only: The Secret Comedy of Women

On Monday, the Festival of the Arts Boca will present a new comedy show called “Girls Only: The Secret Comedy of Women.” The show is a collection of short films and performances that explore the unique perspective of women in comedy.

The show will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 6, at the Festival of the Arts Boca Theatre, 590 Plaza Real, and Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center, 200 Plaza Real, in Boca Raton. Tickets are $25–$45, and can be purchased at 561-393-7989, festivaloftheartsboca.org.

The weather

Forecast for Wednesday

High 54/37/r Low 37/26/r

60% Chance of rain

76 81 78

83 78

84 78

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76 78 81

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Jeff Berardelli’s outlook

The weather will generally be nice and comfortable across South Florida through late next week, although there could be isolated storms late in the week. The next cold front is expected to move through South Florida on Friday morning, bringing cooler temperatures for the weekend.

The National Weather Service’s forecast for Wednesday includes:

• Highs in the upper 70s, with a low of 60 degrees.
• Chance of rain: 60%.

The weather for Thursday includes:

• Highs in the upper 70s, with a low of 60 degrees.
• Chance of rain: 60%

The weather for Friday includes:

• Highs in the upper 70s, with a low of 60 degrees.
• Chance of rain: 60%