

# SOMETHING VERY STRANGE BUT VERY HISTORIC IS HAPPENING IN IDAHO'S MIDTERM ELECTIONS.

*Yet the press is refusing to cover it! We ask, "Why?"*

For the first time in Idaho's history, a candidate for governor has invested more than \$3 million of his own family's money to buy the governor's seat. Prior to this, the most any candidate had ever spent on his own campaign had been a few hundred thousand dollars. A.J. Balukoff is spending about 10 times more than any candidate has ever spent on his or her own campaign—using his own money.

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*The concept of a very wealthy individual using inherited wealth to purchase the governor's seat is worthy of the press's attention.*

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Yet the Post Register has refused to inform the public. Being jeered by Corey Taule's "Cheers and Jeers" column has become a badge of honor for conservatives. When Corey Taule pretended to correct the record by jeering Mike Batt's meager expenditure opposing A.J. Balukoff, Taule tried to make Batt's ad appear inaccurate and unfair—suggesting that Batt's ad misinformed the public. The opposite is

true. All of the statements in Batt's ad regarding Balukoff's platform appear to be accurate.

What's more interesting, however, is that in his jeering of Batt, Taule had to walk a mile out of his way to avoid mentioning Balukoff's outrageous \$3.2 million personal expenditure in trying to purchase the governor's seat.

Idaho's media should have been all over the Balukoff \$3.2 million self-aggrandizing extravaganza. It is a sad day when the press—whose main task is to keep the public informed—actually goes so far out of their way to keep us uninformed. One can only ask why this front-page story never made it onto any page whatsoever.



## CHEERS

*To Mike Batt for informing the public.*

## JEERS

*To all of the media who tried to keep us in the dark.*

