

Joker's Analysis of OpenCDA.com reaction to Brannon bond decision:

We're seeing a reality meltdown by Mary and company. For months, they've believed in their soul they were right and the rest of the world was wrong.

Most everybody knew that a judge would require a hefty bond to move forward with this type of lawsuit. Most everybody knows that judges are very reluctant to overturn an election – name the last time it happened in Idaho. Most everybody knows the challengers would have a high bar to get over.

Yet, Mary and the gang dismissed those realities as poppycock. They scoured election books looking for the smoking gun and probably found some irregularities. No election is perfect. Yet, they believed they had enough evidence to show election fraud. Larry Spencer's attack on a U.S. soldier was classic example of myopic thinking. He blasted a guy who actually voted for Jim Brannon.

Mary and the gang forgot that if you want to change the system – from the courts or anywhere else —you're going to need money – a lot of money. A cocktail hour fundraiser isn't going to cut it. You need somebody with deep pockets who will finance a top-notch attorney and have the money for a performance bond. They have some people in their group who have money – Kathy Sims for example owns Coeur d'Alene Honda.

I seriously doubt any of them will have the conviction to risk \$10,000 let alone \$40,000 to make the bond. I believe their challenge is dead. I found it ironic that if they had just raised an extra \$10,000 during the election – they might have beaten Mike Kennedy. Jim Brannon's fundraising was a joke. Everybody who follows politics in Coeur d'Alene knew Mike Kennedy was going to go for broke. He was going to use every avenue possible to get funding. Where was that effort from Jim Brannon?

I think Mary and the gang believed in their souls that enough people were outraged at city hall that money wouldn't be a factor. They were wrong. They were so very wrong. Reality came crashing down on them Tuesday and it hurt. You almost fell sorry for people who are so convinced they are right, they can't see reality. But then again, it is Mary Full of Grace, she deserves to eat a poop taco.
