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No, I'm not making this stuff up.

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### "Beneath the Beauty"

Monday, March 15th, 2010

You may have begun hearing that the documentary "Beneath the Beauty" is now out. It's been showing in small venues around the valley and there are a few copies of the DVD floating around. One county department I know of actually held a video viewing party.

Beneath the Beauty claims to be about "divisions and perceptions" and Ravalli County as the icon of what's wrong with America. It's really more of a manufactured drama about people who got arrested at one point or another and did not think it was fair.

(Funny side note: when searching for a link to the trailer on YouTube for some reason I kept typing in "Behind the Beauty," which brought up cheerleader videos. Nice, but not what I was looking for.)

Being a newcomer to the valley, I found the movie confusing and hard to follow, especially since although it was supposed to be about Ravalli County it spent a considerable amount of time taping people talking at a meeting in Libby (or was it Eureka). I may not be the best critic, however, since I only sat through the first hour. I stopped watching when failed Hamilton mayoral candidate Michael Spreadbury and a friend went into a prolonged argument that Hamilton was not a legal political entity.

A DVD of the movie can be purchased through the Web site if you have a PayPal account. It will also be shown Saturday March 20 at 5:30 p.m. at The Roxy in Missoula.

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This blog is written by Jeff Schmerker, a reporter at the Ravalli Republic. Feel free to write me at [jeff.schmerker@ravallirepublic.com](mailto:jeff.schmerker@ravallirepublic.com) with suggestions, praise, complaints (constructive only, please) or offers to buy me drinks.

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## Photographs

From: **Michael Spreadbury** (mspread@hotmail.com)  
Sent: Wed 10/20/10 7:47 PM  
To: sherry.devlin@missoulain.com  
Cc: crystal (crystal@crystalcox.com)

Dear Ms. Devlin,  
Editor, Missoulain Newspaper

I am the owner of [www.Bitterroot-rising.org](http://www.Bitterroot-rising.org) which contains many photographs from the Lee Enterprises newspapers. Under every photograph I take great effort to link the source, or the photographer who took the photograph, no matter if it is a Lee Photograph or from a site based in Australia.

It is my understanding that any photograph that is not copy protected is free domain for use on the internet. The Lee Enterprises photographs are not protected on your sites, and therefore not subject to copywrite protections. People from all over the world are copying images from my site, and Google is using them as displays for people like Oliver North, and executives from the NRA, amongst other images.

The copywrite symbol (a circled c) was not present with your photographs, and are not unique property to Lee Enterprises. The internet is a medium to share information, and if the Lee Newspaper group wishes to protect its property, it needs to protect its photos from copy, or not post them at all.

To ask Ms. Cox to remove photographs that were not copywrite protected is not a professional, nor an ethical position to be coming from. This memo is asking Lee Enterprises to refrain from publishing the ownership of websites prior to actually knowing the owner. The employees at Lee Enterprises seem to mis-represent my site, and the fact that I do not own many sites, but I have been asked to contribute to the content of sites owned by others.

As an editor of a newspaper, to ask for removal of photographs that were legally obtained and published is problematic. As a request for respect for both parties, I would ask that Lee Newspaper personnel refrain from asking any individual to stop a protected activity. In this regard, any furtherance of demands, or requests would be seen by any neutral party as harassment in this matter.

Ms. Devlin, I have seen what Lee Enterprises does within Montana. Perhaps you are blinded as to the effects, and alliances this company entertains. While I will not interfere with any communication between you and Ms. Cox, information is free on the internet. Your messages speak in an opposite direction.

Thank you for your time.

**Michael Spreadbury**

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--- On Tue, 10/19/10, Sherry Devlin <Sherry.Devlin@missoulian.com> wrote:

From: Sherry Devlin <Sherry.Devlin@missoulian.com>  
Subject: RE: illegal use of copyrighted photographs  
To: "Crystal L. Cox" <savvybroker@yahoo.com>  
Cc: "Kristen Bounds" <Kristen.Bounds@missoulian.com>  
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2010, 1:50 PM

Ms. Cox,

Again, you are violating our copyright. It doesn't matter where you say you got the photographs. They are the exclusive copyrighted content of the Ravalli Republic. You do not have permission to use them. You must remove them from your website immediately.

Sherry Devlin

Ravalli Republic editor

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## RE: The newspaper experiment

From: **Perry Backus (MIS)** (pbackus@ravallirepublic.com)  
Sent: Fri 11/21/08 3:44 PM  
To: 'Michael Spreadbury' (mspread@hotmail.com)  
Cc: 'akitaluck@gmail.com' (akitaluck@gmail.com)

Michael and Michael,

I've reviewed the information you sent me on this story. We won't be doing a story. End of story.

Thank you for your time.

**Perry Backus**  
Ravalli Republic Editor  
406-363-3300 ext. 30  
pbackus@ravallirepublic.com

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**RE: La Salle resignation request**

From: **Perry Backus (MIS)** (pbackus@ravallirepublic.com)  
Sent: Mon 11/03/08 12:21 PM  
To: 'Michael Spreadbury' (mspread@hotmail.com)

Michael,

I spoke with the police chief this morning about your letter. He said Mr. LaSalle didn't leave the scene of the accident until after the police arrived. He also told me LaSalle was cited and the case has already worked its way through the court system. The police chief also told me he was sure the Ravalli Republic had written a story on the incident. I couldn't find the story our electronic archives, but I will look through hard copies as soon as I have the opportunity.

Thank you.

**Perry Backus**  
Ravalli Republic Editor  
406-363-3300 ext. 30  
pbackus@ravallirepublic.com

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**From:** Michael Spreadbury [mailto:mspread@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 03, 2008 11:21 AM  
**To:** Perry Backus (MIS); editor@bitterrotstar.com  
**Subject:** La Salle resignation request

This letter is less than 300 words. It is bringing to light the hit and run accident that occurred on September 14, 2007 involving Mike LaSalle.

I encourage you to make this front page news. If this remains silent, please look for me on the evening news from Missoula.

Thanks,  
363-3877  
PO Box 416 Hamilton

**Michael Spreadbury**

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The couple lived in California but California beckoned, and Bob returned to San Diego County with his

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# Sheriff's Blotter

## Thursday, Aug. 16

Mike E. Spreadbury, 36, was arrested on warrant. A coroner responded to a call for an elderly Hamilton woman.

A Corvallis man reported that a male juvenile trespassed on his property and damaged an irrigation component. The juvenile was warned for trespassing and criminal mischief.

A Hamilton woman reported a family disturbance. Investigation revealed that no crime happened.

A Victor resident reported that an unknown person stole his e-machine laptop from his unlocked residence.

Emily B. Simons, 37, was cited for throwing lighted material from a vehicle onto the Eastside Highway.

A Florence woman reported violation of privacy in communications involving offensive e-mails sent to her by a man and woman.

The Stevensville Police Department was assisted by a deputy taking a report from a woman involving cell phone messages from her ex-husband living out-of-state.

## Friday, Aug. 17

Thomas E. Swaim, 40, was arrested on warrant.

Tina L. Carlson, 42, was cited in Florence for disorderly conduct and privacy in communications.

Brenden C. Anderson, 25, Jeremy J. Perfinger, 26, and Alison L. Smith, 24, were cited for negligent endangerment.

A Stevensville man reported that he was bitten by a dog at a Stevensville residence when he stopped to look at a vehicle for sale.

A coroner responded to a call for an adult man in Hamilton.

Theft was reported involving shoplifting at a Stevensville business.

A woman reported a violation of protection order by her ex-husband during a custody exchange at a business.

Marvin K. Walters, 66, was arrested in Hamilton for violation of a protection order.

A privacy in communications violation was reported in Hamilton involving a harassing phone call from a woman. The woman was issued a warning as requested.

## Saturday, Aug. 18

Alexander J. Gratton, 20, was arrested in Hamilton on a warrant.

A coroner responded to a call for an elderly adult man from Stevensville.

A verbal disturbance in Hamilton was responded to. The man and woman were warned for disorderly conduct.

A Stevensville residence was responded to for partner/family member assault.

A Florence residence was responded to for suspicious activity.

The hospital emergency room was responded to regarding a woman who reported that she was bitten by her dog.

A Hamilton woman reported criminal mischief to her mailbox.

A Hamilton man reported a

woman's dogs were running in the roadway and his yard. The woman was issued a warning.

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