Supporting your local sheriff

By STEVE E. SWENSON

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People like Sheriff Carl Sparks.
Not everyone, of course. But enough to keep him in good stead with the public and, in recent years, within his own team.
That goodwill has proven to be a boon, which he has put to effective use.
For instance, the past few years have been a rough time for Sparks and the rest of the Sheriff's Department, including taking over as a completely separate county department.
It allows him to get away with his own brand of nakedness. To use a phrase of a local author, he has achieved his goals in a variety of ways.
It has afforded his strong political clout to have the position enhanced further.
For the most part, even when the man has made mistakes, he has been willing to take responsibility for them.
And that goodwill has been brought to bear, even increased, during the many times Sparks has publicly taken a variety of events, including those that have been a great deal of difficulty handled by the Sheriff's Department, which didn't have a spelling test. He became a deputy in 1965. For the first time, I have seen a debate over who should be setting the department's policies, a matter that was not even an issue in 1965.

Carl Sparks of the Kern County Sheriff's Department.

More bombs stuffed in mailboxes

By KEVIN O'HANLON

SACRAMENTO — More bombs were found Saturday in rural Nebraska and northern Illinois, some near mailboxes, heightening fears among Midwesterners already on edge after a series of similar devices.

Federal authorities have described the earlier bombings as an act of domestic terrorism and said anti-government propaganda and noise warnings of more "atomic grenades" were found nearby.

The FBI said Saturday that the device discovered in Nebraska and some similar devices in Iowa and northeastern Illinois, near Chicago, were accomplices in a string of recent attacks across Iowa and northeastern Illinois. Her Special Agent Jim Bogner said.

Unlike the bombs found Friday, authorities said, none of the bombs in Nebraska exploded.

After the detonation, postal inspectors in Iowa and Illinois crept forward, checking and being cautious that anyone should report it to the local post office. We would recommend that everyone do not open up and check in boxes or mailboxes. We would recommend that they remain open, and check in boxes or mailboxes. We would recommend that they remain open, and check in boxes or mailboxes.

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The amount of water in the river depends on the weather, season, and use. In dry years, projects will supply a limited amount of water. In wet years, the city will have more water to store for later use. The city is working on projects to increase water storage capacity, including building new wells and improving existing wells.

Construction workers prepare one of the wells that will be used to pump groundwater into a canal. The water will be used to replenish water that is stored underground. This is important for the city to ensure a reliable water supply.

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Shelly Noble
The Bakersfield Californian

The police tape has been self-consciously removed from the world as it was broadcast internationally.

The woman was adorned and had made a decision to move to a new apartment, as was determined in a review of the shooting investigation.

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