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TUB FOR TWO

Two bathtub racers take a break from the competition to laugh uncontrollably. (See story, pages 6-7)

Village Market upgrades security systems

by JOHN ELLIOTT

When a person's business or home is burglarized, it is an indescribable feeling of violation. Add one huge mess to the premises that is often made by the intruder and the feelings of anger and helplessness are magnified.

It is those feelings that the folks who work at Village Market experienced in the aftermath of last week's burglary ["Village Market burglarized," March 26]. Earlier this year, the venerable market marked 60 years in business.

Now owned by Greg Dixon and operated by his wife, Nataliya, it is the longest continuously operating family-owned business in Three Rivers.

But being a pillar of the community does not bring immunity from being a target of a malicious burglary. The timing of this recent incident couldn't come at a more inopportune time.

The staff is shouldering a tremendous responsibility right now, ordering all the Lions food and liquor for Jazzaffair and the Three Rivers Roping, the premier events of the local season that are literally right around the corner.

Nataliya said she is feeling the stress to get everything ready

and finding the best prices so the Three Rivers Lions can earn those funds that so many are counting on for scholarships and charitable donations.

"We had been talking recently about upgrading our security system and now we have a state-of-the-art alarm system and infrared —see MARKET, page 11

Census on its way to 3R

With April 1 being designated National Census Day and its national media blitz encouraging all to turn in their forms on that day, one would think Three Rivers would at least have received the highly publicized survey. Not so, said Rebecca Sanchez, a customer service representative at the Three Rivers Post Office.

"They're coming but so far the delivery of the forms has only been sporadic," reported Rebecca. "I also worked at the Porter-

ville station this week and it's the same thing over there."

For anyone who just can't wait to reveal their demographics, the Census forms are available for a limited time at the office of THE KAWEAH COMMONWEALTH.

Larry Baker of Three Rivers, a retired Lake Kaweah park ranger, said he was glad to be hired as one of the area supervisors. Larry and his team of Census takers will make certain that all of Three Rivers is counted.

3R couple to be honored by Lions

by BRIAN ROTHAMMER

Each year, the Three Rivers Lions Club holds a Recognition Night to honor those who provide exemplary service to the community. This year's honorees are Tom and Rhoda "Dody" Marshall.

Tom and Dody met in 1976 while Tom was a division manager for the American Automobile Association. Tom had been there for 10 years and Dody since 1974, having worked her way from file clerk to travel counselor.

"At one point, he was my boss," recalled Dody.

"I remember when I first saw her," said Tom. "She was standing at the top of the stairs. I remember what she wore, exactly how she looked. I was hooked and didn't know it."

They did not begin dating until

Tom left the Pasadena office and transferred to Colorado Springs. Dody followed, and the couple married in 1977.

Both were native Californians and soon became homesick. After six years in Colorado, they moved to Half Moon Bay, north of Santa Cruz. While there, Tom managed a travel agency and Dody went into property management.

In 1993, the couple moved to Three Rivers, as it was about midway between the residences of Tom's and Dody's parents, whom they visited often. Tom's sister, Linda Drouet, already lived in Three Rivers.

"We were both raised in the Los Angeles area, but we tend to think small town," said Tom. "We feel that we want to do things for this community."

—see AWARD, page 11



TOM AND DODY MARSHALL

• KAWEAH COUNTRY OUTLOOK: three rivers • lemon cove • woodlake •

Saturday, April 3	Sunday, April 4	Monday, April 5	Tuesday, April 6	Wednesday, April 7	Thursday, April 8	Friday, April 9
Partly cloudy Hi 69 • Lo 44	Partly cloudy Hi 62 • Lo 42	Showers Hi 60 • Lo 42	Sunny Hi 64 • Lo 44	Sunny Hi 74 • Lo 48	Sunny Hi 75 • Lo 49	Partly cloudy Hi 75 • Lo 50

WEATHER WATCH

It looks like the majority of the United States will enjoy dry and warm Easter Sunday weather... and the rain is trying to hold off till Monday in Kaweah Country. After a mean flow of 1,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) on March 30, two days later cooler temperatures had dropped the Kaweah forks to 700 cfs. That range of white water is ideal for kayaking so look for lots of river surfers throughout April. Warmer May temps mean higher flows and whitewater rapids perfect for rafting. The five feet of snow at 8,000 feet is holding a huge pack poised to release tons of acre feet down the Kaweah drainage. Enjoy!