

Douglas candidates' forum exposes differences

By Susan Wood

GARDNERVILLE – It's been said: The personal is the political.

When five of the seven candidates running for four seats on the Douglas County School District board of trustees took up the question of transgender access in restrooms at Monday night's forum at the Carson Valley Inn, the usually tame venue got slightly raucous.

Amid the laughter, groans and mumbling of attendees, each candidate tried to delicately express their views on the controversial subject affecting the schools. The federal mandate requires schools to allow students who identify with a gender other than the one they're born with to use the bathroom of choice.

Leading up to that subject, the panel discussion appeared mild and typical of most political forums. But moderator Jerry Evans, who owns KKFT 99.1-FM, baited the candidates with the inquiry at the non-partisan forum sponsored by the Good Governance Group of Douglas County. The primary is June 14. If no one receives 50 percent of the vote plus one, the top two candidates will face each other in November.



Michael Kiger

Retired teacher Michael Eugene Kiger of Zephyr Cove, who's challenging Keith Byer of Glenbrook and Nicholas Shepack of Zephyr Cove in Area 3, said he doesn't support the mandate and added that it's "not something we can decide on immediately." It was difficult to tell whether he was speaking of choosing one's gender or challenging the rule.

(Cindy Trigg, who represents the area now, is being termed out.)

Ambiguity may be a survival mechanism in times like these.

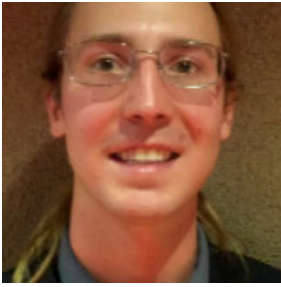


Keith Byer

Shepack, a small businessman who went to the Lake Tahoe schools, said he doesn't like that it's a federal mandate, but was open to further discussion.

Gardnerville resident Linda Gilkerson, who works for Tahoe Youth & Family Services as a mentor coordinator, told listeners that perhaps the conversation should be made with the younger set.

"I can tell you that millennials look at this differently," the first-time office seeker said, suggesting that young people appear more open to diversity



Nicholas
shepack

than older generations.

To that, Evans piped in that it seemed hard to fathom a teenage girl not minding showering with a boy.

But to that, Gilkerson held her own, countering: “That’s not what we’re talking about here,” despite the sneers from the approximately 40 people in the audience.

“Before you pass judgment, ask the children. They’re a lot more open than a lot of people in this room,” she said, while never wavering.

Incumbent Karen Chessell of Minden, who’s running unopposed for the Area 1 seat, came to Gilkerson’s defense. The veteran school board trustee, who also works for the Nevada Department of Education, insisted she agrees that children are not occupied with transgender issues.

The bigger challenge to her is creating policy.

Larry Lippmann, up for the Area 5 seat against Gilkerson, stopped short of covering the policy and politics.

Instead, the Gardnerville resident – who has logged 35 years in education starting out as a bus driver – simply stated he’s “in support of people who are in transition” and that he has sympathy and empathy.

Byer and Gardnerville resident Neal Freitas, the latter running unopposed for the Area 4 seat, were absent.

Other than the small disturbance during the May 16 panel discussion, the night came off as a friendly meet-and-greet gathering, where the candidates mingled with those interested in Douglas County schools.

Four county commissioner candidates also participated in the forum – Greg Lynn, Dave Nelson, Frank Godecke and Larry Walsh. They fielded questions ranging from green energy and flooding to conflicts of interest along with water and growth.

But it was the school board candidates who took center stage first.

The lake as an island of Douglas

When asked by *Lake Tahoe News* how they view school issues at the lake, Lippman declared he sees no separation between the valley and the lake.

“We’re all in this together,” the former mathematics teacher said. Lippman taught at South Tahoe High School in 1986.

Chessell, who said she showed up to hear what the other candidates had to say, said she’s “concerned about the success of all (Douglas County) citizens.” She pointed out how she was on the board during radon mitigation, an issue facing the granite-based mountain area.

She noted the selling of the former Kingsbury Middle School “has been a challenge,” especially since it needs a new roof.

As a teacher and administrator, Chessell may put her 150 hours of specific training in education budget and finance to work in finding a solution there.

“I feel the taxpayers have invested in me,” she said. “I look forward to four more years.”

In respect to Area 3, Shepack has ideas of his own.

"There's a lot we could do with that property," Shepack told *Lake Tahoe News* of the Stateline property. He'd like to see a recreation center or large community space that would generate money for the community. Shepack runs the concessionaire company Friar on the Mountain.

Beyond the business angle, Shepack said he brings a unique perspective – one of being a student. He spent all 12 grades at lake schools.

Gilkerson noted she takes the perspective of a parent and longtime resident of 24 years in the county. She raised two sons in Douglas schools and worked as a substitute teacher, along with working for nonprofits.

"Every job has led me back to our community," she said.

Kiger endorses the idea of giving back to the community and through awareness and greater access being retired wants to avail himself to the citizenry. Like Lippmann, Kiger taught math.

Common ground?

The candidates provided some diversity in the ranks when the question came up of Common Core, the U.S. initiative that details what K-12 students should know in English/language arts and math.

Chessell and Gilkerson offered their support for the consistency standards. Shepack hesitated, saying he's not quite ready "to scrap it." Kiger wants to enhance it, while Lippmann is against it.

"I'm way in favor of local control. I don't know if I want the people in the federal government telling us what to teach," the teacher said. To that, he gained applause from the audience.

Does money rule?

When Evans posed a question from the audience about whether money helps education, most of the candidates affirmed the almighty dollar is necessary.

“Money does make a difference,” a stern Lippmann insisted.

Kiger explained how a small ratio of students to teachers brings better results. Chessell declared the state’s support of the dollars also provides “better results.”

Shepack would like to see more funding go to the arts, while Gilkerson leans toward improvements in technology.

Byer, who was in Chicago on the night of the forum, specifically told *Lake Tahoe News* that our investment in technology will help shape students’ futures since they “will face a dynamic work environment.” He added: “Every career will be intertwined with technology.”

Byer pledged to be diligent about making up for reduced student enrollment factors as a businessman eager to find creative solutions.

Freitas did not respond to an inquiry from *LTN*.

Snowpack melting quickly in Sierra



Water is flowing into the Truckee River from Lake Tahoe. Photo/LTN

By KCRA-TV

With temperatures in the 90s Tuesday in the Sacramento area, the water was raging along the North Fork of the American River thanks to fast-melting snow.

“It’s pretty high compared to the other years,” Anna Chubar said.

The raging waters are good news not only for rafters and boaters, but also for Northern California reservoirs, which are filling up fast.

Lake Shasta is 93 percent full Tuesday, thanks to a healthy snowpack. Lake Oroville is 96 percent full while Folsom Lake is 86 percent full.

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Snippets about Lake Tahoe

- El Dorado County's budget workshops have been moved to June 13, with the afternoon of June 14 reserved for final discussion, if needed, per interim CAO Larry Combs.
 - Tahoe Maritime Museum's grand opening party is May 27 from 6-7:30pm in Tahoe City. Tickets are \$50; 530.583.9283.
 - In January, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with WebQA Inc. for an online California Public Records Act system for tracking requests for public records. The system will launch May 23. Go **online** and then it's under Online Services.
 - Seven Seas Inn (4145 Manzanita Ave., South Lake Tahoe) is having an open house June 9 from 5:30 to 7:30pm to showcase its renovations.
 - Meryl Lowell of Rotary Club South Lake Tahoe earned the Paul Harris Fellow Award.
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Letter: A plea to change SLT VHR rule

Publisher's note: *The following letter was read at the May 17 South Lake Tahoe City Council meeting and is reprinted with permission.*

My name is Asha Whipple and I own two cabins in South Lake. I have been an Airbnb property renter for a couple years and I use the additional income to help pay for repairs and to make property improvements.

I am permitted, have adequate paved parking, have always had smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, proper signage and fire extinguishers as well as a local contact. I have paid thousands in TOT taxes and permitting fees on time. I have never had any problems, not with neighbors, trash, noise complaints. Nothing.

I take issue with you singling out multi-family properties to exclude [them] from the VHR program.

I recently spent nearly a thousand dollars making additional renovations per your exhaustive new requirements to be able to continue as a VHR, only to find out you are now considering revoking my permit simply because I own two cabins on one lot. I do not understand why you would recommend to discriminate against a property like mine. It is the perfect situation for a VHR. My front house has long-term renters, they are my local contact and they keep an eye on the property. It ensures that none of the typical VHR problems occur. In return they get a nicer place for more affordable rent. My back cabin is for our family's use and we rent it out on holidays and weekends we are not up here on Airbnb.

My cabins are surrounded by low income apartments, a strip mall with a smoke shop, a cheap motel and vacant land. I can hardly see how someone like me could be doing anything but improving the neighborhood. But you seem to have no interest in looking at homes on a case by case basis, rather preferring these broad sweeping restrictions which only haphazardly address the issues. To be perfectly clear, I rent my personal home. Our cabin would never be leased long term regardless and this ban only disrupts my ability to provide my front renters with affordable housing. By revoking my permit you are forcing me to raise the rent on my front lease, thus working against your own goal of achieving more affordable housing. Why not just look at these few multi-family situations on a case by case basis? We already have to be inspected and approved individually.

You have already spent exorbitant time and energy continuously tightening and restricting good owners who pay thousands in taxes and are following all the rules. I have seen restriction after restriction come my way despite my rental having zero problems ever. Meanwhile there has been minimal effort on cracking down at all on all the people renting unpermitted and under the table.

Please stop limiting opportunity for owners like me trying to improve their properties. VHRs add to the tourism economy and enables people to buy and fix up otherwise crumbling properties, thus improving neighborhoods and the real estate economy. Start putting your energy into enforcing the rules you have already established and getting more unpermitted owners on board, and then let the restrictions you have already set have some time to work before continuing to slowly choke this revenue possibility to death.

I am very disappointed in our current City Council and I will be trying to vote in leaders that take a more open-minded, community involved approach to leadership this next election. I urge anyone looking to invest in small business or thinking of running a VHR to do so in the county, this city council has made it a nightmare to operate within the city limits.

Asha Whipple, South Lake Tahoe

Elite cyclists ready to tame Tahoe's roads



This is the second year South Lake Tahoe is hosting the women's Tour of California. Photo Copyright 2016 Carolyn E. Wright

By Kathryn Reed

STATELINE – The National Weather Service in Reno has issued an advisory today for boats on Lake Tahoe. However, meteorologists aren't warning cyclists about the gusts that may reach 50 mph.

Tahoe continues to present the Amgen Tour of California bike race officials and riders a challenge when it comes to weather. In 2011, the men's race was snowed out; last year it was touch and go for the women. The good thing for today – no precipitation is in the forecast.

This is the first U.S. event on the inaugural UCI world tour for the women. Eighteen teams with 108 riders will start and end at Heavenly's California Lodge today – with a ride around the lake in between.

The men finish their fifth stage this afternoon at the Cal

Lodge.



Women's Stage 1

Heavenly California Lodge, South Lake Tahoe

Start: 10:50am

Estimated finish: 2pm

Men's Stage 5

Lodi to South Lake Tahoe (Cal Lodge)

Start: 9:45am

Estimated finish: 3:46pm

Lifestyle Festival

Cal Lodge

10am-4:30pm

Television coverage

Amgen Tour of California is live on NBC Sports Network.

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The women cyclists were introduced Wednesday night at a special reception at Harrah's Lake Tahoe. Many expressed an appreciation for what Amgen has done to bring the women's sport more prominence. Even in Europe, where road bike riding is much more of a spectator sport than in the United States, this particular race has been generating a buzz.

World, national and Amgen champs, along with Olympians will be racing. Kristin Armstrong, who won Olympic gold in 2008 and 2012 for the United States, is racing for Rally Cycling. Eight of the 10 Olympic hopefuls for the U.S. are here.

Evelyn Stevens with Roels Dolan's Cycling Team said she expects an all-round cyclist to win the women's four-stage race. Stevens earlier this year set the hour record, going 47.98 kilometers.

Canyon Sram Racing is hoping to defend its title.

Mara Abbott with the Wiggle High5 team has a reputation as a climber. She said, "There are medium sized climbs here." The hometown, obviously biased crowd seemed to disagree with her description.

Terrain makes search for missing hiker difficult

By Jennifer McGraw, CBS-13

A Rocklin family holding onto faith and hope after Day 2 and no sign of their son who went hiking in the Tahoe National Forest overnight.

"Strength that I get from God makes it better, helps me get through it," said Howard Michael.

His 23-year-old son, Cody Michael, camped overnight Sunday and was expected Monday to come home, but never did.

The national guard sent in Black Hawk helicopters searching a 6 mile radius, yet still no sign of Cody or his trusted German

shepherd.

Read the whole story

Opinion: Tahoe at forefront of controlling AIS

By Joanne Marchetta

Around the world, invasive species are notorious for their ability to out-compete native plants and animals. Once introduced to an area, they can spread out of control and fundamentally change both landscapes and ecologies, and then pose incredible challenges to manage or eradicate.

With another boating season under way at Lake Tahoe, invasive species remain one of the greatest and most persistent threats to our mountain lake's unique environment and clear blue waters, as well as the recreation-based economy that it supports. Fortunately, Tahoe is a national leader in the fight against invasive species.



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Our region has taken major steps to protect Lake Tahoe. More than 40 agencies and private and nonprofit partners are

working together to prevent new introductions of invasive species and control populations of invasive species already in the lake. But we can and must do more.

Last month, TRPA received an update on plans to fight invasive aquatic weeds in the Tahoe Keys. The canals, lagoons, and marina are ground zero for invasive weeds and warm water fish. The Tahoe Keys Property Owners Association is spearheading a plan, which has generated significant discussion because of its proposal to test and potentially use herbicides to fight the weeds that choke the lagoon's waterways.

While specially-designed herbicides are used to fight invasive weeds in other lakes, some of which likely could not be cost-effectively controlled or eradicated in any other way, their use would be a first for the Lake Tahoe Region. And the subject has rightly prompted serious discussions about potential impacts to drinking water, other plants and animals, and the environment at large.

While conversations continue about whether herbicide use is appropriate for lagoons so close to Lake Tahoe, there is no doubt a problem with invasive species in the Tahoe Keys. Every summer, weeds must be cleared from its waterways to keep them open. The harvesting or "mowing" process costs hundreds of thousands of dollars. It also creates small weed fragments that threaten to spread and colonize the lake and leave the weeds growing back year after year.

This is a difficult issue to work through. But it should inspire each of us to see Tahoe Keys property owners cooperating with agencies, scientists, researchers, and community members to find innovative solutions to the problem.

Once fully analyzed and approved, the comprehensive weed management plan for the Tahoe Keys will contain a suite of options. For example, the plan calls for better ways of using barrier mats to block out sunlight and kill weeds, improving

harvesting methods to reduce the number of weed fragments, and reducing the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus pollution from lawn fertilizer and other sources that washes into the lake and helps weeds grow. One researcher is even testing new ways to use ultraviolet lighting systems to kill the underwater weeds.

The community and agencies are embracing innovation and new technologies along with more cost-effective ways to fight invasive species at Tahoe. Our work is already paying off.

Tahoe's boat inspection program is nationally recognized as a model for the rest of the country. This frontline defense has successfully stopped any new introductions of invasive species since its launch in 2008. Boater outreach and education is paying off, too, with fewer boats needing to be decontaminated because they are showing up "cleaned, drained, and dry." The Tahoe Keepers program has educated more than 3,000 people with kayaks, paddleboards, and canoes about how they can ensure their boats and fishing equipment aren't spreading invasive species.

Researchers at UNR have created a lakewide plan to control existing invasive species populations before they do any more harm to Tahoe's environment and ecology. The plan will guide future control projects, outlining what invasive species we have the best chances to manage or eradicate, treatment techniques, research needs, and locations where projects will be most successful.

Nonprofit groups and research partners at Tahoe have also launched innovative new programs for people to get involved. The League to Save Lake Tahoe's Eyes on the Lake program trains people to spot and report invasive species infestations while they are recreating at Lake Tahoe, compiling information that helps monitoring programs and guides future removal projects. The Lake Tahoe citizen science app created by the UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center helps people report

all sorts of useful information about invasive species and beach and water quality conditions.

There are many ways for people to get involved to protect Tahoe from the harms of aquatic invasive species. To learn more, please attend an upcoming public event about the past, present, and future of aquatic invasive species control and prevention work at Lake Tahoe. The event is scheduled for June 14 from 5:30-7:30pm at the Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences in Incline Village. By working together and bringing forward our best ideas for innovative solutions we can and will make a difference, and help ensure the lake we all treasure is passed on for future generations to enjoy. Please join us in this important work.

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Opinion: How to improve Calif.'s golf game

By Joe Mathews

Your columnist is not an Olympic athlete. But I recently managed to play 18 holes of golf in just 45 minutes, without using a cart or lifting a golf club. And, no, this wasn't a video game.

My secret? I was playing FootGolf, which involves kicking a soccer ball into extra-large holes placed on regulation golf courses. This new sport, spreading fast in California, is one promising answer to a full-blown statewide challenge: what to do about our glut of golf courses?



Joe Mathews

In California, golf is not a matter of fun and games. For more than a century, the sport has helped define our state's landscape, tourism, real estate market, and the municipal finances of the hundreds of California cities with public courses. Today, golf is a \$13 billion California industry—10 times bigger than the legal side of another grass-oriented business, cannabis.

But golf has had a very bad decade, with the number of golfers and courses declining after 60 years of growth. This decline is jarring because California's growth has been so tied to golf. The game was a big part of the leisure culture that Californians created as a challenge to America's Puritan ethic and as a lure for millions of people to relocate here in the 20th century.

Entire regions—from Coachella Valley to Monterey Bay —fashioned themselves around leisure and golf. And new courses were used to promote new housing developments around the state. In the 1950s, the Thunderbird Country Club in Rancho Mirage, one of the earliest such developments, allowed Ford to use its name on a new car model, which in turn inspired a classic Beach Boys song about a fun-loving girl driving her daddy's automobile. Does it get any more Californian than that?

While playing golf feels like an individual pursuit, this growth in the game was heavily subsidized, through development-friendly tax laws and by local governments that saw courses as an essential amenity. That investment in golf

seemed wise in the 1990s when an Orange County kid raised on municipal courses—Tiger Woods—inspired a younger, more diverse generation to take up the game.

But in 2006, California's housing crisis crashed the global economy, and the whole world turned hard against California golf. The middle class that sustained so many golf courses no longer had the money to devote to an extravagant pastime. Golf suddenly was out of step: a face-to-face pastime in a world that prefers digital communication, a slow and courteous game in a fast and impolite society, a Republican-leaning sport at a time when the Republican Party is cracking up. Trends in fitness also work against golf, with many Californians seeking less relaxing exercise, and slimmer bodies than you find on golf courses.

With fewer customers playing fewer rounds—and higher water bills during the drought—California golf courses have struggled. Some have closed, and dozens more may follow suit. But replacing a golf course is a quandary. Some courses are next to industrial sites or airports, and remain useful as buffers. It might make sense to turn golf courses into desperately needed housing or public parks, but regulations and politics make such conversions difficult and expensive.

In the meantime, golf course operators are seeking new uses for their courses—from concerts to film shoots to car shows. Some courses have experimented with events for young singles that combine hitting golf balls with video games and drinking.

One of the better innovations is FootGolf, now being popularized by the Palm Springs-based American FootGolf League. More than 150 golf courses nationwide added Foot Golf last year, and I tried it out one morning at an 18-hole par three golf course in Arcadia, in the San Gabriel Valley.

The course had added separate tees and small greens, with 21-inch-wide holes, off to the sides of its usual golf greens. At

the pro shop, I handed over a \$15 green fee to a young course employee named Jordan Godfrey, who happens to be America's national FootGolf champion. He warned me not to damage the well-manicured regular golf greens by kicking off of them.

I had a great time. Without a bag of golf clubs to carry, I jogged around the course in 45 minutes. The three real golfers on the course greeted me warmly and let me play through. And I narrowly avoided falling into the giant holes when fishing my ball out of them.

My only mishap came on the damp fifth tee, when I fell as I kicked the ball 50 yards down the fairway, landing hard on my bottom. That's never happened to me playing regular golf. But no great California transformation is without its risks.

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Anger over fake service dogs has people snarling

By Michael D. Bates, AP

Cassie gets plenty of stares as she walks down the aisles of Home Depot, taking an occasional sniff at some of the items on the shelves or standing still while people stroke her long black hair.

Her handler, Lorraine Clark, maintains a firm grasp on Cassie's leash. Sometimes she gently tugs it to keep the Australian Shepherd walking straight and not running into customers or their carts.

Clark, owner of Suncoast Service Dogs in Homosassa, is an expert in training service and therapy dogs. Cassie is the latter, and Clark often takes her out in public to make sure she behaves correctly and follows directions. Clark takes her dog to area elementary schools during reading time, where students are eager to read to Cassie. Sometimes Cassie goes to nursing homes, where she is greeted with smiles by patients and residents who need therapeutic help.

But even though Cassie is properly leashed, she's not always met with smiles, Clark said. Other customers rarely confront Clark, but she says their body language suggests they are not at all pleased with Cassie's presence.

That friction occurs much more often these days – especially since, Clark says, many people are passing off untrained canines as therapy dogs or, worse, as service dogs. That gives trained dogs a black eye, Clark said.

"It is getting out of hand," she said.

Many customers agree.

What is a service dog?

It wasn't always this way. Under federal law, the only kinds of dogs allowed in public places are service dogs – though some stores, such as Home Depot, have "dog-friendly" policies. Service dogs are what most people think of when they think of support animals – properly credentialed, mitigating a physical disability and more well-behaved in stores than many toddlers.

Today, the lines have blurred. Now, you hear about therapy dogs and emotional support dogs. Clark said some people try to pass off their dog as a "companion dog," even though the label is entirely bogus. The animal need not even be a dog – because of the legal distinction between service animals and therapy animals, people can call their cat, rabbit, hamster, rooster or even snake a therapy animal. While there are therapy

animals that have undergone training for their roles, certification is not legally required to call an animal a therapy animal.

Store managers and business owners are largely powerless to act when customers object. While only service dogs and miniature horses are allowed in public places under the Americans with Disabilities Act, there are just two questions people can legally ask when they see one of the animals in a store or restaurant: "Is that a service animal?" and "What task is that animal trained to do?"

Therapy animals are not allowed in stores, but unscrupulous pet owners have begun leveraging the fear of litigation to ensure Fido never has to leave their side.

What is a therapy dog?

For someone subject to panic attacks or post traumatic stress disorder, peace often comes with a hairy face and four legs.

Therapy dogs are more in vogue these days than ever before, thanks in part to an explosion of online stores that sell fake certificates and vests – and it's not just therapy dogs.

Tim Wayne of Citrus Hills and his bull mastiff, Josie, were standing inside Home Depot on a recent Tuesday morning talking with a friend when a man seated in a wheelchair attempted to pet the dog.

As his hand neared Josie's head, Wayne stopped him: "No, no. She's working right now. You can't touch her."

The man apologized and Wayne thanked him for his consideration.

The same day, Nancy Doak of Inverness was walking her 140-pound Great Dane, Tolkien, through the aisles of the home improvement store when another customer tried to give Tolkien a pat. Doak, who has post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and

mobility issues, gently admonished the man, who then walked off.

Wayne and Doak have service dogs. Unlike therapy dogs, service canines are off limits to friendly touches from strangers.

"They don't understand," Doak said. "(The dog) is a piece of medical equipment. (People) shouldn't touch, they shouldn't talk and they shouldn't make eye contact with the dog in any way. I tell people, 'Talk to me and I will tell you all about it.' "

Most people are considerate, Doak said. Some aren't.

Wayne, a disabled Air Force veteran suffering from spinal injuries, puts it this way: "You wouldn't go up to someone and start playing with his oxygen unit."

Wayne was in a grocery store recently when a young girl tried to pet Josie. When he told her not to, the girl's father got huffy and stormed off.

It's the life of a handler and his or her dog, Wayne said.

A couple years ago, before he had Josie, Wayne said was walking with a non-certified dog in the parking lot of a grocery store when a man in a white van drove up to him and asked him if he wanted to get his pet "certified" as a service dog.

He could provide the proper papers for \$79, Wayne said.

After consulting with Clark, he found out the man was a con artist. Such scams represent a threat to legitimate dog owners, Clark said.

Her advice: Be careful.

"Education of the public is needed," Clark said.

Clark still bristles when she sees animals of any kind riding

in a shopping cart. Arizona, she said, recently passed a law outlawing that practice.

“I wish Florida had that law, too,” she said.

Amgen to cause some road closures in Tahoe

The annual Amgen Tour of California bike race hits South Lake Tahoe on Thursday.

The women will start at Heavenly's California base lodge at 10:50am May 19, with an expected finish at the same location at 2pm. The men are expected to ride in about 3:45pm to the Cal Lodge after coming from Lodi.

The women will ride around the lake. The men will come through Hope Valley, to Meyers, to Heavenly.

There will be what's called a lifestyle festival at the base lodge throughout the day.

Expect rolling road closures as the riders go by a particular area.

Here are the expected times when the riders will be at various locations:

Women

10:50am – Leave Heavenly Cal Lodge

11am – Al Tahoe Boulevard-Highway 50

11:05am – Highways 50-89

11:11am – Camp Richardson

1:19pm – Spooner Summit

1:49pm – Highway 50-Lake Parkway

1:52pm Highway 50-Pioneer Trail

1:54pm – Pioneer Trail-Ski Run Boulevard

2pm – Finish at Heavenly

Men

10am – Start in Lodi

3:20pm – Highway 89-Cornelian Drive

3:27pm – Mandan Street-Pioneer Trail

3:42pm – Pioneer Trail-Ski Run Boulevard

3:45pm – Finish at Heavenly.