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for my Tollgate neighbors' kids for getting to the schools, I'm hard pressed to think that there is a good argument against the refurbishment that even comes close to countervailing the benefits of restoring the original function of that pathway.

Let's improve safe access for Tollgate children as well as those of us who didn't grow out of our childhood love of bikes. Help everyone in our community to get some much-needed exercise— support this proposal for your kids, your neighbors' kids, and us adults, too!

Randall McCall

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To the Editor:

In reference to Craig Rullman's January 30 sausage-fest "A weenie for the win," *Bunkhouse Chronicle*, *The Nugget*, page 31:

The Democratic and Independence candidates (so far) remind me of the Republican line-up last time around. Which was all sausages after the first weeding out. At least the left has some women running.

Wasting column inches discussing candidates such as John McAfee is silly. America would never vote for a super-rich, narcissist businessman... Oh, wait.

Using "guilt by association" against Kamala Harris and Willie Brown seems weak. I lived north of the Bay for a while and everybody knew Willie Brown to be an old-school machine politician/womanizer, yet he kept getting re-elected. Willie, along with a lot of other people, fell for Jim Jones' charisma to their regret. I never heard about Kamala Harris having an affair with Willie, but if she did, she must have been quite young.

Kamala has been a very effective DA and is generally well-thought-of in the state. She is truly an advocate for the people.

As is Elizabeth Warren. She's been in the face of corporate America all her career. Comparing her to Lenin and Trotsky is like

comparing Martin Luther King to the Black Panthers.

On a side note, it astounds me that the party that was so viciously anti-communist during the Cold War now seems to embrace the worst holdover from the Soviet era. Maybe it's just if you're doing business Mr. ex-KBG operative Putin. Go figure.

While I'm on a side track, Kavanaugh certainly got more "due process" than Obama's supreme court pick, didn't he?

Personally, I think Elizabeth Warren would be more effective to stay as a senator. If she was President, I think she would get about the same respect by the Republicans as the first woman in the White House as did the first black President.

Back to the sausage race, the metaphor may be apt as long as you don't forget that the plain old weenie is made of the same stuff as the sausage... but more boring. Then, of course, there's the saying about making laws and sausages.

I think the next election is going to be every bit as interesting/scary/entertaining as the last one. I just pray we don't end up with the same weenie sitting on his buns in the oval office as we have now.

Bruce Campbell

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To the Editor:

After reading this week's *Bunkhouse Chronicle*, I feel compelled to respond.

This latest column is a not-even-thinly veiled attempt to portray some of the potential 2020 presidential candidates as laughingstocks not to be taken seriously, beginning with the depiction of them running around a sports field in giant sausage costumes. He first maligns Beto O'Rourke as being an example of "how low the bar is actually set" for presidential candidates. I find this a bit hypocritical, considering we have a serial bankruptcy-filing, reality TV show star as our current

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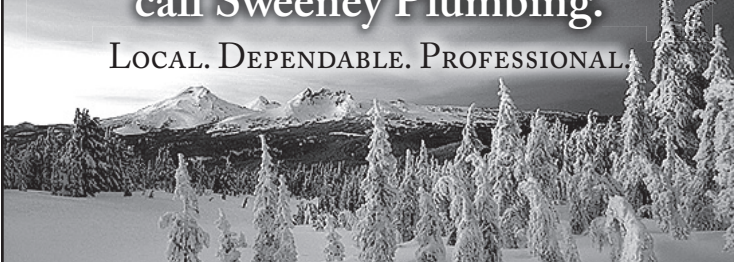
Bills aim to ease outdoor access, fund rescue efforts

SALEM (AP) — Making it easier for Oregonians to get outdoors and finding a way to pay for search and rescue efforts are the focus of two bills introduced early in the Oregon Legislature.

The *Statesman Journal* reports Senate Bill 448 would study the creation of an "Oregon Outdoors Pass" while House Bill 2503 examines how Oregon might finance cash-strapped search and rescue programs.

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Ana Cole and team executing a 10-point pyramid skill — the Star Kick Full — at the Tualatin Last Chance cheer competition on Saturday February 2. The Outlaws placed third, continuing their streak of being in the top 3 at every competition. The team is refining their routine as they head into state competition next weekend.

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