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School Bathroom Issues by Jamie Brown

The past few weeks, Anaconda Junior/Senior High School has been having many issues regarding the bathrooms. There have been issues with vandalism and people taking advantage of our bathrooms. People have been using them as places to vape, hangout with friends between and during classes, film Tik Toks, and to vandalize our property. These issues have made it to where we often have to shut down bathrooms during the day. At one point, there was one female bathroom, and one male bathroom we were able to use. Some of the reasons there were only one bathroom each was due to so much destruction that the maintenance staff could not keep up.

One issue that occurred because of us having one bathroom each, is that it caused there to be long lines of students trying to use the restrooms, which then resulted in students being marked

tardy and sometimes even absent. There have been issues with community members taking these situations to social media and posting things that may not necessarily be true. Students and teachers of AJSHS have taken it upon themselves to shut down any rumors they have seen on the internet. These issues have been addressed by both teachers and administrators in the building. We as a student body hope to minimize or eliminate these issues altogether! If you have any additional information, please contact school administration.



Water is Wet! by Andrew Warner

A water review! First up on my list (with the budget of zero dollars) I chose school water. The water was mildly cold but not warm, a plus one on my scale. Although it had a slight aftertaste that was unrecognizable. And just the thought of how long the fountains have had a red filter hurts its

overall grade and my tastebuds, but overall this water does, in fact, satisfy thirst and my overall rating is a six out of ten.

Fiji water is the most glorious and cherished water coming straight out of my personal collection. It is the world's most valuable resource, being imported straight from the island of Fiji. The bottle claims to be "ultra purified and a perfectly balanced PH" coming from a spring deep in volcanic rock. The bottles and packaging designs are a ten out of ten. My personal recommended consumption time is late at night. Overall, Fiji water is smooth and has a clean and pure taste. You can blindly tell what is and isn't Fiji water. In the end, I rate this water a nine out of ten coming in with only one downside of being the most expensive on the list. Although, not disqualifying its ten out of ten perfect taste.

Signature Select (aka Albertson's water): This packaging just screams cheap, warm, generic water at its finest. However, I like the more classic water bottle design. This water is oddly very refreshing when cold, so that sits at a seven out of ten. However, with any slightly warm temperature this taste rating only begins to degrade; leaving it with a final ranking of five out of ten, ranking lower than school water.

Arrowhead water: This is the go-to American golden water, not cheap nor expensive, slightly priced less than its value. This water is crisp and refreshing, but if it's too cold it can be unbearable. This local spring water is clean and timeless with an overall rating of eight out of ten. Long story short, drink water!



Melanie Martinez, a Woman of Many Talents by Dezirae Brown

Have you ever heard of Melanie Martinez? She's an extremely talented artist that doesn't get much attention due to the fact that she's not mainstream. Her music tackles heavy topics typically with a generally nostalgic atmosphere. Like her song *Dollhouse*. It has the sound of various toys in the background, like a children's xylophone, bells, and other youthful sounds, but the song is about a dysfunctional household that seems functional to those who don't look closely.

You could also look at her song *Strawberry Shortcake*. The song is about feeling objectified by people just because you dress how you want to dress. Describing the song's overall feeling is difficult. The best way to describe it is like eating strawberry shortcake. It has an overall sweet feel along with a slight underlying bitterness. Martinez has also made a movie called *K-12*. It's about two girls, Crybaby and Angelita, who go to a school and face challenges typical of students. However, they are more exaggerated, all of her friends have powers, and so does she. It is a musical fantasy horror film starring Melanie Martinez herself as the main character, Crybaby.

Martinez is a jack of all trades, as a singer, songwriter, actress, director, photographer, screenwriter, and visual artist. To finish, a quote from the subject of the article herself, "I believe everyone should be equal, and we should all love and support each other and express ourselves the

way we want to express ourselves and be whoever we want. That's my motto."



History of Emerald Green by Elisha M.

The dye, emerald green, was one of the most poisonous colors in history. Not to be confused with the precious gem emerald, which was discovered in Egypt around 1500 B.C. The precious gem, emerald, is non-toxic unlike the dye created in the Victorian Era where it became very popular. The color was invented in 1814 by George Field with a scientific name of copper-acetoarsenite. Emerald green has two ingredients: arsenic and copper, and when combined it makes the brightest color of that time period.

So much so, that many people fell in love with the color, which increased its demand. When emerald green is near sulphur it turns to a brown-ish color getting rid of its original charm. The color was more opaque and durable; used in everything from fashion to household items such as toys. Even today the toxins are extremely poisonous to the point where they stopped putting it in pigments in paints.

Today, the emerald dye is non-toxic and is made by mixing blue and yellow. There is no exact recipe to create the color. The color of emerald green is still so popular that some fashion researchers believe the color will be a trend in a year.



BMX by Christopher Clark

BMX is a very competitive sport for those who race BMX. The reason for this is because most sports are competitive in some way. The reason I want to write about BMX is because it's a sport that no one really knows about. BMX racing bikes are simple and easy to maintain. A typical full size racing bike will have 20 inch wheels with a single gear and rear brake only. A front brake is "allowed" but not necessary. There are two different types of BMX bikes: racing and freestyle. The difference is that with freestyle you would use that bike at the skatepark, racing you would use that bike on the bmx: track, dirt jumps, or bike trails. The protection gear requirements are a full face helmet, full fingered gloves, long sleeve shirt, long pants, and closed toe shoes, preferably Vans or DCs.

My personal experience as a BMX racer is that it's one of the sports that you need to be focused at all times. If you're going to try this sport, the closest BMX race track is in Bozeman. I would recommend this track to anyone who wants to try BMX because it's a flow track. One of the things that kept me from reaching my full potential is that learning can be scary, so always focus on the positive not the negative. The address is N 5th Ave, Bozeman, Montana. The website is usabmx.com/tracks/1030. Please visit their

website just check it out to see if you like the sport.



College Football by Nathan Gallagher

It has been quite the ride for college football this year. With some very shocking teams in the top ten right now. Ohio State, who was predicted to go to the college football playoffs, got beat by Michigan last week, which was quite the upset to football fans since they hadn't beat them in over ten years. Alabama and Georgia are the predicted teams to show in the Championship this year. However, only time will tell with the new recent win on Bama's half.

Alabama and Auburn had a tight game that ended in Alabama winning in second overtime. Bama was behind nearly the whole game until the 3rd quarter when they started to make a comeback. Cincinnati is in the top five, which has shocked a lot of viewers this season. LSU is expected to hire Notre Dame's former head coach Brian Kelly in compensation for the loss of the legendary coach Ed Orgeron aka Coach O.



Giraffes by Lindsay Trainor

There are four species of giraffes, the Reticulated giraffe, the Southern giraffe, the Northern giraffe, and the Masai giraffe. Reticulated giraffes have a spot pattern that looks like bricks. Reticulated giraffes are found in northern and northeastern Kenya and smaller populations in southern Somalia and Ethiopia. Southern giraffes have blotched and round spots. They live in Angola, Southern Africa, Southern Botswana, Southern Zimbabwe, Zambia and South-Western Mozambique.

Northern giraffes have a bump on the front of their heads that make it look like they have a third horn. They are found in Kenya and southwestern Ethiopia. Masai giraffes get up to 17 feet tall. The Masai giraffes live in Kenya and Tanzania. Giraffes have three hearts with two of them pumping blood to the gills where waste is discarded and oxygen is received and the other one pumping blood to the body. Only the male giraffes have three brains. Giraffes are the tallest mammals in the world with the newborns being taller than the average human.



“IGOR” Part 2 by Rowdy Barber

Part two is about how Igor is obsessed with the man. The first song in part two is called “RUNNING OUT OF TIME” and it has amazing production and lyrics. The song is about how Igor is running out of time to make the man love him. The sample on this song is very interesting. The next song “NEW MAGIC WAND” is about how Igor will go to extreme places to get the man to pick who he wants to be with. This song is in my personal top three for the whole album.

The next song “A BOY IS A GUN*” is about again how he wont make up his mind and the title of the song is a play on the phrase “a girl is a gun.” It has my second favorite sample on the album, and it is one of the more popular songs. The next song “PUPPET” is also a top three song on the album. The feature from Kanye West is blissful. The song is about how IGOR is wrapped around the man's finger and Tyler is using the word puppet as a metaphor. Tune in next time for the third and final part!



Anaconda’s Weather by Izabell Roggeman

Winter finally comes to Anaconda with quite a few inches of snow! The weather has dropped to below freezing and will probably stick there throughout the week. Remember your winter clothes and to drive safely out there!



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