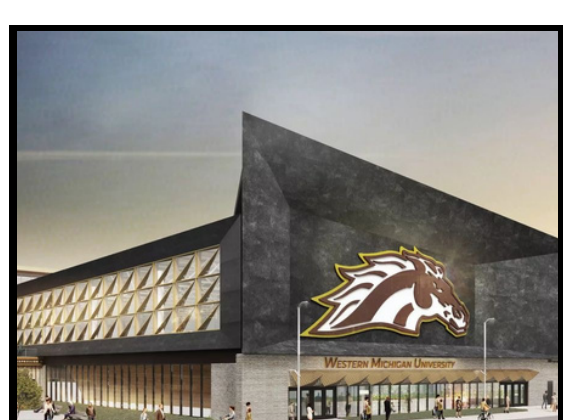




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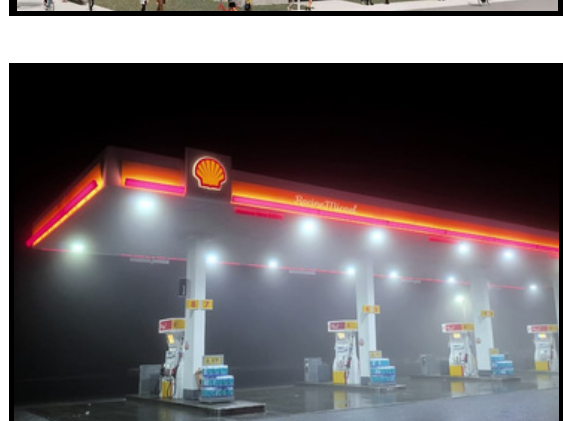


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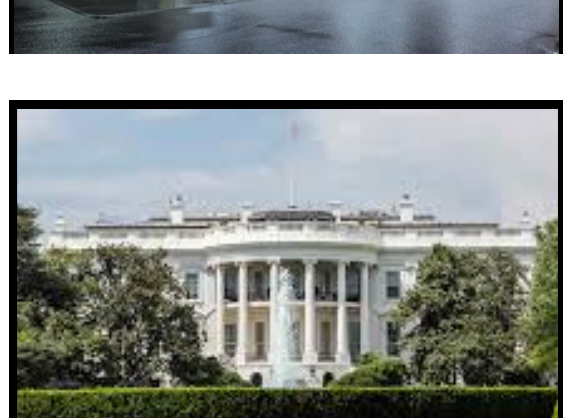
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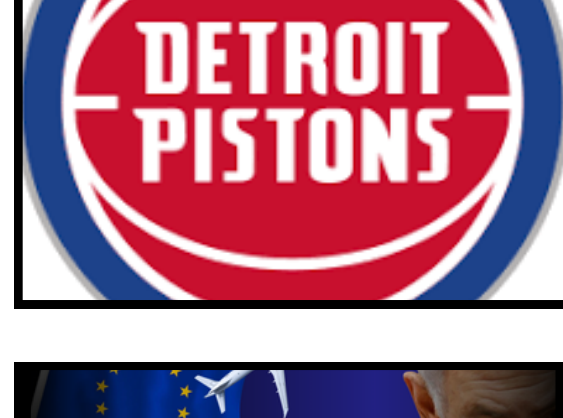
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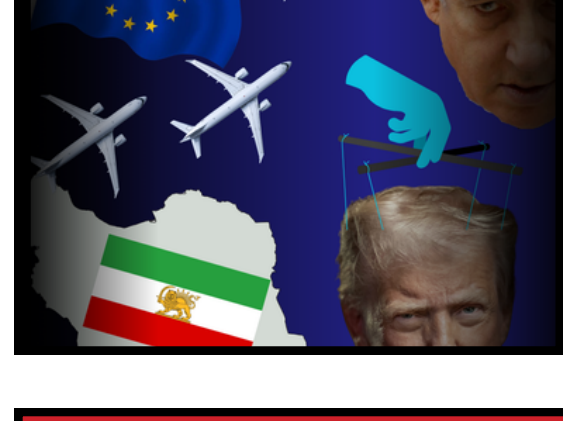
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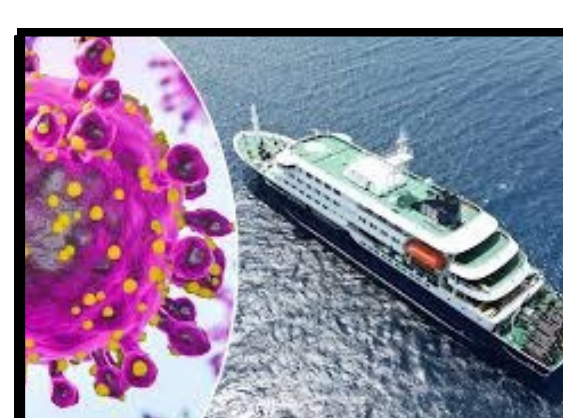
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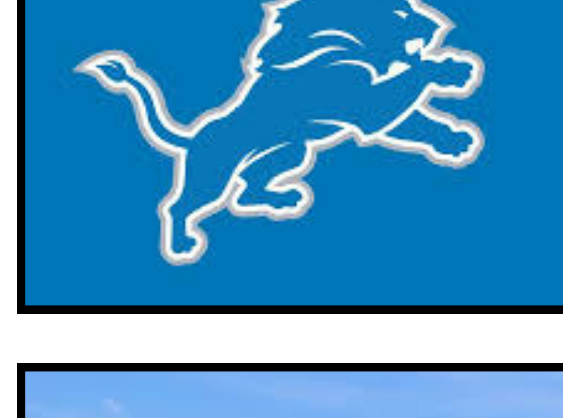
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Upcoming/Recent Hillside Events



8th Grade Promotion
6/1/26 | Monday



Michigan Adveture Trip
6/3/26 | Wednesday



End of School Year
6/5/26 | Friday



Introduction

Written by: Aubrey DeBone



Hello! And thank you for reading Hillside middle schools official news paper, Inside Hillside!

This paper was put together by two classes of talented students, who worked hard to give you this article! The following paper is about many things, from school drama to worldwide events! Its all here! We're excited to show you what we've been working on, so please enjoy! Make sure to thank the students behind the paper; this wouldn't be possible without them!



Inside Hillside

Gerrymandering

Written by: Max Mehne

How would you feel if you went to vote for state representatives and it didn't matter?

Gerrymandering eliminates "power to the people" and severely skews the voting toward whatever political party takes control of redistricting.

Gerrymandering alters the district lines in states to ensure a political party has the vote in The House of Representatives or state government.

Trump pressured Texas to gerrymander in July 2025 to give more seats to republicans in The House of Representatives. Texas redistricted in GOP's favor in August 2025, likely giving 5 more seats to Republicans, and gerrymandering fell on Florida, during April 2026 in Republican favor, giving 4 more (projected) seats to republicans. California got permission to change their district map on February 4, 2026, increasing democratic seats projected by 4-5.

Several states including New York and Maryland have a high risk of democratic redistricting, and other republic-led states are being under pressure to redistrict, such as Ohio, Missouri, Utah, and North Carolina

Gerrymandering should not be allowed because it does not accurately reflect the districts' wants in politics. For example, one democratic district could be split into the nearby republican districts, taking away one democratic vote toward the House of Representatives.

Trump started the gerrymandering but that doesn't justify Democrats doing it, we need to work to find a solution rather than pointing fingers





Kalamazoo Event Center In Progress

Written by: Naomi Lee

Inside **Hillside**



Future home of the hockey team the Kalamazoo Wings and WMU Broncos, expected to be done in fall 2027 is Kalamazoo's event center. The Kalamazoo event center, in the "Heart of Kalamazoo", downtown Kalamazoo. It is going to be an event center for sports, concerts, and more. The building of the event center is being run by the Greenleaf hospitality group. It started being built in 2024, and will likely be finished in the fall of 2027. It's said to be the future of sports and events in Kalamazoo. The size of the event center is going to be 453,000 square feet and is using \$515 million dollars to finish it. It also can seat 6,500 people for sports, and 8,000 for concerts. We already have the Wings Event Center for hockey games, and more. The new event center is going to be a big improvement and a great addition to downtown Kalamazoo allowing fun for all of us.



Increase in Gas Prices

Written by: Lawrence Murphy

Inside **Hillside**



The Iran war has been ongoing and for the last month, gas prices actually increased. This is happening because of the fact that the war is taking up many supplies. There is a blockade, causing the oil that is distributed worldwide to be locked in Iran, causing a massive loss and demand for oil. This is heavily affecting people who don't even want to be at war, by paying extra money just to get day-to-day gas.

There has been an increase of gas percentage from about .234 to .858 increase in gas prices. Places like Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan are hit heavily as their percentage of gas increases. This is bad as an increase in debt slightly because of these prices PER GALLON! This is very bad.

These prices also affect airlines as they use the increase of gas that has already cancelled flights. This is very bad and the airlines even say that there will be a 2.4 billion dollar increase in gas for the flights.



Third Assassination Attempt

Written by: Jagger Pelletier

Inside Hillside

Every year, at the Washington Hilton Hotel, an annual feast is held, the White House Correspondent's Dinner. It includes journalists who cover the White House and the President of the United States. This annual dinner is held to raise money for the White House Correspondents' Association (WHCA), which was started by Woodrow Wilson back in 1914. On April 25th, one of these dinners was being held, and the current President of the United States, President Trump, was attending.

However, around 8:36 pm ET, an armed guest at the hotel rushed past the security of the dinner, past a magnetometer, but the president's Secret Service managed to stop him. Due to the event, the dinner was evacuated and was rescheduled for a later date. But, what exactly had happened, and what was the cause? Cole Tomas Allen shared in what was likely his manifesto before the event that security had been focused on protests on the outside, and he disliked the incompetence of the current government in power. He also explained that he was going to attack people at the dinner and informed family members of what he was going to do shortly before the attempted assassination.

He was given three criminal charges: attempting to assassinate the President of the United States, transportation of a firearm & ammunition in interstate commerce with intent to commit a felony, and discharge of a firearm during a crime of violence. The response of President Trump was him saying he was "not worried" about the attempt.

There has also been criticism of how the Secret Service handled the security threat. People are stating that if the assassin didn't stumble, didn't work alone, or had more protection, he could've made it past the Secret Service and into where the dinner was. The failures of the Secret Service have made them face scrutiny and backlash.

Cole Tomas Allen has been moved into a DC jail where he is being held pretrial, and has apparently been treated very poorly in that jail. At a hearing on April 30th, the judge of the case apologized to Allen for what he had to endure in jail and what he was going through. His next hearing is set for May 11.





Chromebooks Being Taken

Written by: River Reich

Inside **Hillside**

Chromebooks were taken, yet labs are still broken

Chromebooks were taken the week before spring break, to be “updated” for testing. This happened last year, at about the same time, so it was not considered unusual. Then, the rumors started that the chromebooks were to be taken and not given back, and now we have crates in the classrooms.

Students, needing to access their grades, homework, assignments, and more, have been forced to use the loners that classes had before the chromebooks were taken.

At first, after the siege, teachers used the chromebooks they took as loners for every class. This lasted about two weeks, before these chromebooks were removed from the rooms.



So, the teachers turned to the computer labs that the school has. But, upon taking students to the lab, it was found that many were broken. I went and counted myself, and I was dismayed to find 17 of the 36 monitors worked properly. That means 47% work on average.

The current situation is that yellow and black crates of chromebooks were distributed to every classroom. It is obvious, however, that these are just personal chromebooks. Many have stickers, damage, pencil marks, and unidentifiable stains.

These crates are a large improvement from classroom loners, but they are still not perfect, and as a student I have no clue what the future with chromebooks holds.



United Plane Strikes Lightpole and Bakery Truck

Written by: Nariyah Reynolds

Inside **Hillside**

Planes need to be more cautious of the surroundings and this is why. Around Sunday, May 3rd, at 1:42 p.m. E.S.T, Northbound on the New Jersey turnpike a plane from United Airlines Flight 169, crashed into a bakery truck! The trailer was unscathed, the wheel of the commercial plane crashed into the bakery truck driver's window, I am wondering why they couldn't stop the plane in time, and how were they that close to a bakery truck? The driver suffered only small cuts from the crash but that is unacceptable.





Indian Prairie Elementary School Carnival

Written by: Savannah Miller

Inside **Hillside**

On May 2, 2026, Indian Prairie Elementary School had a super fun carnival that a lot of kids went to. It was a really exciting day, and everyone seemed happy to be there.

There were many different activities to do. Some of the most popular ones were the cake walk, the bouncy houses, and the bottle flip challenge. The bouncy houses were always full because kids loved jumping and playing in them. The bottle flip challenge was also fun, but it was kind of hard to win.

One of the best parts about the carnival was winning prizes. Kids could win candy and small toys from almost every activity.

A lot of kids were excited to show their friends what they won, and it made the games even more fun.

Overall, the carnival was fun and everyone had a great time. It was a really fun way for students to hang out with their friends and enjoy the day. Many kids hope the school will do something like this again next year.





Kentucky Derby

Written by: James Langworthy

Inside **Hillside**

INTRODUCTION

The Kentucky Derby is an annual event that features racing, fashion and more. This was on May 2 2026. It was a historic derby with the first woman trainer horse winning the derby.

The Race

The race started fast with golden tempo in last place. Golden tempo comes back at the end to take the lead and win. Golden tempo is first and renegade second and ocelli third.

It was an exciting event.



The Historic Part

The first woman trainer won the Kentucky Derby in Kentucky Derby history. The released the roses as they won.





Met Gala 2026

Written by: Vaughn Wright

Inside Hillside

Met Gala Recap

The Met Gala is an exclusive, annual fundraiser gala that is held on the first Monday in May. This popular event is meant to benefit the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute, and widely known by the public as "Fashion's biggest night"

Hosted by Vogue's editor-in-chief, Anna Wintour, she has shaped the Met Gala into a big moment in pop culture every year. For 2026, the theme was "Costume Art", letting the line of between fashion and fine art intertwine and mix to create something beautiful.

Looking at this year's attendees and the looks they brought, the media definitely has lots of critiques and opinions.

Best Dressed

Lots of people were shocked as Janelle Monae walked down the carpet in a stunning and intricate dress that was designed by Christian Siriano. It gives off the image of being made of grass and other technologies.



Emma Chamberlain walked in a Mulger dress. Her outfit was meant to reference multiple colors and textures combining to create something truly extravagant and timeless.



Many fans speculated that Beyonce's skeleton inspired look at the Met Gala is supposed to be a teaser for her upcoming album "Act iii". This glamorous, sparkly garment was designed by Oliver Rousteing.



SZA walked down in a glowing yellow dress, said to be made out of many different vintage fabrics, tulle, lace and more. Her dress focuses on natural elements and craftsmanship.



Sam Smith wore a long black dress with a huge coat covered in sparkles, pairing it was a large feather headpiece. This look went against the traditional outfit, and it was stunning.



Most Shocking

Heidi Klum shocked many as she walked into the Met Gala in a look inspired by "The Veiled Vestal". With the heavy prosthetics and makeup she does for Halloween, people are taking note of the similarities between this look and her halloween costumes.



With a dress made of over 15,000 glass bubbles, Eileen Gu looked like a fantasy. In a custom "tech-couture" outfit, this garment felt playful and interesting with its functions.



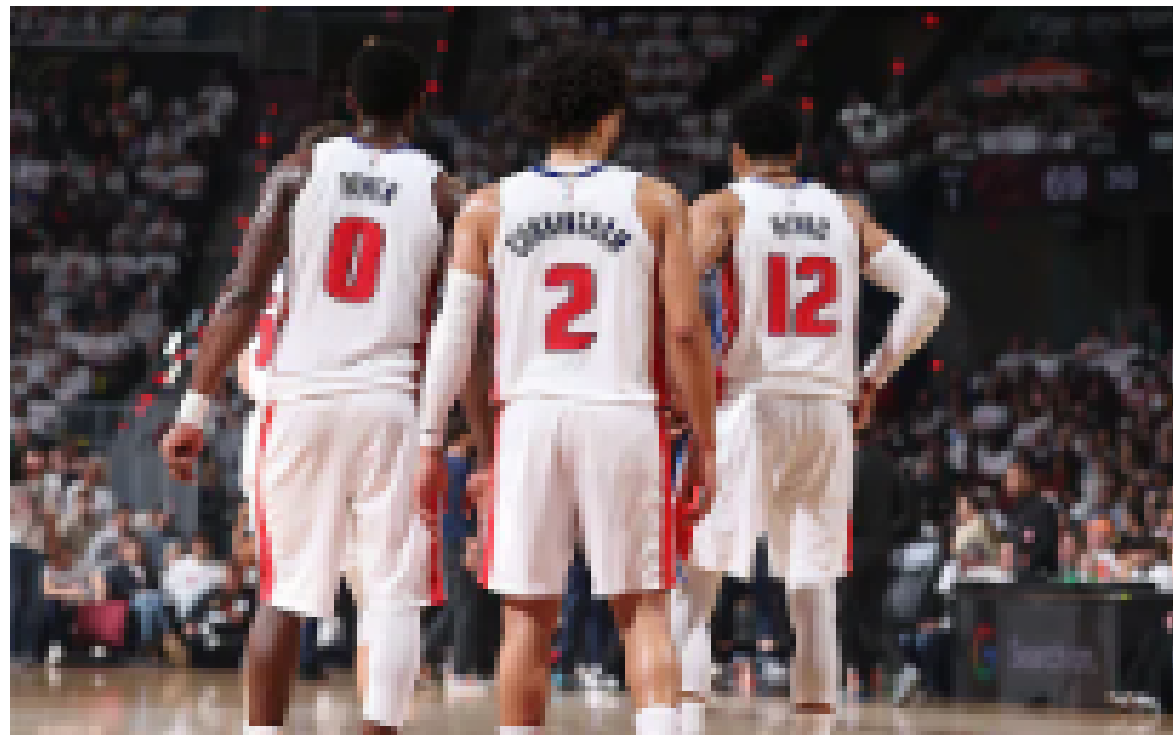


Detroit Playoffs

Written by: Trenton Herbert

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The Detroit Pistons are one of the best teams in the NBA, but right now, they are facing elimination, because of a mix of bad playoff performances, missed ref calls, and possibly a choke job. The Pistons are down 3-2, after going up 2-0 to start the series. Donovan Mitchell



and James Harden have helped the Cavs win 3 straight, and force the Pistons to an elimination game for the rest of the series. But, the Pistons are used to this. They came back from down 3-1 against the Magic in the first round, so anything is possible, but this is definitely putting a toll on the Pistons. They have to play back to back game 7 series, and then if they win, they have to face the Knicks, who just swept the 76ers, and if they win that, they likely play Spurs or OKC.



But anyway, Cade Cunningham dropped 40 last game, and still lost, which proves basketball isn't a 1 player game. But with a game tonight, and they have to win out in the rest of the series, with Tobias Harris and Jalen Duren show up to help Cade? Or with the Cavs come back and win 4 straight games? We will see, but this is where the playoffs just get started.



Iran War Updates

Written by: Wyatt Brooks, Miles Solis

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On April 7th, 2026, Iran, Israel, and the US agreed to a ceasefire deal, being mediated by Pakistan, and attempted to stop fighting for up to 2 weeks. Said deal, proposed by Iran, follows a 10 point peace deal, with Trump saying that its workable basis. Although the deal might as well have fully collapsed.



Iran's 10 points

American guarantee of non-aggression

Iran keeps control over the strait of Hormuz

Ending the war on all fronts (Including Lebanon)

Withdraw from the region

Reparations to Iran

Acceptance to Iran's right to nuclear enrichment

Lifting all primary sanctions on Iran

Lifting all secondary sanctions

The end of all resolutions against Iran by the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

End of all UN resolutions

But even after this, on April 8, 2026, the day immediately after, Israel broke the ceasefire by continuing to invade Lebanon. This is likely a sign of some US-Israeli split, as Netanyahu, who is confirmed to be alive, slowly has more disagreements with Trump.

It's been 65 days since the war started as of writing this, the war that was expected to last 3 weeks has lasted multiple months, and while we were "winning" the war, it has halted to a stalemate.

On April 13, 2026, Trump blockaded the strait of Hormuz himself, with the peacedeal he signed to work around has collapsed, especially with Israel continuing to fight Lebanon, which is still strange, as Netanyahu agreed to work around the peace deal

Europe is expected to run out of jet fuel within potentially a few weeks, as large amounts of oil came from the region, and this has led to Spirit Airlines going out of business, with gas prices in the states being higher than usual.

This war has been a disaster and we need to leave Iran as soon as possible before costs & casualties get too high, although only the future can tell us what's next...





Hungarian Election

Written by: Wyatt Brooks

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Viktor Orbán, the former Prime Minister of Hungary, has recently been voted out of the Hungarian government. Now, you may be saying, “How does this affect me?”

Well, this may be the start of a new political shift in the world.

Orban was a far-right Hungarian politician, arguing for NO immigration, as well as cooperation with Russia, and was a thorn in the side of EU policy. Trump was also a big fan of him, which is suspicious, since Orban collaborated with Russia.

Throughout the world, far right politics have become main-stream, mainly in places such as America, Japan, Italy, Russia, and many other countries, with many people being concerned. And for good reason, as a while back, the AfD (Alternative Future for Germany), a right-wing German political party, established a youth group, and if you know your history, that’s not a good sign. Back here in the states, the republican party, which is slowly going farther to the right-wing, has the majority of government positions. Specifically, the Presidency, majority in both chambers in Congress, majority of state governorships, and far more.

However, with further conflicts, this right-wing phase may fall out-of-style. As we saw with Orban, it could very well happen here in America, as Trump has more and more issues in office, and an unpopular war could ruin future elections.

Back in Hungary, the new PM, Péter Magyar, is working hard to get Hungary at a good status, mainly trying to secure an EU funding deal and reform Hungary after Orban. The future could look bright.





Hantavirus Outbreak

Written by: Mason Birmingham

Inside Hillside

A cruise ship in CAPE TOWN, South Africa are waiting for help off the coast of Cape Verde due to an outbreak of rare hantavirus, which supposedly killed 3, and left many serious ill according world health to the organization and the ships operator.

A Dutch ship on a one week's long polar cruise to Antarctica from Argentina and several islands in the south Atlantic had requested help from health authorities due to a rare hantavirus outbreak After making its way to the island of Cape Verde off the west africa coast. Yet no one has been allowed to disembark due to health concerns until authorities reach them, Netherlands-based operator expeditions said that.

Due to health concerns of Cape Verde's health Ministry Said that monday from now they will not allow the ship to dock, and that it will stay Open to the waters close to the shore.

Hantavirus is a rodent-borne disease spread by contact with rodents when humans breathe in their urine, saliva and droppings. However it is RARE it may spread between humans.

Yet it is unknown how the virus spread on the ship, there are now rising concerns on hygiene on cruise ships

Although there is no specific treatment or cure, on hantavirus but early medical attention can increase chances of survival.

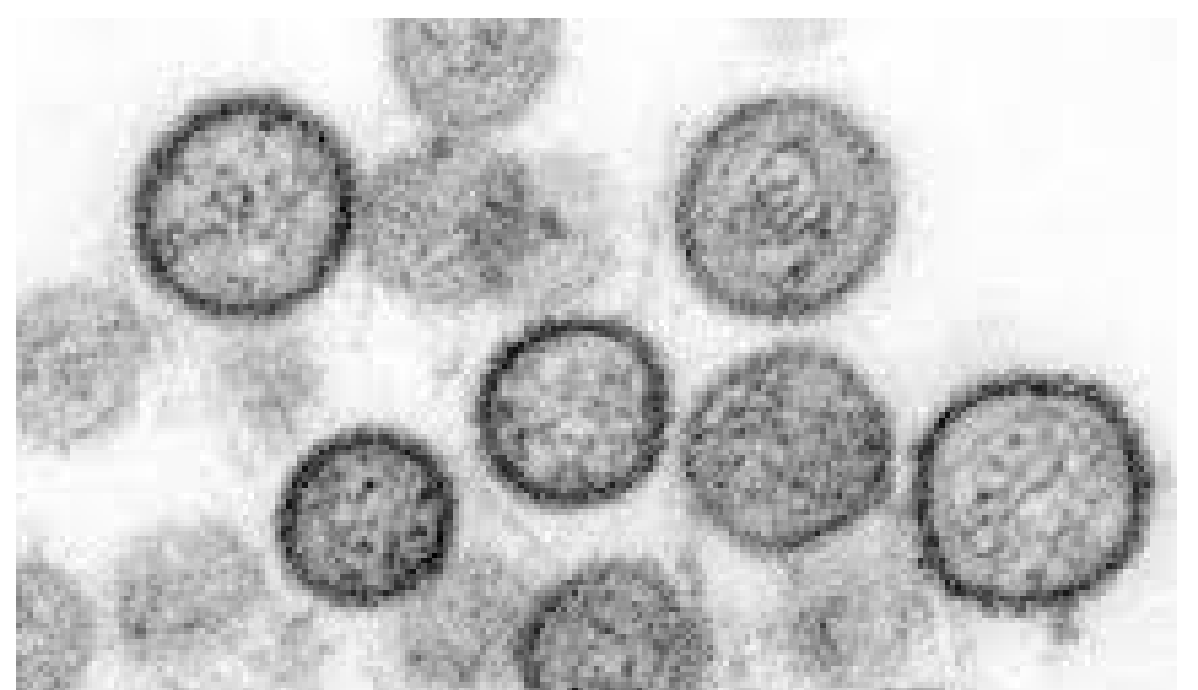
The diagnosis of hantavirus infection is 40% of cases that's 40 times higher than Covid-19 – on a ship carrying many people from country to country roughly two dozen,

has given public health officials around the world their first major test in controlling viruses since the Covid-19 pandemic, many countries are using different strategies and predictions to predict what to do and how to do it, and to monitor potentially exposed passengers and try to stop the spread of the Hantavirus disease.

Passengers are now on the window where they start developing symptoms of the hantavirus according to infectious disease experts. Their analysis found that the average incubation period for the virus – the time between when a person is infected and when they develop symptoms is roughly around 3 weeks, but may take 6 weeks.

The same day researches found the cause of the Infectious hantavirus a german passenger died On May 2, but until then passengers did not know they needed to take precautions.

Not everyone on board may have been exposed – or exposed at the same time, the may 2 date is a rough marker for the edge of the danger zone of being exposed But it takes as long as 3-6 weeks of being exposed to develop symptoms, which is why most countries are on the watch.





The Most Relevant Squeal Of 2026

Written by: Aubrey DeBone

Inside Hillside

On May 1st, 2026, *The Devil Wears Prada 2* was released. For those who hadn't watched the first movie, *The Devil Wears Prada* (1) follows Andrea Sachs, played by Anne Hathaway, an aspiring journalist who by pure luck lands a job with a famous fashion magazine, and now has to deal with her overbearing boss and editor Miranda Priestly, played by Meryl Streep. The first movie ends with Andrea, or Andy, finally getting the offer of her dreams, but eventually deciding that she wants to go back to journalism and declines the offer.



The sequel continues twenty years later, where Andy has returned to New York after traveling around the world writing about her hearts desire. Andy is given an award for excelling in journalism, only for her and her co-workers to be fired immediately after. She ends up making a speech about how unfair the higher ups treat people lower in her field, or any field for that matter, and it blows up.

This speech reaches a new character we met in this movie, Irv, who is explained to be Miranda's boss and the owner of the fashion magazine Runway. Irv hires Andy to work for Runway, despite Mirandas reluctance to have Andy working with her again.

The movie covers the struggle of not only fashion, but writing as a whole in the present day world of fast moving trends and constant demands for something new. Characters like Miranda and her personal assistant Nigel, who have both been in the fashion industry for years, are shown struggling to keep up with social media. Nigel even says its hard to make content people watch anymore, with new fast paced types social media becoming popular no one has the patience to read a magazine or news article anymore.

Sure, this struggle with social media isn't the whole focus of the movie, but the writers make it a point to be an important part of the plot. Even without specifically mentioning any names like youtube shorts, tictok, brainrot, etc, the struggles they face are more then relevant to problems many creators have today.

If you've tried to share anything creative on the internet you'd know the struggle of trying to get noticed in a digital world where everyones trying to stand out. Not only do they show the people working for Runway struggling with this same problem, they show how endagered the company is because of this problem. Irv hired Andy because he believed that she could help bring them to the top again, and while she did do this, the movie makes a point to show how barely anyone actually reads the articles she writes.

Part of the movie also covers clickbait. Andy wants to write genuine news, to spread information thats true. But now instead of writing to share the truth, she has to write to get clicks and likes, or in other words, she has to make clickbait. She's shown struggling with her own morals, she wants to write true facts, but if her articles don't get popular enough she could lose her job.

As someone who wants to be a writer, this movie spoke to me on many levels. The balance of keeping problems like AI and fast moving trends stays present the entire movie without it being the whole focus. The people who wrote the movie clearly had their own experiences with fast paced trends and newer forms of social media taking over, and did a great job at showing these things in the plot, characters, and everything else in the movie!



Michael Movie Review

Written by: Shanelle Houston

Inside **Hillside**

Opening day

The Michael movie was a hit. Millions of people came on opening day to see the movie.

Just three weeks ago on April 24th 6.3 million people from North America came on opening day setting the record for Largest opening day for a musical or biographical film.

Review

The Michael movie was not only a good movie I think it had a great and good representation. The music chooses where good but they could have been better more under cover gems. The movie was good but it could have been more realistic. There were a lot of things that could have been in the movie but due to legal reasons. I feel like the movie was very sugar coated when it came to his childhood especially since the movie was PG-13 he had a way worse childhood then shown and it was truly traumatic. Also they could not include the allegations due to legal reasons. His Dad being on the publishing team makes it no better and it changes the dynamic of the movie.

World review

Not only has the Michael movie taken off on the charts many people who were not even fans changed their minds and became fans and many were sympathetic based on the pepsi incident which caused his death years later.



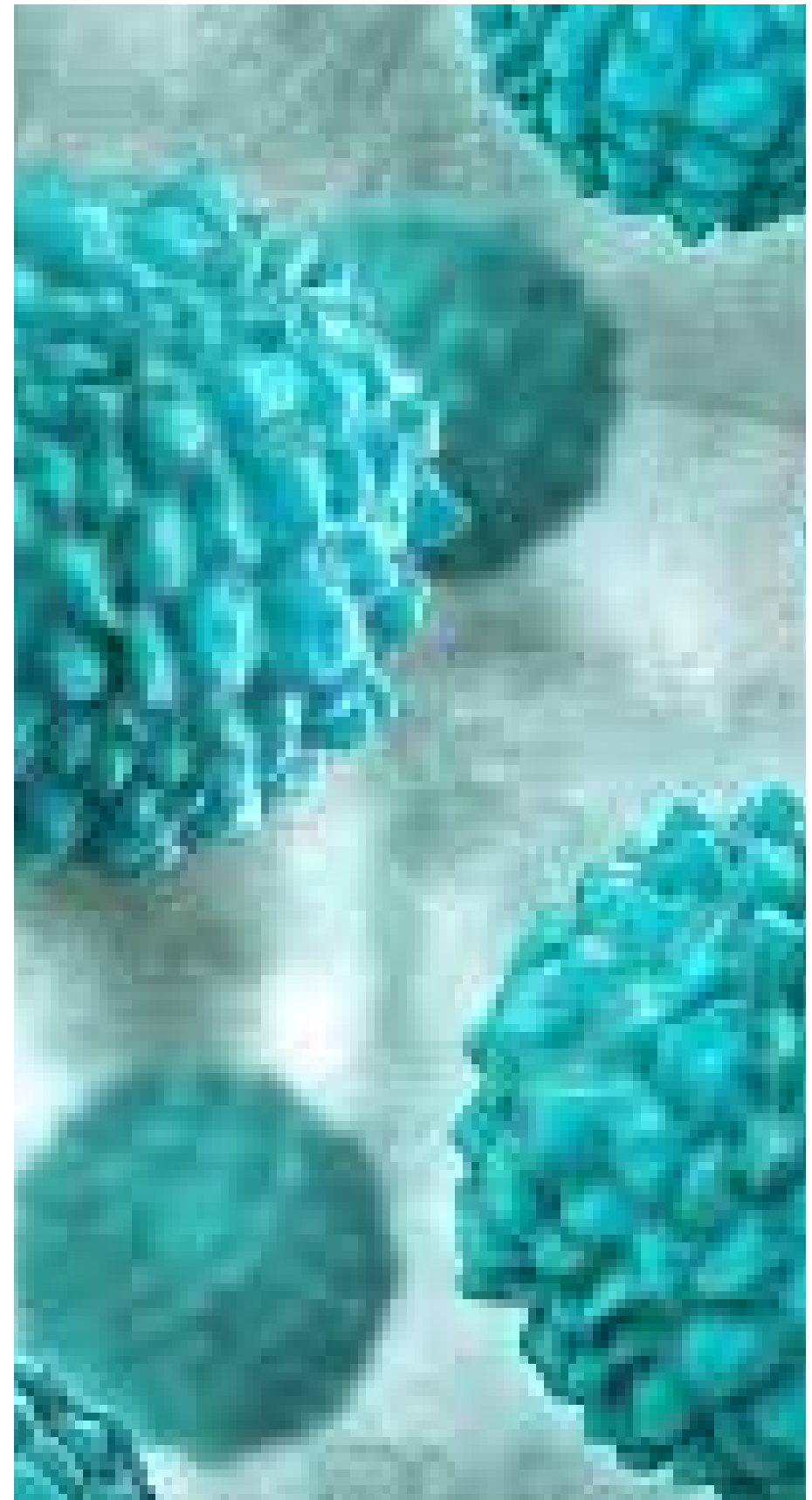


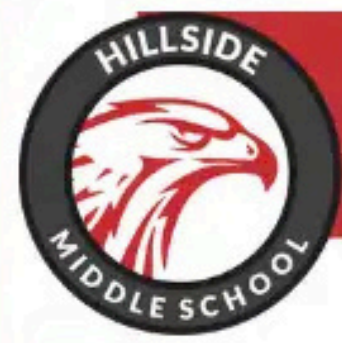
Norovirus

Written by: Cyncere Braggs

Inside **Hillside**

On Tuesday May 12th 2026 an ambassador cruise ship docked Bordeaux, France. This cruise ship held 1,700 people. 50 of these people showed symptoms of as we now know the Norovirus. Symptoms like contagious infections. These 50 people were confirmed to be quarantined in their cabins. I feel that it is sad that they paid money for the cruise and they are going to miss it because they are quarantined. But we have seen things happen after the ship that carried the Hantavirus docked it spread so this is a good way to make sure we don't have to deal with two big problems at the same time. If someone has the Norovirus do not share food or physically contact them in order not to get it. Also if you have it don't do this because then you will spread it. I feel that they should keep the 50 people on the cruise ship quarantined so they don't spread it.



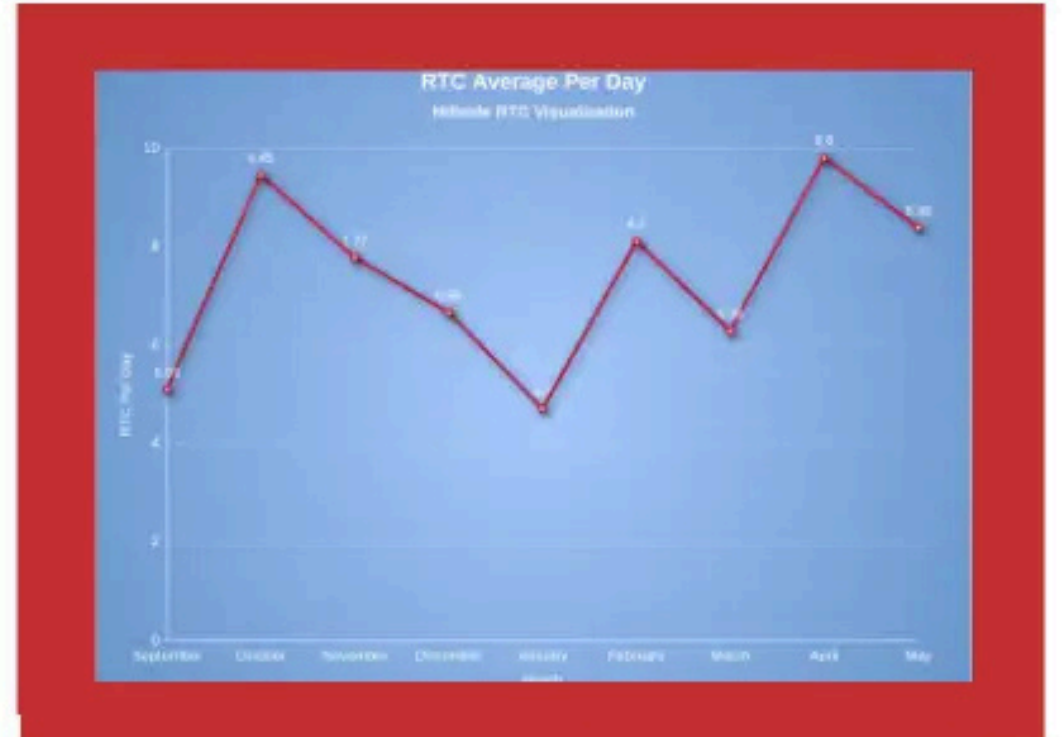


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Kalamazoo Public Schools

RTC Trends

The trends in RTC is a very interesting topic. Its outcomes are based on many different inputs, and its fun to try to analyze. Here are my theories as to why the trend in RTC is similar and different to all the other RTC graphs.



The month with the highest RTC ratio is April, and this makes perfect sense. The Mstep is in full swing, the end of the year is approaching, and students are rowdy. The one that surprises me is October.

October is in close second, and I find this surprising. I was sure it would be near the end of the year. This is probably because of halloween season. Kids are also getting settled into school by this point.

Third place goes to May, this is the most obvious of the three. The end of the year is approaching, NWEA is being taken, and kids are ready to leave for the summer.



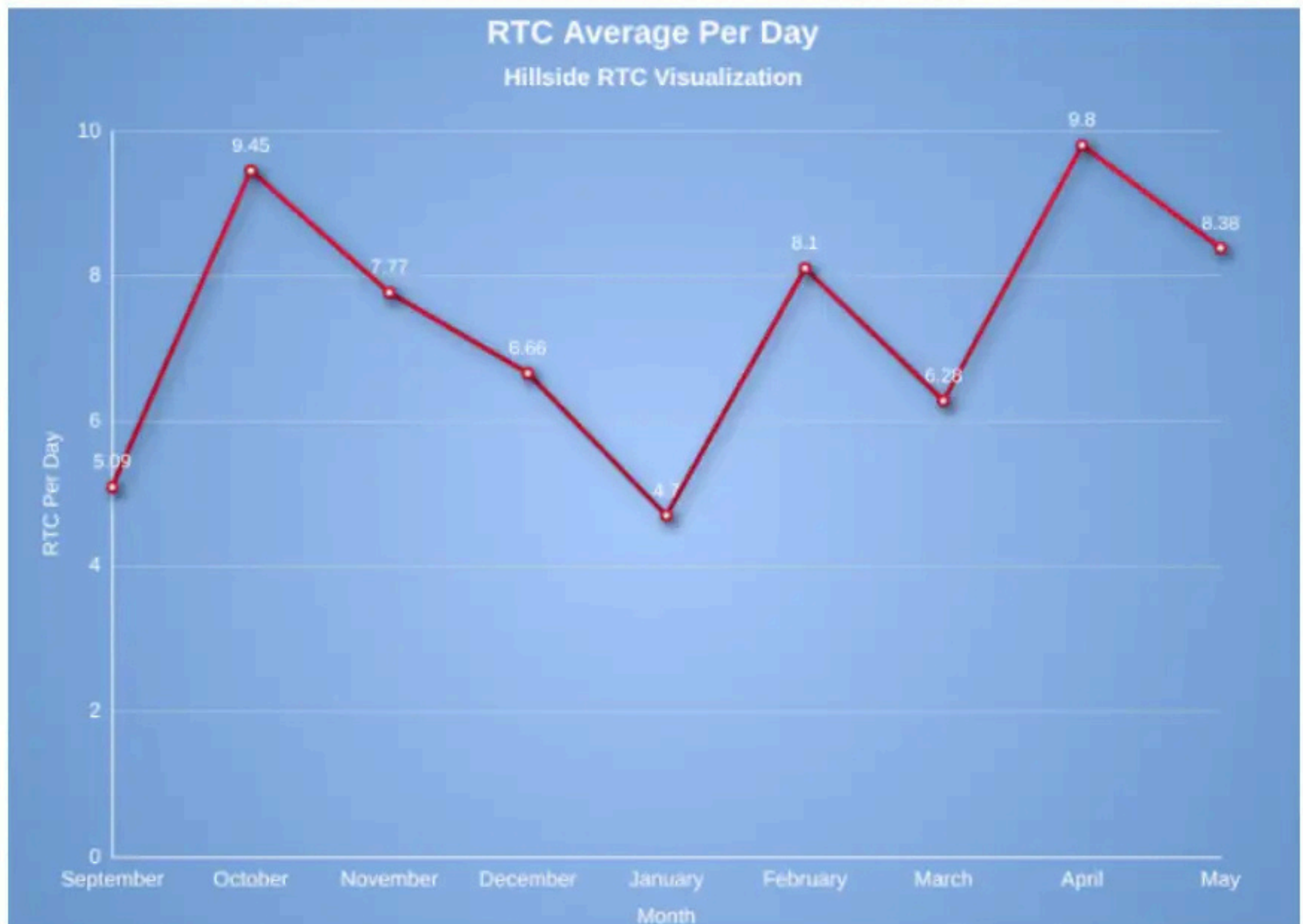
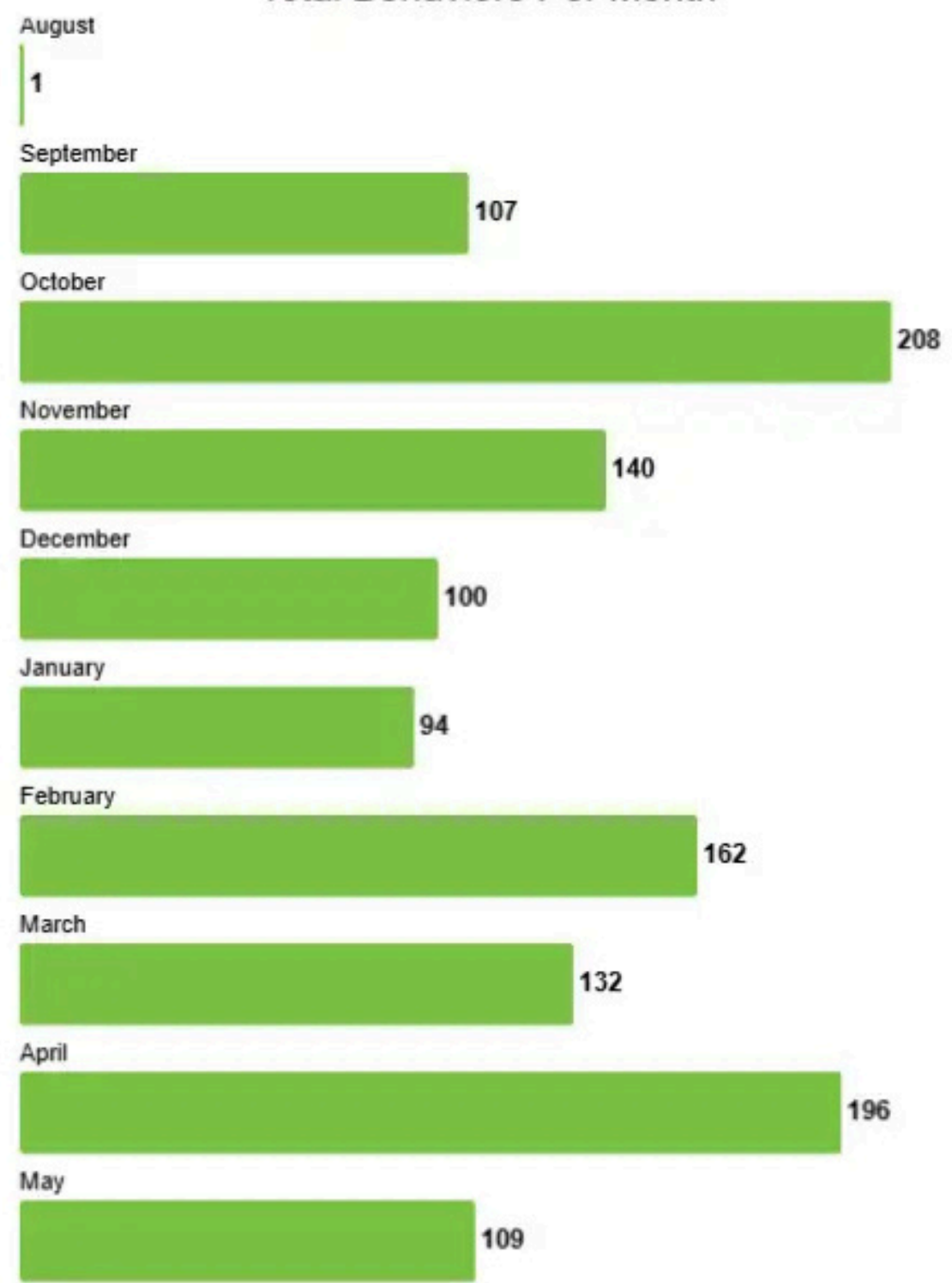
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Daily Average

- September: 5.09
- October: 9.45
- November: 7.77
- December: 6.66
- January: 4.70
- February: 8.10
- March: 6.28
- April: 9.8
- May: 8.38

Total Behaviors Per Month





Spirit Airlines Shuts Down For Bankruptcy Or Our President.

Inside **Hillside** *Written by: Zekairah Robinson, Tryniti Brown*

As of May 2, 2026 Spirit Airlines has announced that it is shut down. Most people think that it's just bankruptcy but it's actually something deeper.

Is oil the problem??

Spirit airlines has gotten over 44.1 million passengers to their destination. But ever since it got shut down they have not only lost about 17,000 loyal employees and even more customers, they almost lost control. Spirit Airlines officially blamed a sudden and sustained rise in jet fuel prices for its shut down, as the massive cost spike made it impossible to maintain their low cost business model. Spirit has lost over \$2.5 billion since 2020. Operating under tremendous financial pressure and struggling with significant debt, leading to, (Chapter 11 bankruptcy). They ceased operations on May 2, 2026 after failing to secure a \$500 million emergency bailout, exacerbated by high debt and soaring fuel costs linked to the conflict in Iran.



The Deeper Meaning

Our president Donald J. Trump proposed a \$500 million rescue deal, but there was a catch. If Spirit accepted it, it would give the government a huge proportion control over Spirit's shares. Spirit declined. Considering the fact that we are at war with Iran, president Trump requested the deal to go towards war. Along with the \$500 million dollars Trump was willing to give there was a catch. Even though it would give him most of the control over Spirit Airlines, Trump wanted to use Spirit as military planes to carry explosives, guns, and many other military things. This is why Spirit declined. The company, which boasted 34 years of operation, cancelled all flights on May 2, 2026, and instructed passengers to seek refunds for tickets.

What Does This Mean For The Future?

Even though spirit airlines shut down it may be reopened back in the future with a better comeback than ever!



Destructive Wind Storms, Global Warming Affecting Weather

Inside **Hillside** *Written by: Jagger Pelletier, Miles Solis*

GLOBAL WARMING

You may have noticed that the summers feel much hotter year after year, but it's just a thing, right?

The answer is no. The summers are feeling warmer due to a global trend and potential disaster: global warming. Climate change is the name for changes in average weather conditions over an area, but global warming is one changing climate globally.

Global warming continues to happen, mainly due to greenhouse gases, like carbon dioxide and methane, entering the atmosphere and trapping heat from the sun. This trapping of heat is causing global temperatures to rise, and this increase in temperature can have potentially devastating effects on the earth and our human race.

Droughts can become more severe due to the increased heat causing higher evaporation rates, the increase in moisture can cause higher precipitation and flooding, including more severe storms, and the melting of ice due to the higher temperatures is causing ice to melt and sea levels to rise, just intensifying the already bad floods. Several animals have also lost their homes or been affected due to global warming

Multiple movements aim to stop global warming by switching to renewable energy and not using fossil fuels, which produce most of these greenhouse gases from factories. Solar, hydroelectric, and wind power are being used as renewable energy sources, though the most recent governmental administration, which has been at the helm of our country starting in 2025, has put large restrictions on renewable energy, including a freeze on windmill construction

WIND STORMS IN MICHIGAN

Severe wind and thunderstorms raged throughout Southwest Michigan on Tuesday, May 19th. These storms ripped through homes, parks, and other various locations. Extremely high winds and tree damage was also reported in many areas, such as the Detroit City Airport, with wind gusts of 54 mph, Oak Park, with 1-inch hail, and Chilson, with reported trees and wires down.





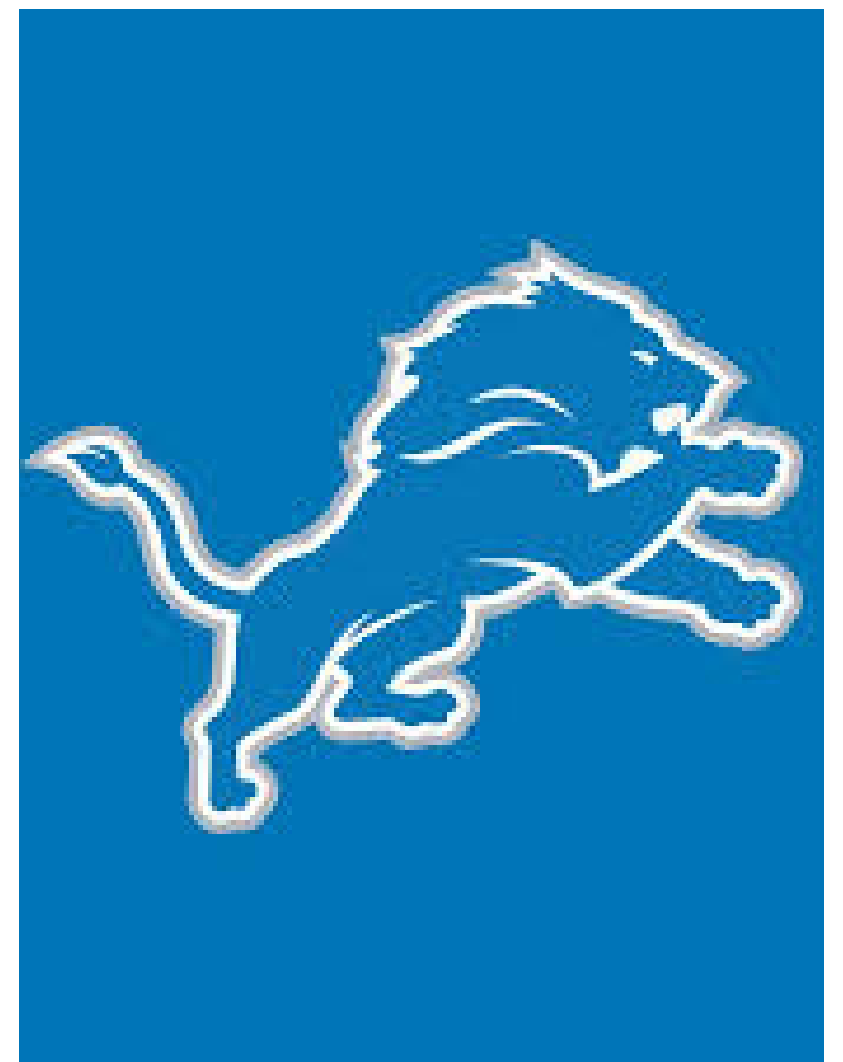
Detroit Lions Schedule

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Inside Hillside

The Detroit Lions finished 4th in their division last year, but that actually may help them this year. Whatever spot you get in your division, you play other teams who got that same spot. And since there is only 4 spots in a division, they play last place teams, which are usually rebuilding, or bad teams. However, the Lions are neither of the 2, as they finished 9-8, and only being 1 game behind in the playoffs, which means their schedule might be easy for them this year. First off they have the Saints, who have a standout rookie QB from last year Tyler Shough. This should be a win for the Lions, as the Saints are still going through some rebuilding, and their defense is a weakness. After starting off against the rebuilding New Orleans Saints and their rookie quarterback, the Lions have a huge game in Week 2. They have to travel to face the Buffalo Bills on Thursday Night Football, which will be super tough because the Bills have an amazing passing attack and a loud stadium. Luckily, things get easier in Week 3 when they come back home to Ford Field to play the New York Jets, a team that is currently struggling and rebuilding their roster. In Week 4, the Lions play another primetime game on Sunday Night Football against the Carolina Panthers. Since Carolina finished at the bottom of the league, Detroit's strong running game should help them get an easy win. Right before their early Week 6 bye week, the Lions travel to play the Arizona Cardinals in Week 7. Arizona has some dangerous young players, but their defense isn't very strong, so the Lions should be able to score a ton of points.

Coming out of the bye week, the Lions have to stay focused because the games get way more important. In Weeks 8 and 9, they have back-to-back home games against their biggest division rivals, the Green Bay Packers and the Minnesota Vikings. Winning these divisional home games is super important if they want to win the NFC North. After that, they fly to Florida in Week 10 to play the super-fast Miami Dolphins, which will test how quick Detroit's secondary can play. Then, in Week 11, the Lions get to do something really cool and fly all the way to Munich, Germany to play the New England Patriots! New England has a weak offense, so the Lions should be able to get a fun international win. They won't get a break after the long flight, though, because they have to play a physical Tampa Bay Buccaneers team in Week 12. Just a few days later, they have their famous Thanksgiving Day game at home against the Chicago Bears, which is always a massive holiday tradition



The end of the season has some easier games but finishes with a really tough road trip. In Week 14, the Lions play the Atlanta Falcons in a nice, warm indoor stadium where Detroit's passing game can look great.

Week 15 is a home game against the Tennessee Titans, who don't have enough talent to keep up with Detroit late in the year. But the last month of the season is going to be a total dogfight. In Week 16, they play the Minnesota Vikings on the road for Sunday Night Football, which will be extremely loud. After a quick Monday Night Football home game against the New York Giants in Week 17, the Lions finish the year with two freezing cold outdoor games. Week 18 is at Soldier Field against the Chicago Bears, and the final regular season game is at Lambeau Field against the Green Bay Packers. The weather will be freezing, and this final game will probably decide who wins the division and goes to the playoffs, so the Lions will need to play their absolute best football to win. In my opinion, they should make the playoffs and or win the division, but it's too far ahead to tell. I did like their draft play and most of their FA moves so far, but the best is yet to come



The Band, Choir, and Orchestra Performance

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Inside **Hillside**

The Band, Choir, and Orchestra Performance happened last week Wednesday. The choir had new students perform and more advanced choirs perform as well. Each of their songs. The band and orchestra both had their highlights. The band played downtown blues and had many solos, which was one of the highlights in the performance. They also played fighting eagles, in honor of one of the best teachers in the school, who is now retiring. The orchestra had the new members play a few songs with a few solos, making it sound amazing and the advanced orchestra had songs and they were amazing. The transition from each one was quick too, must count for something.





Robert F. Kennedy Jr

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Inside Hillside

RFK Jr. or Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is the biggest health crisis of the 21st century but first we need some background information before we get into this crisis.

He was born on January 17, 1954 in Washington DC he is one of several nephews to former president John F. Kennedy and the 3rd child of Ethel and Robert Kennedy's 11 children. JFK was assassinated in 1963 and his brother RKF was assassinated just 5 years later in 1968 when RFK Jr was only 14. RFK Jr went to Harvard studying American history and literature, later he went to the University of Virginia Law school, and received a master's degree in environmental law from Pace University Law School in New York. RFK Jr began working in the Manhattan district attorney's office but was arrested for possessing heroin where he was forced to do community service with probation. During his community service he worked at Natural Resources Defense Council and Riverkeeper later he became a senior attorney focused on preventing poaching and keeping New York's waterways clean, during this period in his career he gained a positive reputation as a successful environmental Lawyer winning many cases against large corporations but in 2015 things took a drastic turn as he started becoming involved with Children's Health Defence, an anti-vaccine advocacy group that spread misinformation about childhood vaccines and spread the idea that vaccines cause autism which has been thoroughly and repeatedly debunked beyond a shadow of a doubt. In 2023 RFK Jr said he would run for the democratic party's presidential nomination, but in October he switched to independent, and by August of 2024 withdrew from the presidential race and endorsed Republican Donald Trump after being promised secretary of health and human services (HHS). After Trump won the election he nominated RFK Jr to be the secretary of HHS and on February 13, 2025 he was sworn in to office.



Now with that background information out of the way we can get into this crisis immediately after the ceremony where RFK Jr became the secretary of HHS president Trump signed an executive order to establish MAHA or Make America Healthy Again, this movement was intended to investigate and address the root cause of America's escalating health crisis, with a focus on childhood chronic diseases. In the first few months as secretary RFK Jr has raged against ultra processed food and vaccines, saying vaccines are harmful and cause autism which is completely false there are thousands of articles and studies that prove it. But it is true that there have been more cases of autism from 1 in 68 in 2010 to 1 in 31 in 2022 but that is due to increased diagnostic criteria and better ways of diagnosing it, simply there are more cases of autism because we are better at finding it and there are more people we consider as autistic. But remember most autistic people aren't all completely nonverbal and flapping their hands around many of them can integrate into society just fine. But many people have fallen for this rhetoric and it shows in 2025 there were 2,288 cases of measles, 28,783 cases of whooping cough, and 10,260 cases of Tuberculosis. This shows that these diseases are coming back due to this administration's anti-science rhetoric.

Now even after all of that RFK Jr still has done some even more crazy things including cutting the head off a rotting whale corpse with a chainsaw then tying it to the top of his family's minivan. RFK Jr's daughter (Kathleen "Kick" Kennedy) stated in a Town and Country Magazine. "Every time we accelerated on the highway, whale juice would pour into the windows of the car, and it was the rankest thing on the planet," Along with in a book called RFK Jr: Fall and Rise he said that during a family road trip he pulled over on the side of a road with his kids in the car and cut the genitals off a road killed racoon to do untold things with. He also admitted to attempting to skin a bear cub then after falling to do so dumping it in central park. Finally, In 2010 doctors found that a parasitic worm had eaten a part of his brain and died. This is likely the cause of some of his neurological issues and it's absolutely absurd that the person in charge of our health is missing a part of his brain.

In conclusion RFK Jr is a complete madman that doesn't believe in vaccines, has a concerning infatuation with dead animals and is missing a part of his brain.



Why an AJ Brown trade Could Reshape the NFL

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Few NFL rumors have generated more off-season intrigue than the possibility of AJ Brown being traded by the Philadelphia Eagles. While Philadelphia has publicly downplayed speculation, multiple recent reports suggest discussions around a potential post June 1 deal remaining active with the New England Patriots, emerging as the most frequently connected destination.

AJ Brown is still one of the league's premier wide receivers since arriving in Philadelphia. He has transformed the Eagles offense with elite physicality, contested capability, and explosive playmaking; he has produced four straight 1000 yards seasons and helped lead the franchise to the Super Bowl title.

So the question remains: Why would the Eagles even consider moving a player of that caliber?

The biggest factor is the timing and the salary cap flexibility reports indicate the Eagles would absorb more than \$40 million in debt cap space if they traded AJ Brown before June 1, but that figure drops dramatically afterwards. That financial structure has fueled widespread belief that any move would happen during the summer rather than earlier in the off-season.

Philadelphia also appears to be preparing for the future; the team recently drafted wide receiver Makai Lemon in the first round of 2026 NFL draft and had also added several other past catching options during the season via trades. Analysts have interpreted those moves as insurance in case AJ Brown ends up actually leaving.

From a roster building perspective, the eagle may believe that they can remain competitive by relocating his salary towards younger talent and long-term extensions for cornerstone players elsewhere on the roster.

The Patriots are widely feuded as the front runner because of their desperate need for an actual number one receiver and AJ Brown's connection to head coach Mike Vrabel, who had coached him during his time with the Tennessee Titans. For New England acquiring AJ Brown would instantly accelerate the development of the young quarterback Drake Maye elite receivers can completely alter a young pastor's trajectory and AJ Brown's physical style would give the Patriots an offensive identity they have lacked for years.

The rumored asking price, potentially a future first round pick, has divided fans and analysts. Some believe AJ Brown is worth the gamble because proven elite receivers are rarely available during the off-season, others question whether surrendering premium draft capital for a veteran wideout it's the right move during a rebuild period.

While New England has dominated the conversation, the Kansas City Chiefs have also reportedly surfaced as a possible landing spot after Patriot's negotiations appeared to cool temporarily. His move to Kansas City would create immediate headlines because pairing AJ Brown with Patrick Mahomes could produce one of the NFL's most dangerous offenses, however salary, cap complications and trade compensation could make a deal like that quite difficult. Of course, other receiver-needy teams could also emerge if Philadelphia formally places AJ Brown on the trade market.

Trading superstar receivers is always dangerous. The Eagles already experienced offensive inconsistency last season and removing AJ Brown from the lineup could place an enormous pressure on DeVonta Smith to become the unquestioned centerpiece of the passing game. History also offers cautionary lessons. AJ Brown himself was once traded away by Tennessee, a move many observers know as a franchise changing mistake for the Tennessee Titans. If Philadelphia moves AJ Brown, and the offense regresses, criticism towards the organization will intensify quickly from the fans and the media.

At the moment an AJ Brown trade feels more plausible than ever the financial structure lines up and the Eagles have quietly prepared depth at the receiver position as league insiders continue to connect AJ Brown to New England. Still, blockbuster NFL trades are unpredictable. Philadelphia could ultimately decide to keep it in the playmaker to weigh any long-term career benefits, but if AJ Brown is moved to trade, it would instantly become one of the defining transactions of the 2026 off-season and could dramatically alter the ballot of power in the AFC and the NFC alike.

UPDATE: The Philadelphia Eagles traded star wide receiver AJ Brown to the New England Patriots in exchange for a 2028 first-round pick and a 2027 fifth-round pick. Brown expressed a desire for a fresh start, following some on-field frustrations during the previous season. Brown had an expensive contract. By trading him after June 1, the Eagles were able to split his heavy signing bonus proration, avoiding a massive, immediate salary cap hit The move allowed Brown to reunite with Mike Vrabel, his former head coach from his days with the Tennessee Titans, providing the Patriots with the elite receiver they desperately needed for young quarterback Drake Maye.





Strange Ways and Israel

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Inside **Hillside**

Despite being released 20 years ago, the song Strange Ways by MF DOOM and Madlib (also known as Madvillain) is still relevant today.

The first verse starts out with the 2 lines “Wreak havoc, beep beep, it’s mad traffic. Sleek and lavish people speak it and leak it to the maverick.” The most likely interpretation is in reference to drug trafficking. To the “sleek and lavish” people, they are causing havoc. These upperclassmen then “leak it to the maverick.” In this context, a maverick is a police officer who is not concerned with following the rules.

Next, DOOM raps “He see it as just another felony drug arrest. Any day could be the one he pick the wrong thug to test. Slug through the vest, shot in the street.” He means that any day, this rogue police officer could mess with a drug dealer that could potentially shoot him, leaving him dead in the street. “For pulling heat on a father whose baby’s gotta eat. And when they get hungry, it ain’t **** funny. Paid to interfere with how a brother get his money.” This line is meant to place the blame on the circumstances that the drug dealers are in, not the people themselves. When they need to feed their family, they will do whatever it takes. “Now, who’s the real thugs, killers and gangsters?” Police are the real thugs and killers. When they make an arrest or shoot these dealers, they prevent them from feeding their families.

“Set the revolution, let the things bust and thank us.” This is one of the most layered lyrics in the song, with three main interpretations. Firstly, DOOM could be saying he is going to start a revolution with all his crazy lyrics. Secondly, he could be saying he wants all the thugs to rebel and fight back against the system. And thirdly, the U.S. frequently takes over smaller countries who, while being impoverished, still have a stable government. When their government is overthrown by us, “the things bust,” causing chaos. Then, the U.S. still has the audacity to ask for thanks.

Next DOOM showcases an impressive multi-entendre that describes two different ends of the world.

“When the smoke clear, you can see the sky again. There will be the chopped off heads of Leviathan.” Leviathan is a seven headed monster in Christian and Jewish mythology that is supposed to be killed right before the end of time. This refers to Israel’s enemies being destroyed, or reaching their end, during the rapture. Leviathan is also a book that describes being under the control of a complete sovereign power. MF DOOM says that he wants this system gone, or its heads chopped off. And the final known interpretation is, in politics, the term Leviathan refers to a metaphorical beast that keeps the people scared and in check. Meaning that if the heads of this beast are cut off (or the government is taken down), the world will devolve into anarchy.

The second verse begins with “They pray four times a day, they pray five. Who ways is strange when it’s time to survive?” The Jewish people pray 4 times a day on the Sabbath, while Muslims pray 5 times a day, everyday. The point is that they both are praying, but since they have their own rules about it, they will continue to fight and war over their silly differences.

“Some will go of they own free will to die. Others take them with you when they blow sky high. What’s the difference? All you get is lost children. While the bosses sit up behind the desks, it cost billions, to blast humans in half, into calves and arms.” This refers to how large military powers, such as the U.S. and Israel, will invade smaller countries. The government portrays the small countries’ methods of fighting as barbaric. DOOM is saying “What’s the difference?” between sending thousands of young men into war on their own free will, and wasting the lives of young suicide bombers. Both methods result in the deaths of innocent children. The underlying message of this line is that war never hurts the people who have enough power (the bosses) to start it.

“Only one side is allowed to have bombs. It’s like making a soldier drop his weapon, shooting him, and telling him to get to stepping.” When nations like the U.S. or Israel destroy enemy countries’ weapons, it’s unfair that only one side is allowed to have bombs. He’s saying that only one side having bombs essentially guarantees victory for whichever does. It’s the same as disarming a soldier, shooting them, and sending them away.

“Obviously, they came to portion up his fortune.” This is likely in reference to the suspicions of the U.S. and Iraq war being started to gain access to the bountiful oil fields in Iraq. There is a callback to the earlier verse in “Sounds to me like that old robbery/extortion.” DOOM means that the government going and robbing other countries is no different than the drug dealers that the government has tried so hard to stop.

These two verses along with their name being Madvillain pose an interesting question: Who is the real villain? The guy on a street corner selling drugs? Or the world leaders initiating wars and extorting other countries, with no regard for the safety of the people below them.

