

Hi and welcome to *On The Record* news. It's Wednesday the 29th of March. I'm Jack Wannan. And I'm Justin Lam. These are the stories we're following this week.

Israel's Prime Minister says he won't let pressure from the United States affect his judgement. US President Joe Biden said earlier this week that he hopes Israel walks away from its proposed judicial overhaul. President Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel is a sovereign country. That judicial overhaul if implemented, would give Netanyahu's far right government almost total control over Israel Supreme Court. Some critics say the change would hurt democracy in the country. protests escalated on Sunday night after Netanyahu fired the Defence Minister, Yoav Galant had expressed opposition to the proposed change. And closer to home, observers say yesterday's federal budget was a chance for the Liberal government to demonstrate that the country is not broken. The three top priorities outlined in the budget were health care, affordability and eco-friendly investing. The plan includes a \$13 billion budget over five years for dental care for families that make less than 90,000. The net spending over six years is set to be \$43 billion.

It's going to be a proud moment at convocation for the very first graduates of TMU's new law program, Aru Kaul caught up with some of them.

The first cohort of the Lincoln Alexander School of Law will be graduating in June, they told us what it's like being new grads of this brand new program. Being difficult first cohort gave us the opportunity to really communicate with the faculty as to what we

dislike, like or maybe perhaps suggesting improvements for future years. So I think we were able to create a foundation that maybe other years might not have been able to write I mean overall, it's it's been like a lot of like different adjustments each year has been looking a very different.

But I've enjoyed like connecting with students as I've gone through the years, be it like the first year that came in this year or second year now.

There's a beautiful sense of community. So the law school first opened up in 2020. While TMU's and the rest of Toronto were in lockdown. Students had to attend classes through zoom, I would love to see a lot more courses that are social justice focus this last year and this current year as well. I've been able to like I've been fortunate enough to take courses in that interest area. But I would love to see more of an emphasis on that area in particular, I think it's very important for all students to have that understanding that knowledge and the opportunity to engage in conversations that are very meaningful. There was a moot court club wanting more moot court there was an access to justice club, really wanting partnerships within the community and a Pro Bono Students Canada chapter. So so the growth is that there's this beautiful moot court programme that's been established. So it went from conversations on zoom in on screen to to with the support of staff and faculty and under the Dean's leadership, creating a full fledged moot court programme still to grow. But that's there other than continuing to grow the programmes already in place and working with tech startups the school hopes to continue to build a relationship with its graduating students graduating class now going into the field to create an establish those networks and relationships and see what those students are going to do as they lead and change and shift the profession and then come back and work with the law school

to really expand the reach of justice that it was there to create. It was a really because of the integrated practice curriculum. I think they did a really good job at showing us. You know, this is what you're learning, but in reality, this is what it looks like.

For *On The Record News*, I'm Aru Kaul.

TTC Chair John Burnside says an improvement to transit safety may not happen as quickly as we like. Burnside spoke about safety yesterday after a 16 year old boy was stabbed to death on the TTC over the weekend. Gabriel McElroy wish died Sunday after being stabbed at subway station. Police say the attack was unprovoked. It was the fourth homicide on TTC property in the past 12 months.

It's that time of year when you can check out how much money your parents or your boss is making. Yes, the 2022 Ontario sunshine list is out if you're a public employee and you make 100 grand or more. Your name is on the list. As we'll hear from OTR reporter Cassie Argao. That means our university president is way overqualified. She asked students for their thoughts.

Ontario's public sector salary disclosure list or the sunshine list for 2022 was released last Friday. TMU. President Mohammed Lachemi is on that list. I'll give you a second to see if you can guess how much he made.

He made \$426,973.12 In the last year. Now I'm at the SLC to see if TMU's Students can guess how much the President made last year?

Oh, I don't know.

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Last year on when she made like I paid

37 cents. Maybe I knew questions should we do TMU's students know what a salary is? How much the TMU's president made in the past year like a salary?

400k for 2025 care. I'd say 30 to 80 \$426,000 in the past year.

Salary.

I'm gonna say like 100k He made \$426,000.

Wow. Yeah, maybe like, can I say like a really big number. Like 300k 50k. He made \$426,000 In the past year.

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\$1.3 million.

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President Lachemi told on the record news that TMU's takes transparency and accountability of taxpayer dollars seriously, and that executives at TMU's have dealt with a salary freeze for many years. So how close is your guests? *For On The Record News*, I'm Cassie Argao.

If you follow us collegiate sports you won't need to be told that the March Madness Final Four is now set. That semi finals in the top college basketball tournament will take place Saturday. Nine seed Florida Atlantic will take on San Diego State. Florida Atlantic is coming off a big win over second seed Texas from last weekend and University of Miami will meet University of Connecticut. The championship game will happen just two days later on Monday.

Everyday belongs to somebody and this coming Friday belongs to members of the trans community. Here's reported a real call with some events you might want to check out.

International Transgender Day of visibility is celebrated every year on March 31. Since 2009, it is a day to recognise the systemic and societal challenges faced by people under the trans umbrella. If you're transgender, non-binary, gender diverse, unsure about your identity, or just want to educate yourself, here are some events in Toronto you can go to on or near that day. This Thursday starting at 6:30pm. Head over to the to come see Auditorium on TMU's campus for eleganza extravaganza, an event dedicated to queer and trans students pay what you can tickets are available online.

The comedy lab on Brunswick Avenue is hosting an open mic night for women and non binary people this Friday starting at 10pm. If you could use a good laugh, a drink or even if you just want to make some new friends Pay What You Can tickets are available online.

This Saturday at 2pm. Head over to the Centre for Social Innovation on Spadina. For a discussion about homelessness among gender diverse people, researchers from the organisation sistering will explore the intersections of gender and housing and talk about housing security in Toronto for women and transgender people.

That's all for this week. For on the record news. I'm a recall.

Tick tock. Every day it's getting harder to keep up with what's going on. Luckily our reporter Samira Balsara has been all over it for us.

Let's talk TikTok: Are you totally confused when people are snacking on frozen fruit roll ups? Did you ever think a concert could double as a fashion show? And how is social media reacting to the Congress hearings on Tik Tok. Today, I'm going to catch you up on all that's trending on the app in the United

States tik TOCs Chief Executive Officer show to testify before Congress late last week, creators on social media said Congress have no idea how the app works.

The hashtag Congress TikTok has 14 point 9 million views and counting skits reactions and edits have been created featuring clips from last week's events, the phone's camera to determine whether the content that elicits a pupil dilation should be amplified by the what the CEO of TikTok is testifying in front of Congress right now. And they're going theory is that tick tock is tapping into your camera to see if your pupils dilate when you watch a video, and if they do, they'll amplify that video more what it's clear that Tiktok users in the US don't want to lose access to the app. Whether you're Swifty or not, it's been nearly impossible to avoid news about Taylor Swift stadium tour, the era's tour which kicked off about two weeks ago. For Swifties. This is more than just a concert fans are dressing up and all kinds of eye catching outfits from a literal traffic light, a reference to her song death by 1000 cuts to an Easter egg and even a refrigerator. Swifties are circulating one particular part of the concert, her rendition of her song illicit affairs, a track from her Grammy Award winning album folklore.

Fans are saying the bridge altered their brain chemistry, and I'm not gonna lie. That kind of changed my life too.

Have you ever thought of combining a fruit roll up and a scoop of ice cream? I can honestly say the idea hasn't come to me. Until now. Creators on TikTok are adding a scoop of ice cream to a fruit roll up. The ice cream instantly hardens the fruit roll up and it becomes a delicious frozen dessert. Let's try it out like a burrito, just like to hear it.

Okay,

we rolled it up. Let's try it

well, whoa, was actually really good.

Last week I spent 18 hours on TikTok so I better wrap this up before that number gets any longer for *On The Record*. I'm Samira Balsara.

Eggy the ram is no more. He's not resting. He's not stunned. He's not pining for the fjords. The mascot has expired, who will replace him. Rachel Aversa has the story.

It's time to name our new mascot at TMU. At the start of this academic year TMU introduced us our new team name the bold along with a new mascot the falcon. Our previous mascot was eggy the RAM, named after Egerton Ryerson as part of the renaming strategy for the university. The team name and mascot were also changed in 2022. students and community members can submit their ideas for a new name until March 31. Through a Google form that can be found on the university's website. We spoke with Ryan McDonald, the manager of sport performance and head strength and conditioning coach. He explains what the Falcon means to TMU.

I remember a time when Falcons returning to Toronto's downtown core was really celebrated as a sign of both ecological recovery but also from a sport performance lens. They're fast, they're agile, they're

very intelligent. So they're something that really thrives in the downtown core, which I think symbolizes what we're looking to do as our own university as well. Those who submit a mascot name will be entered into a raffle where they can win one of five TMU T shirts. The Falcons new name will be announced in the fall when the new mascot makes their debut. With on the record news. I'm Rachel Aversa.

If you haven't had a chance to check the forecast for the next few days, we've got you covered. Here's Elle Laws with a look at our weather.

Well Justin, you will definitely want to keep your raincoat and maybe a parka handy for today. Today is a mess with rain and snow mix on the horizon high of seven degrees in Toronto that said feels more like three degrees with three millimetres of precipitation within the next hour. Temperature highs across the region are consistent. However highs are both a couple degrees lower and Barry wealth and Kitchener Barry has a weather advisory warning for this afternoon as they can expect heavy snow up to five centimetres and it will be spilling until tomorrow morning at 1am. Looking at Toronto's five day forecast I would recommend making indoor plans for late this week. Tomorrow we will see a mix of sun and cloud and a high of only five degrees feeling more like one degree on Friday we could receive as much as 15 millimetres of rain. The high will be nine feeling more like six so I will be staying inside this weekend. Expect showers on Saturday with a high of

Well feeling more like nine. Sunday's prediction shows sun and cloud. A high five that feels more like one than Monday will most likely start with a mix of sun and rain and high 14. Feeling more like 12 degrees hopefully a warm start the next week. So definitely try and keep yourself warm and dry for these coming days. Thank you ,Weather Network for all today's data. For *On The Record*. I'm Elle laws back to you, Jack and Justin.

Thanks so I'll make sure to dust off my umbrellas for the time being.

The Blue Jays will kick off their new season tomorrow. Their first game will be away against the St. Louis Cardinals. But if you want to catch a game in person, you might have to wait a while their home opener is on April 11.

The to food and drink fest is running from Friday to Sunday. There will be a variety of culinary workshops where you will have a chance to taste food prepared by celebrity chefs. Tickets are \$20 online or \$23 at the door, doors open at 5pm on Friday and Saturday on Sunday at noon. This is all happening at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. That's it for today's show. For more stories from our OTR newsroom, please have a look at our website that's on the [recordnews.ca](http://recordnews.ca) I'm Justin Lam. And I'm Jack Wannan. Have a great day