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Good morning. Thanks for joining us today. I'm Deanna Samra and I'm Nicholas Viveros. Here's some of the stories we're following for you this morning from the On The Record newsroom.

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A couple dozen Toronto rideshare and food delivery drivers took part in a strike at Nathan Phillips Square Wednesday afternoon. Research Reports are showing that many drivers are making far less than minimum wage. Workers say that platforms like Uber and Lyft are taking disproportionate sums from their fares as fees affecting how much money drivers actually make. Similar strikes also took place in major cities in both the United States and the United Kingdom.

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Be prepared for some more traffic in Toronto as the Gardiner Expressway will be reduced to only two lanes beginning as early as March to make way for construction. One lane from each side of the highway is expected to be out of service for three years as part of a multi step highway rehabilitation plan. However, the city has said it will pass construction for the FIFA World Cup in Toronto from May to July of 2026.

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Manual license plate renewals will soon be a thing of the past, as the Ford government announced this Tuesday that the province will move into an automatic system. This decision follows the elimination of annual license plate Strikes Back in 2022, which costs Ontario residents up to \$120 per vehicle. There is currently no specifics in regard to when renewals will officially be scrapped. Before it is confident this change will take place soon.

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Police are investigating a pro Palestinian rally protesting the attacks on Gaza after a protester

was filmed climbing Mount Sinai Hospital this past Monday. Politicians across all levels of government from Mayor Olivia Chow to premier Doug Ford have condemned the protests outside the Jewish institution, with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau even calling it a display of anti semitism. Rally organizers however deny any intention of targeting the hospital and claim it was on the route to the the US Consulate. Police say they will be increasing their presence on hospital row to maintain hospital operations.



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Starting this upcoming Monday on Family Day, the City of Toronto will begin enforcing paid street parking during statutory holidays. With more on why the change has been made. Here's a proven bot.



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If you're heading out this family day remember to pay for parking since it's no longer going to be free on Start holidays. starting this Monday the Toronto Police will be ticketing folks who haven't paid for parking. In a statement released on February 12. The Toronto Police Service announced this operational decision is due to increase competition for curb space. They've linked this competition to streetcars, bike lanes, cafe Toronto and other infrastructure developments. People would call in saying my neighbor's knowing that that's free parking just park their car all day.



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Well, that's not allowing someone who's coming to the city to enjoy the city, a parking spot. That's just someone using up a spot because it's free. In light of how expensive everything has become some Torontonians aren't happy about this development. Everyone that's getting paid and everything for live work. It's not enough to be considered like living wages, it's already struggle. While this will only impact parking 12 days a year. It's definitely a perk that will be missed. For On The Record news. I'm a poor output. Back to you Dana and Nick enjoy a fancy cocktail. How about one with Dunkaroos or popcorn in it? Bartenders throw it back to the 90s at the Canadian finals for the Bureau bartender competition in Toronto this Tuesday. Here's Patrick Pearson with more 10 bartenders from across the country gathered at bar Mordecai in Toronto this Tuesday to compete in the Canadian finals for the Vero BARTENDER Cocktail Competition. Contestants were challenged to create an original cocktail inspired by this year's theme 90s Calling using amaro Montenegro the contest organizer very proud and excited for the the sounding levels of talent, commitment and creativity that we saw in our submissions this year, judges selected 10 finalists from nearly 100 entries posted on Instagram. While local talent was represented at the national finals. Contestants came from as far as Halifax, Nova Scotia, Montreal, Quebec, and Victoria, British Columbia. Some contestants took inspiration from the movies and music of the 1990s such as Pulp Fiction and Nirvana. While some hearken back to childhood nostalgia with recess and 90 Snack themed drinks and others created modern takes on the classic cocktails of the 90s like the cosmopolitan and the Long Island Iced Tea.



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Judge Jocelyn



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Li, a veteran of Toronto's bar scene and co founder of bartender Atlas, said that the key to success in this competition and in cocktail making is being creative and not taking it too seriously. First and foremost, Amaro Montenegro has to be the most important thing in the drink. Secondly, can you do that and not make it so serious? Like how much fun can you have with a spirit that's 140 ish years old. And I think everyone here did a really good job of that actually means so so much to me to pass on this year's barrel bartender title



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to my best friend.



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Ultimately, Dylan Brentwood of barkhuizen in Halifax, Nova Scotia took home the top spot combining Amara Montenegro with a homemade caramel apple soda, cheddar popcorn, fuse rum and bitters, his Goodwill Hunting inspired cocktail, dubbed dem apples, took the judges back to a night of the movies in 1997. So my approach was like, How can I do something that I'm very excited about right now, which is like working with carbonation, and use like ingredients that are local to Nova Scotia, related to the cocktail that I cared about the movie I cared about, which was Goodwill Hunting. So I just kind of landed on this like, apple caramel soda. I did. I was like, that sounds really dumb. He'll be sent to Bologna, Italy, the birthplace of amaro Montenegro in April to take his creation to the World Finals. Events like this one not only provide bartenders an opportunity to showcase their chops, but are also important for Toronto's bartending community. According to Lindley, you get to see what everybody is interested in and what everyone's capable of and how good you are in front of a room like, Look, man, 60% of bartending is being able to read a room. And if you're performing making a drink, it is partially performance if you can't do that, what are you even doing for On The Record? I'm Patrick Pearson.



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In campus news, the university is seeking community feedback on his latest Sexual Violence Policy Review draft. With more on the online survey and policy changes. Here's Julia Lawrence.



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Toronto metropolitan university is asking community members to read and provide feedback on phase two of its sexual violence policy review. That feedback will be gathered in an online survey that will be up until March 1, according to a statement sent out to the team you

community on Monday. The online survey is an anonymous nine page Google form asking the user to go through specific policy sections and give general feedback on language and section descriptions. In Phase one's announcement, the university stated they're available helped maintain our commitment to excellence and fairness of process and will ensure that the policy continues to reflect an institutional commitment to addressing sexual violence and promoting a culture of consent and a trauma informed way. This is a regular review process required by the Ministry of colleges and universities every three years. The policy covers complaint procedures, education strategies, support for people affected by sexual violence and more. A few of the proposed changes include 14 new definitions ranging from online and relationship violence to when it's classified as a complaint. A new section on values and guiding principles covering how the policy aligned to the university equity, diversity, accountability and employee relationships, schools zones, other TMU's offices and affiliated groups were added alongside faculties and departments of spaces that should include related education where appropriate parameters of consent are flushed out and a new parameter of relationship Harkey, but the new university was added workplace well being services was added as a support option. Alongside consent comes first applications and scope expanded the definition of off campus to include places such as online spaces principles governing approach added additional information on trauma informed approaches, support and questions about sexual expression. Part three was added to focus more on the procedures of the complaint resolution process. The draft and survey are accessible at Toronto immune.ca or via denouncement sent over email to Team your community members, I'm Julie Laurent reporting with On The Record. Have you ever been fished TMU's students are sharing their horror stories when it comes to online scams and ways to protect yourself with more on the story. Here's Talia saili.

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According to a survey by Deloitte last year, Gen Z is three times more easily fooled by online scams and twice as likely to have their social media accounts hacked compared to older generations. Amongst university students rental and job scams are the most common, said David Coffey, a detective at the Financial Crimes Unit at Toronto Police Service, for instance, have suffer rookie a second year TMU's student found a \$500 rental listing on roomies. That seemed like a good deal initially, the roomies member requested a financial deposit before

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Any tour of the room, but Faruqi declined. Three days later, the member was kicked out as a fraudulent listing. Unlike for rookie Simran a team you graduate fell for a gift card scam back in 2018 when she installed a virus on your computer and out of panic called a fake Apple support number that requested she buy more than \$1,000 worth of Samsung gift cards. Without hesitation she did and lost all of that money.

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Situations like sim rings are known as social engineering attacks, where scammers can impersonate other organizations said Charles Finley, the executive director at Rogers CyberSecure catalysts at Tmu. Here are some precautions coffee and Finley suggest students should take to limit the risk. It's getting to the point where you almost have to be constantly

vigilant and almost always err on the side of caution when you see anything unsolicited that comes into your your email into your text messages. If you don't instantly recognize who it's from. Delete it. Brian lessor, the Chief Information Officer at Tmu said to resist clicking on links instead, hover over the link to see where it leads cybersecurity hygiene. So



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use a password manager that's going to create complex passwords and update them regularly.



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Use two factor authentication.



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Remember to always stay aware as there are endless new ways you can get scammed online. For On The Record News, I'm Talia saili.



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Despite new evidence linking cannabis products to anxiety disorders, some TMU's students feel that the pros outweigh the cons. With more on that. Here's Jalen a Ashman



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students at Toronto metropolitan university say they're willing to take the good with the bad after a study was released by the University of Ottawa earlier this month, linking cannabis usage to incidents of anxiety and anxiety disorders. The study contained over 12 million participants who had not previously received medical treatment for anxiety disorders. Over 30,000 of these participants had their first visit to the emergency department due to cannabis induced anxiety within three years of the study, which began in 2019. Elisa Montero a fourth year student at TMU's, who struggles with anxiety and has been prescribed medication for it in the past said that while she had anxiety brought on by cannabis, she also benefited from using it by come home have a bit of a smoke. And suddenly I feel like all of the intrusive anxious thoughts are kind of put on the backburner. Second year student unes Park had a similar experience. It's not really affected my anxiety levels to the point where I felt like I personally need to stop.



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Because I've been experiencing we're experiencing anxiety for a few years now. And most of those years I haven't used to be it at all. Dr. Bernard Laval, a senior scientist specializing in addiction at CAMH caution against cannabis usage in young adults. It is best for young people to abstain from cannabis, as early initiation is associated with increased risk of developing

subsequent cannabis use disorder. It seems also that exposure to cannabis may create or worsen some psychiatric issues in some individuals. When asked if close proximity of cannabis shops to the school campus might factor into higher usage for the TMU's student population. Laval couldn't comment. But in a similar study released last month, poor mental health outcomes in young adults were also linked to the consumption of energy drinks. Laval urges consumers to be aware of the uncertainty of potential consequences of cannabis usage. There is for sure a risk related to acute intoxication and also some acute psychiatric consequences. At this point, we cannot really predict who is at risk of developing problems related to cannabis use. For On The Record, I'm Jalen Ashman from updates on the Super Bowl to upcoming movies. It's been a lively week in the world of entertainment. With more on that here's Talia saili. There's been a lot going on this week and entertainment so let's get straight into it. First things first, we cannot forget about the Super Bowl that happened just last Sunday. The Super Bowl 58 was the most watched us TV event since Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin moon landing in 1969. The average reached around 123 point 4 million viewers that night making television history. Let's move on to the Super Bowl after party where Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce were enjoying the night when you belong with me started playing and Travis seemed to be yelling something to Taylor



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with more news, we have the new Deadpool and Wolverine Superbowl trailer which



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looks very promising. The film features everyone's favorite Ryan Reynolds as Deadpool and Hugh Jackman as Wolverine. This will be Disney's first ever R rated Marvel movie, which was once under 20 Century Fox, now owned by Disney as 20 century studios. Keep your hopes up as this movie will be in theaters starting July 26. Whenever you think of American Idol, I'm sure the first person you think of is Katy Perry. Unfortunately, she announced that she will no longer be a part of American Idol after seven seasons, she confirmed the news with Jimmy Kimmel and on an Instagram post. She hinted at some new projects on the way. So let's hope we can hear some amazing tunes from her soon. That's all the entertainment news. I'm Talia saili. Noah back to you in the studio. Making plans for this Valentine's weekend, you might need to bundle up with more on the weather. Here's our very own data. Cassandra. Good morning everyone. Let's take a look at how the weather's looking now and into next week. It'll be quite a pleasant Friday across the GTA and Durham Region with temperature highs hovering around zero in Toronto as well as Brampton, Mississauga and Oshawa. It'll be just a little bit cooler up north, like a new market where the highs we minus two and unbundled minus three. Over on the East End. Peterborough will also have a high of minus two degrees. And as we move over to the west, we'll see relatively the same temperature in towns like wells, and Kitchener, but not too shabby for mid February. Hamilton is just under freezing temperatures with highs of minus one. And finally if you're planning on going to Niagara Falls or St Catharines. The weather there will be similar to Toronto with highs of zero degrees. Now let's take a look at our five day forecast. If you're making plans to go out this weekend, Saturday will be a chilly one with the possibility of light flurries and high of minus four and a low of minus eight getting chillier into the night so be sure to bundle up. Sunday is slightly warmer throughout the day with the sun peeking through and with a high hovering around zero, but there will be a chance of flurries as low as can reach minus eight without the sunshine. Going back to school or work on Monday will be

pleasant with sunshine and a few cloudy periods with a high of four and a low of minus four. We'll see the same on Tuesday and then near the middle of the week. The weather will get colder as the high on Wednesday will be minus one and lows reached minus six. So definitely make sure to bring your jackets Toronto. That's all for your weekly weather update. I'm Danna Samara back to you in the studio.



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From the football field to the baseball diamonds, there is big news coming out of the sports world with more on that here's Jalen Ashman



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it was a victory felt across the world for Swifties. This past Sunday, as the Kansas City Chiefs emerged victorious over the San Francisco 49ers at this year's Super Bowl. The teams went head to head and were tied at 19 points each at the end of the fourth quarter. Taking the game into overtime, the 49ers score to feel cool, taking them to 22 points. It was not enough to fight back the chiefs. The game ended with a game winning touchdown pass made by Patrick mahomes to McCole Hardman, this win marks the third Superbowl title in five seasons for the Kansas City Chiefs.



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And in basketball news, the Toronto Raptors failed to crack the San Antonio Spurs his defense during Monday night's game, Victor Wanyama of the Spurs recorded a triple double with 10 blocks. The 20 year old was a dominating force knocking down and rejecting shots on both ends of the court. One minyama Caught 14 rebounds and scored 27 of the 122 points that help the Spurs snap their seven game losing streak. The Raptors managed to score only 99 points and over on the baseball diamond after failing to acquire Shohei Otani new hope may be on the horizon for the Toronto Blue Jays. The Blue Jays have finalized a five year \$32 million deal for Cuban baseball player Jarrell Rodriguez. The 26 year old former free agent has been praised for his versatility and athleticism during his 10 years in both Cuba and Japan, making him a lucrative addition to the Blue Jays. Blue Jays General Manager Ross Atkins said in a press release that Jarrell brings diverse Arsenal impressive athleticism and ability to get swing and miss to our team. That's all for sports this week. I'm Jalen Ashman back to you in the studio. That's all for On The Record this February 16 2024. I'm Nicholas Viveros. And I'm Danna Massara. Join us for On The Record next week as we round out the latest stories from the OTA our newsroom and for the latest 24/7 Visit our website On The Record news.ca Have a great day.