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Good morning. Thanks for joining us today. I'm Megan Bevis and I'm Rex Astorga. Here are some of the stories we're following for you. This morning from the On The Record newsroom,

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it's official. Mark Carney is set to be sworn in as Canada's 24th Prime Minister this Friday, ending Justin Trudeau, nine year tenure. Governor General Simon will preside over the swearing in ceremony at Rideau Hall, including Carney's 15 to 20 Cabinet members at 11 Eastern time, once for an end, Carney will face immediate challenges, including a trade war with the United States under President Trump, Carney could call an early election before Parliament resumes on March 24

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local taxi services and a Canadian ride share app are urging Toronto City Council to ban Uber and Lyft from Torontonians phones. The call to ban the American ride share apps comes after Toronto City Council introduced a buy Canada campaign in light of President Donald Trump's threatened tariffs. Taxi companies like Beck Co Op cabs and hover argued that they want to see domestic cab companies be prioritized and can handle Toronto's ride hailing needs. The cab companies also argued that US companies send profits abroad and in flight prices. Uber Canada responded by saying it contributes to the local economy and employs 1000s of Canadians. The city says it's reviewing options to support local services amid ongoing trade tensions with the US

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in the back and forth trade war battle, Canada's 25% tariffs on nearly \$30 billion worth of American goods took effect at midnight. The tariffs imposed are part of the response to steel and aluminum tariffs that Trump has imposed on Canada on Wednesday, the counter tariffs will apply to American imports, including steel computers and sports equipment. Trump had urgently threatened to double tariffs on Canada. This was in response to Ontario premier Doug Ford announcing a price raise on Ontario generated electricity purchased by the US, but the measure has been dropped after Ford withdrew the electricity surcharge.

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More on tariffs. Now we continue to watch the latest developments as it evolves on a daily basis. Joining us today is Gabriela Silva Ponte, who's been tracking everything you need to know. Gabriella, yeah, thanks, Megan. Considering just how much is going on at the moment with the tariff war, our reporters are certainly keeping an eye on Canada and US relations today. For starters, yesterday, our steel and aluminum imports were officially tacked with the 25% tariffs. The US president had been promising, but this on again, off, again. Concern has certainly been having its impact on the industry for some time now. Hamilton, Ontario has some of the major steel producers in our country, and it's such a hot spot for this industry that the Prime Minister Designate Mark Carney actually spent some time there yesterday. Regardless, some steel workers and business owners have been speaking out about how much of an impact this could have. But within Canada, that's not the only concern. The TSS has been dropping points consistently over the past few days. The Dow has also fallen and the Canadian dollar yesterday traded up for the first time this week, Doug Ford has continued to appear across American media outlets pointing to retaliatory tariffs as a solution, and again, like you just heard yesterday, the Canadian government announced it would be implementing countermeasures on nearly \$30 billion worth of American products. But this tariff ordeal has gone as far as Europe, the EU announcing yesterday it would be implementing tariffs on exports to the US, beef, poultry, bourbon, motorcycles, peanut butter and jeans are among the items discussed this after Ireland's Prime Minister visited the White House. This also comes after the US Secretary of State, Marco Rubio, said the annexation of Canada and the possibility of the US gaining a 51st state would not be on the agenda for the G7 Summit. That's all we have for you right now on tariffs, but I'm sure there will be more to come.



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Thanks, Gabriella. And now some news on bike lanes from this week, cycling advocates in Toronto are calling for a court injunction over bike lane removals in the city. These advocates are trying to delay the removal of bike lanes in the city after premier Ford passed the reducing gridlock, saving you time act in November of 2024



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cycle Toronto has stated that the bill infringes on Charter rights and should be thrown out of court. The Ford government has been quiet on the matter since trade disputes fell on the nation earlier this year. Fear is present in the cycling community as their arguments won't be heard until April 16 and the removal of bike lane.



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Could happen before then.



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Sky watchers get ready. The total lunar eclipse is set to dominate the night skies. Tonight, it will begin three minutes before midnight and reach totality at 2:26am



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lasting about an hour and five minutes during a total lunar eclipse, the Earth's shadow will completely obscure the moon turning the moon a glowing red also known as The Blood Moon. If you miss it, you will get another opportunity to witness the next total lunar eclipse in June 2029



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a significant legal battle is unfolding in Ontario. A group of school boards has won a key victory in its lawsuit against social media giants meta, Snapchat and Tiktok. On Tuesday, a judge ruled that the case will proceed after dismissing the company's efforts to have it thrown out. The lawsuit claims that the social media platforms are designed to impact the mental health and development of children negatively. The suit argues that the platform have rewired the way kids think, behave and learn. This legal action launched in March of 2024 includes and concludes 14 Ontario school boards and individual schools. The plaintiffs are seeking \$8 billion in damages, and have called on social media platforms to redesign to make a social media safer for children.



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Highlighting some of campus news, one of TMU's A cappella groups, on that note, has advanced to the international championship of college at a cappella semifinals for the third consecutive time.



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This comes after placing first also for the third consecutive year at quarter finals in January with a little more than a week left before their next big performance. OTR report, reporter Haley sevcino has more on the story.



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If you happen to find yourself in Kerr Hall at night, you may hear the award winning vocals of TMU's A cappella group for Femme and queer individuals. On that note,



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this is the third year that they have advanced to the international championship of collegiate acapella, which will be held in Buffalo, New York on March 22 this year. Anna Hwang is an alumni of the media production program and has been the executive director of on that note for the past two years. This will be her final competition season with the group, fingers crossed. We take home the gold. Knock on wood. We've been working really hard. So I think it would be

like an amazing finish to like my last year in the group, to just be able to like, go to New York with my family for the last time and perform in New York City. Their routine this year is themed around worship and idolization, and includes songs such as ambrosia Wine by Mads Buckley,



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you keep me crawling, by Aurora.



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And holy till you let me go by Reena sawayama.



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Each routine also includes dance and movement choreographed by members like Karina Bianchini, a fourth year professional communications student and Juno Award nominee. Yeah, so we actually took a look at the video that we have from quarter finals, and we made a ton of notes, then we went into the following rehearsal after we watched the video, and did, like, a lot of nitpicking of those little things that need to be corrected. And we're just really, really, really, like rehearsing over and over and over of those things that we changed a little bit, and yeah, we're gonna continue to do so until the semifinals. The group's music director is Justin rosos, an alumni of the Early Childhood Studies program. He arranges all the parts and songs together. I've put a lot of time and commitment into this group because I love them so much. And honestly, there are special bonds you create with people. When you make music with them, when you perform with them. If they win here, they'll advance the finals at the end of April, competing with teams from all around the world, they've already made history as the first Canadian group to advance the finals twice. Let's see if they can do it a third time. For On The Record. News, I'm Haley, thanks. Savan,



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turning over to sports. Toronto continues to celebrate their achievements. This week, we'll go to OTR sports reporter Sidra Kahn for more highlights.



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Hi, I'm Sidra Kahn reporting from the OTR sports desk. And here are the latest sports updates this week. Toronto Metropolitan University, bold men's hockey team defeated the University of Toronto varsity blues two to one Sunday night, securing their spot in the Queen's Cup final and the U cup national tournament. After their tough loss on March 5, the bold fought hard to claim victory and advance the Ontario university athletics West Division on.



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Varsity blues came strong in the first half of the first period, limiting the bolds chances of victory. But during the second half of the first period, bold took control. This was deemed one of the most pivotal games in the series, as the varsity blues were predicted to win going into the third period, the varsity blues planned to take as many shots at the net in hopes of scoring a goal, the bold goaltender, Kai Edmund stopped all 26 of the 27 shots attempted during the game. Following this victory, the bold will host the Concordia stingers on March 15 in the OUA Queens Cup final. Puck drop is scheduled for 6:15pm

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now moving on to the NBA. Ag Lawson of the Toronto Raptors is having a great start to his NBA career. Lawson, who had just started his NBA career last Friday, had has his first career high 32 points this past Monday during their game against the Washington Wizards. Lawson, who was originally from Brampton, Ontario, was one of the four Raptors to earn a double double bad night with a win of 119 to 104

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due to the injuries to Toronto's rotation, Lawson has an increased playing time this week, and fans won't be surprised to see him collecting more points on the court. The Raptors will host the Philadelphia 70 Sixers on Wednesday this week, and then are set to face the Utah Jazz on March 14

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and lastly, stepping away from basketball, the Toronto Maple Leafs are still trying to negotiate a contract for Mitchell Marner as trade talks continue, NHL commentators and experts say this trade could have a huge impact on free agency. However, the athletic reported that it is not the Toronto Maple Leafs, but Marner who is stalling contract in trade talks. Experts speculate that there could be a few reasons why Marner is not interested in trade talks as of right now. The first reason could be due to a previous trade when Mico ran tan and got traded to the Dallas Stars instead of the Maple Leafs, because Marner didn't waive his no trade clause. The second reason could be the fact that he is from Markham, Ontario, which is less than 20 minutes away from downtown Toronto. The leaves are his hometown team, and playing for them alongside Austin Matthew is no small achievement. So there are few things delaying trade talks, but Marner is still yet to come to a trade agreement, and that's all for now on the sports front now, back to you in the studio.

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A lot has gone down in the entertainment world this week, from AI to taking away awards with more on that. Here's Vanessa Tiberio.

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Thank you Megan and Rex welcome to this week's Entertainment Roundup Celine Dion is

Thank you, Megan and Rex, welcome to this week's Entertainment Roundup. Some Dion is warning fans that fake songs using artificial intelligence to mimic her voice, are spreading online. The Quebecois singers representatives took to Instagram on Saturday saying the AI generated music claims to include Dion's performances, name and likeness. They're advising the songs aren't approved or a part of her official discography, and that they've appeared on various digital platforms. Dion's team didn't reference any songs specifically, but several fake recordings can be found on YouTube, including a cover of the gospel song heal me Lord, which has over 1 million views. Dion joins the ranks of other Canadian artists who've seen their voices used in AI songs, including Drake the weekend and Shawn Mendes



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in other Canadian music news. Buffy Sainte Marie has been stripped of several prestigious prizes and awards on Friday. This is the latest in the public fallout after an investigation raised questions about the singer's Indigenous ancestry and Canadian citizenship, the rescinded awards include five Juno wins, two Polaris music prizes, and her induction into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame. The organizations of these awards say they are taking them back as st Marie no longer meets their eligibility requirements, this after the singer songwriter confirmed she is an American citizen and not Canadian. St Marie is also losing inductions into the Canadian Walk of Fame and the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame. It is unknown what will happen to the singer's start on King Street, West st, Marie was also stripped of her Order of Canada earlier this month,



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calling all ballet lovers. Swan Lake has made its official return to Toronto, bringing Canadian pride along with it, the National Ballet of Canada kicked off its two week Toronto residency on Saturday to a sold out crowd at the four season Center for the Performing Arts, the revival of the late 19th century Russian classic surprised the audience with its orchestral performance of O Canada before the first song of the show. This is among the latest bouts of Canadian patriotism as a country responds to tariff.



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Threats from the United States, the National Ballet has confirmed that O Canada will kick off the start of every Swan Lake performance. The company will put on a total of 17 sold out performances until March 22 and



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that's all for entertainment this week. Back to you in the studio, Megan and Rex,



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that's all for the On The Record this March 13, 2025 I'm Rex Astorga And I'm Megan Beavis. Join us for the On The Record next week as we run out the latest stories from the OTR newsroom for

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On behalf of Gabby and the entire On The Record team, thanks for watching. Have a great day.



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