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N Nadjia Sene 00:00

Good morning. Thanks for joining us today. I'm Nadjia Sene

J Janna Abbas 00:16

and I'm Janna Abbas. Here are some of the stories we're following this morning from the On The Record newsroom.

N Nadjia Sene 00:25

We begin with a follow up to a story you'll have seen on our OTR news website, two Tmu security guards have been reassigned after forcefully ejecting a Tmu student who was protesting at a campus event on Friday. She and seven others were protesting at the Democracy Forum where Toronto MP and newly appointed cabinet minister Evan Solomon was speaking. Both security guards have been moved to a different assignment and will not return to campus while they are under review.

J Janna Abbas 00:55

Now, let's have a look at the other stories we're working on today and this week here in the newsroom. Standing by in the newsroom is Mahsa Yazdaninia. Mahsa, what have you got for us?

M Mahsa Yazdaninia 01:05

Thank you. Nadja, our reporter, Ria Sidhu, has got two big stories lined up for us. The first one, a campus classic, is calling it quits. The Imperial pub will close on November 15. The gloriously arimv Pub has been on the corner of Dundas and Victoria since 1944 that makes it even older

ginnery has been on the corner of Dundas and Victoria since 1977 and makes it even older than what began as the Ryerson Institute of Technology, now TMU, which opened four years later. The property has been sold to a wanna-guess developer, and of course, students aren't happy for anyone who's ever studied here, it's been the spot to study, hang out and party. Now it's about to become another piece of urban history. So watch for Rhea's story about that, and looking way ahead, she'll also report for our broadcast closer to mid-November, when the Imperial will be closing up. And over at the TMSU, they're gearing up for a big meeting. Now. Here at OTR, we are not calling the TMSU dysfunctional, but others do without going into all the detail, because that's what Ria is going to do. There is a Special General Meeting next Monday evening. It's going to have something to do with last spring's non-election, and the fact that now they want to defer elections even longer into 2026.

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Mahsa Yazdaninia 02:13

and there is a forensic accounting firm involved anyway, as I say, Ria will be there and will bring those details next week. And finally, some bad news for Toronto's music lovers, small concert venues are vanishing faster than the last slice of pizza at a jam session. Yep, it's the affordability crisis remix, and this track is putting Toronto's live music scene on pause. That means fewer stages for up-and-coming artists, and fewer late nights discovering your next favorite band. The city that once turned up the volume on live shows is now hitting the mute button. Cue the SAT trombone. Jenna Gitlin has that story for us. Back to you in studio, Jenna.

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Janna Abbas 02:53

Thanks, Mahsa. A Tory MPP has been booted from the government caucus at Queen's Park. Chris Scott represents the riding of Sault Ste. Marie. He was charged by police on Friday with assault and assault with a weapon.

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Nadjia Sene 03:08

Marineland is asking the federal government for permission to export the remainder of its beluga whales. CBC News is reporting that the amusement park and zoo in Niagara Falls has applied for permits with the federal government to export all of its 30 belugas. The park did not open this year, which caused concern for the welfare of the animals that remain there. The CBC says 19 belugas have died at Marineland since 2019.

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Janna Abbas 03:35

US President Donald Trump says Tylenol causes autism, not only Tylenol, but acetaminophen, the active ingredient. Trump did not provide new evidence to prove the existence of this link, and the New York Times and others say no scientific link has been proven. Trump urged pregnant women not to take Tylenol. He said that they should tough it out when they're in pain.

Wild Times in the entertainment industry as well, but that's for us to hear from our reporter on

the beat this week. Aia Jabber, what have you got for us, Aia?

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Aia Jabber 04:10

Thanks. The entertainment world is seeing some pretty insane stories right now, starting with its official Jimmy Kimmel. Live is back. It was nearly a week ago that Disney said it was taking his show off the air for what they said would be an indefinite period. But tune in tonight. The Jimmy Kimmel show is expected to get some of its highest ratings in the 22 years it's been on the air. The whole thing began after Kimmel made comments about the assassination of the right wing influencer Charlie Kirk, Disney said the comments were ill timed Turning Point USA is the organization founded by Kirk a dozen years ago. It says Disney and ABC caved by allowing the show back on air. Also, hundreds of celebrities had jumped into the debate in robust. Public comments and a petition, and the whole thing really blew up into a running commentary about the free speech in the United States.

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Aia Jabber 05:09

In other news, paternity drama, we might eat a family tree for this one, but here's what we're hearing from E News, rapper Cardi B has spoken out about her NFL star boyfriend. Stefan Diggs paternity drama, and she is unbothered. Diggs is currently being sued by Eileen Iopera, who goes by Lord Giselle, and she claims that he is the father of her five month old daughter. He says the baby is not his and has requested genetic testing. But as this goes down, his current girlfriend, Cardi, is pregnant with her fourth child, and he is the father. Cardi reacted to the whole thing on her Instagram Live, where she played Shirley Brown's song, woman to woman. And for those who don't know, the song describes a woman reaching out to her partner's mistress. Do we think the child is his or not? Maybe we should run a poll? On second thought. Let's not back to the serious news. Singer D, 4v, d or whatever, has canceled his upcoming US tour. This comes as Los Angeles police investigate the killing two weeks ago of a 15 year old girl. The girl's body was found in a car registered to the singer. Police have not named any suspects. David has not commented, and that's all for entertainment. Back to you folks

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Janna Abbas 06:25

Ever wanted to meet a past student so you could ask for tips and tricks to avoid getting lost through Kerr Hall? Well, this past weekend, TMU brought together alumni from certain graduating years back as far as 1960 It was a chance for reporter Mariela Torroba Hennigen, along with producer Aia Jaber, to go along and find out more about what it was like around here decades ago.

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Mariela Torroba Hennigen 06:51

The jam packed day started in the lobby of the Student Learning Center welcoming alumni and current students to mingle with one another and share career tips. Alumni from 1950 were invited, but they didn't come. We can only imagine why, in true 2025 fashion, naturally, the conversation of artificial intelligence is brought up. It sounds like the alumni have some pretty passionate views about the role of AI in the classroom. Marsha Brown, a 2009 TMU Social Work

graduate says it is important to incorporate when you can, but that there are limits to its use, and if we are relying on AI, then that defeats the purpose. Organizer, Meredith Jordan says the use of AI must be responsible, but we all know that students are using it extensively for homework conversations about artificial intelligence in and outside the classroom are not the only thing being discussed. Alumni events such as these are great opportunities for networking. Brown also says she's happy with the university's growth. I was here when the law school was being created and established, and now the School of Medicine and so it just reminds me that the university isn't stagnant. We are a force to reckon with alumni. Listen attentively to the feature presentation from Martin red Cohen, Toronto Star, columnist and founder of TMU Democracy Forum. His talk is about media power and democracy. After listening to his keynote address. The afternoon ended with a reception for its events, 140 attendees here at the SLCs eighth floor alumni reconnected with dear classmates, celebrated their graduation milestones and reminisced about their alma mater. For OTR news. I'm Mariela Torroba Hennigen.

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Nadja Sene 08:44

Sometimes the best place plans go awry, but sometimes that's not even a bad thing. Some local businesses in the Dupon and Dufferin neighborhood wanted to have an art crawl, but that didn't work out, so they had a block party instead, and that did work out. OTR reporter Praise Ditep brings us the story.

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Praise Ditep 09:05

It was a beautiful day for the girl Block Party, and besides the clear blue skies and warm temperatures, there was real festival atmosphere. David James and the blue flames provided the musical backdrop, and local merchants brought color to the scene. Lots of color and jewelry too. Hi. My name is the tong. My business is called shoe collection, and I make high quality gold plated stainless steel jewelry that's meant to be waterproof, and last long, this event wasn't even supposed to be a block party. It was supposed to be an ad crawl, but organizers said they just couldn't get the sponsorship dollars they needed. Billy wild owns a business on. The Street, and he's one of the organizers who had to make the difficult decision to downgrade the event from AD crawl to block party. Unfortunately, we were kind of thrown for a loop, but he said the business owners decided to put their own money into turning it into a block party. He said, if at least we are in control of this, we can worry about our own sponsorship, and that's just what they did. It may not have been an out crawl in the end, although Wilde says they are still hoping to get that off the ground, perhaps next spring. But in the meantime, they threw a block party. Lots of people came and for a Plan B, it was a pretty good alternative for OTR news. I am Praise Ditep,

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Janna Abbas 10:59

and now it's time for sports. Let's take a look at what's new in Canadian sports this week with Mariam Kourabi,

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Mariam Kourabi 11:07

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thanks. It's been a busy few days in Canadian sports, starting with big changes announced for Canadian football. CFL Commissioner Stuart Johnston went before reporters yesterday to reveal the changes starting next season, among them, points will no longer be awarded for field goals that fail, nor for punts or kickoffs that go through the end zone, and starting in the 2027 season, the field size will shrink from 110 to 100. Commissioner Johnston said that the changes will make our brand of football more entertaining for spectators, and will do a better job of showcasing the high level skills of players in the Canadian game. In another hard hitting sport, the Canadian Women's rugby team is going to the World Cup finals. They'll face England in the final this Saturday. That's after their astounding 34 to 19 semifinal victory over New Zealand. The New Zealand Black Ferns had not been defeated in a semi final in more than 30 years, and in this tournament, we're chasing a third consecutive win, bye, bye, Black Ferns rugby Canada, that's the sport's governing body, launched a crowdfunding campaign last March, aiming to reach a million dollars. They did that after it became clear there just weren't enough sponsors stepping forward. No matter how it goes this Saturday in the final I think this team and the sport is going to have an easier time attracting sponsors over in women's soccer, a huge Ontario battle between NSL teams, Ottawa, rapid and AFC, Toronto. That's happening in the nation's capital on Friday night with both teams already having clinched playoff spots. It's time to see who really is the champion of Ontario, and that's it. I'm Mariam Kourabi. Now back to you in the studio.

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Nadja Sene 12:59

Thanks, Mariam. Finally today, visualize this 6,000 boxes of pasta and all lined up on the floor, just like Domino's, and then, well, you know how it goes with Domino's, and that's just how it went with the pasta boxes, too. It was all for a good cause. It happened in Vaughan this past weekend. Reporter Mahsa Yazdaninia and producer Survi Sani, take us there.

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Mahsa Yazdaninia 13:23

We're here at Vaughn Mills for the second pasta tumble. 6000 pasta boxes have been set up by a team of five Domino's masters, beating last year's record of 5000. Welcome to Vaughn Mills' second annual pasta tumble for a purpose benefiting the bond Food Bank, 6000 pasta boxes falling like dominoes for 900 meters. I really think it's about showing people the visual of the impact that they're making with their donations. It's really easy to do a pasta tumble, but people don't really know the impact that they've brought until they see 6000 boxes tumbling one by one and representing a meal that feeds 6000 families. For city leaders, the impact of the tumble is measured in meals. The past 6000 about about 3000 kilos, less than 3000 kilos, and will feed many, many, many people. One pound, normally can feed four people. One food bank feeds up to 1.5 million families each year. It's absolutely fantastic. It brings the community together to realize what's happening in our community, not just with the generosity of the people that are working to do this, to help us, but the need of the people that are here. After 34 years, it's not going down, it's going up. You. The volunteers were packing up the boxes that were then to be donated to the food bank for OTR News, I'm Mahsa Yazdaninia,

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Nadja Sene 15:13

that's all for on the record this September, 22 2025



Janna Abbas 15:18

I'm Jenna Abbas and I'm Nadia sini. Join us for on the record next week as we round up the latest stories from the OTR newsroom and for the latest 24/7 visit our website, on the record news.ca



Nadja Sene 15:31

Have a great day.