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Amulyaa Dwivedi 00:13

Good morning. Thanks for joining us today. I'm Amulyaa Dwivedi.



Janna Abbas 00:16

and I'm Jana Abbas. Here are some of the stories we're following this morning from the on the record newsroom, a rally yesterday at Queen's Park, students and their supporters were out in numbers to protest against a bill being proposed by the Ford government. It's known as Bill 33 but its official name is the supporting children and students act. Students at the rally say that's misleading, rather than supporting post secondary education, student protesters say Bill 33 threatens the core of student life and limits access to education. OTR producer Nageen Riaz and reporter Ayshat Abdurzakova went to the rally to learn more on public education.



Ayshat Abdurzakova 01:04

Monday's rally marked the start of the week of action against Bill 33 just as MPP is returned to Queen's Park, Tmu student groups have declared solidarity with the Ontario wide week of action for education. Supporters of the proposed legislation say it will give students a break on what the government calls non essential fees, such as student unions and club fees. Advocacy groups say that if the bill passes, it will enable greater oversight of student organizations and it will increase surveillance on campus. But student leaders across Ontario say that if it becomes law, the bill will reduce campus autonomy and limit access to public education to

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Speaker 1 01:45

defund our already chronically underfunded services on campus, so things like our student unions, our student publications, our health services, safety services,

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Ayshat Abdurzakova 01:58

one section of the bill covers the requirement for what it calls merit based admissions. But critics argue the term is undefined and are uncertain of what qualifies as merit. Student leaders say that's a threat to students from marginalized backgrounds.

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Speaker 2 02:13

It's essentially an attack on the principles of equity, of access and adopt whistle for any actually genuine equity work that has been done, and so we're seeing, you know, black students, international students, indigenous students, just racialized students in general, being targeted

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Ayshat Abdurzakova 02:28

to combat the bill. Advocacy groups are mobilizing, forming coalitions, launching petitions and spreading awareness. The Ministry of colleges and university maintains this bill would ensure transparency and foster better trust in our post secondary education system. The ministry also promises to consult with the sector and that no regulations or changes will come until consultation has concluded. The week of action is just beginning, and students across the province intend to be heard now back to Nageen at the desk for more information on how to get involved on campus this week. For On The Record News, I'm Ayshat Abdurzakova.

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Janna Abbas 03:08

and as Ayshat said, we have producer Nageen Riaz with us now to unpack the story a little bit more. Hi Nageen, and thanks for being here. So Ayshat said in her report that students are launching a week of action. What's going to happen?

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Speaker 3 03:23

Good morning, Janna, and thanks for having me. Well, let's start with one of the student groups right here at Tmu, the association representing part time students, is holding several events this week to get students more involved and really understand how Bill 33 will affect them. Well,

J Janna Abbas 03:38
it's Tuesday. Already have there already been events?

S Speaker 3 03:41
Yes, and sorry to say, we've missed the interactive bingo. It happened yesterday, right after the rally. Interactive bingo, that's right. The goal of the bingo is to teach students about Bill 33 and their rights. Each Bingo square reveals a part of the bill and covered things like how sections of the bill will impact education, how campus life will be affected, the power of student voices, and, most importantly, how to get involved.

J Janna Abbas 04:06
Well, I wish I'd known about that before. Get it anyway. What got any events today?

S Speaker 3 04:14
Well, as we speak, right over at the Student Learning Center, the part time students association is unveiling a massive banner opposing Bill 33 and a little while later, you can head down to the Student Center to hang out with some therapy dogs. They're part of the paws for our cause therapy group, and the cause today is obviously Bill 33 and there will be other events all throughout the week on campus.

J Janna Abbas 04:37
Okay, thanks for coming in Nageen

A Amulyaa Dwivedi 04:42
The Ontario legislature is back in session, and it's full speed ahead for Doug Ford stories, they're tabling a bill to remove municipal speed cameras, cut red tape and expedite permit approvals, among other things. The government says the measures will combat rising unemployment and. Economic uncertainty due to the US tariffs,

J Janna Abbas 05:04

an Ontario Catholic school board trustee is facing removal after he failed to repay his share of a trip to Italy to purchase religious artwork. Mark Watson is one of four trustees from the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic board who traveled to Italy last year, the trip was paid for with public money. It included first class airfare, hotels and the artwork. After a public outcry, the other three trustees paid back their share, but Watson did not, and has not. At yesterday's opening session of the legislature, Education Minister Paul Calandra introduced legislation that will enable the government to remove School Trustees for such behavior,

A Amulyaa Dwivedi 05:46

The inflation rate jumped to 2.4% last month, and that's a significant increase from the previous rate in September, which was 1.9% behind the increase. Are some of the usual suspects, like higher prices for both gas and groceries. The Bank of Canada will use the data ahead of its next interest rate decision, and we can expect that announcement next Monday,

J Janna Abbas 06:12

Canada's Immigration Department revealed that delays in processing some applications are taking up to 10 years. Some observers are blaming a new online tool that is supposed to improve transparency for applicants, and some are asking whether a mass cancelation of applications may be coming.

A Amulyaa Dwivedi 06:30

Now let's have a look at the other stories we're working on today and this week in our on the record newsroom, standing by LIVE is Survi Sahni, Survi, what have you got for us?

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Survi Sahni 06:42

Thanks. Amulyaa, it's another busy week here at on the record and our reporters have been out and about chasing stories. A group of five friends who started walking entire TTC routes for fun have turned their hobby into something much bigger. They call themselves, meet the walkers, and this Saturday, they are inviting the public to join a community walk from Finch station to the fort York Food Bank raising awareness and funds for food insecurity in the city. Our reporters, Aya Jaber and Jana Abbas, plan on speaking with the group members of the Food Bank and experts about how one simple step at a time can make a real difference. You can read the full story on our website, and as we get closer to Halloween, reporter Nagin Riaz is working on a photo essay about Toronto's biggest Halloween event, Halloween on Church Street. The annual celebration is known for its elaborate costumes, drag performances and big crowds in the church Wellesley Village. This year, the event adds a new beer garden, an extra night of festivities on November 5, first and celebrates drag performers of on does 25 years on stage, Nagin will be there capturing portrait street scenes and behind the scenes moments. You will be able to see her photo essay on our website at the end of the month, and reporter Jess Burton is also chasing a spooky story for us in the upcoming weeks, Mind reader, Mind reader and mentalist James White returns to the George Brown house, one of Toronto's most haunted locations, for his 10 year anniversary, and Jess is looking to get us all the details on what's what goes down At the frightening and elusive. Beverley Street, seance resurrection for the month that it's in town, and that's all from me for now. Stay tuned for the for more stories coming your way this week.

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Janna Abbas 08:30

Thanks, Survi. All right, it's also a busy time this week in entertainment. But our reporter, Mariela Torroba Hennigan, is no stranger to busy times. What have you got for us Mariella?

M**Mariela Torroba Hennigen 08:40**

Thanks. Stunning news coming from Paris, France, this week, a jewelry heist took place in the Louvre museum on Sunday in broad daylight. The thieves made it out with eight pieces of royal jewelry, earrings, tiaras, brooches and also a priceless emerald Napoleonic necklace. The theft itself unfolded in only a brazen seven minutes. Two thieves broke into the second floor of the museum using a truck mounted electric ladder just 30 minutes after the museum opened, the louver was closed for the rest of the day and into all of yesterday while they investigated, experts in locating and retrieving stolen artifacts. Said that if the jewelry isn't found within the next 24 to 48 hours, they will likely disappear forever. Time is literally ticking away. This is a developing story, so we all need to wait for more details to be reported, but rest assured that the event will likely generate watchable, maybe even bingeable, content, like a mini series or documentary film about the louver heist taking a turn from Arts to pop culture, two celebrities turned business moguls in the beauty industry are tangled in yet another rumored feud. Selena Gomez and Hailey Bieber are reported to have avoided an awkward run in at the 20. 25 Academy museum Gala, which took place this past Saturday. It all started when Bieber did an interview with the Wall Street Journal last week while talking about her beauty brand, road now being sold at Sephora, she made comments about competition that many interpreted were alluding to Selena Gomez and her product line, rare beauty. The buzz around this brought Gomez to respond, posting a story to her Instagram account, calling on her fans to leave the girl alone that it doesn't affect her life whatsoever. Same here. Selena, the post has since been deleted, and we all hope fans can finally move on from this feud that never seems to die. And some more news, the most unexpected coupling of 2025 he was the Prime Minister. She was recently on the quickest all women Trip to the Moon over the Thanksgiving weekend. Former PM, Justin Trudeau was spotted on a yacht living his Teenage Dream with American singer and song writer Katy Perry. This description their relationship being a Teenage Dream, at least that's how the New Yorker reported it over the weekend. In these pictures, the couple was embracing, almost cuddling, while wearing their swimming attire for copyright purposes. We cannot display the images here. Maybe that's for the best. The pair was first spotted on a date during the summer in a restaurant in Montreal. Now, Katy Perry has seemingly confirmed the couple to be together. We'll have to keep our eyes peeled for the next time these two are spotted in public. I guess elbows up makes an exception for love. That's all for entertainment this week, back to you in the studio.

A**Amulyaa Dwivedi 11:38**

And now for sports, our resident baseball reporter, Jess Bertan, has got the scoop on what's got the entire city and country buzzing for the first time since the 90s. Here's Jess.

J Jess Bertan 11:52

Thanks! It's certainly been one heck of an eventful week in sports, both here in Toronto and on the world stage. And of course, at the forefront of it all are Toronto Blue Jays who have kept on swinging their bats well into the October postseason. Yesterday, the Jays were looking for a tie breaking series win against the Seattle Mariners in a do or die game seven of the ALCS, and they found it. The Toronto Blue Jays are heading to the World Series following a legendary four to three victory. We headed down to the Rogers Center yesterday to get a slice of the game seven action. We are here outside the Rogers Center where the Toronto Blue Jays are looking to break the tie in game seven of the ALCS against the Seattle Mariners in the biggest game of Toronto baseball since 1993 it's been 32 years since a ball game like this has taken place in Toronto. The Blue Jays sense of urgency was not lost on the fans in attendance at yesterday's nail biting game seven against the Seattle Mariners, but for the first seven innings of yesterday's final ALCS game, the Jays trailed behind by two runs, the Rogers Center fell silent. Would this be the end of the Jays monumental 2025 season fans watched with bated breath. Hope came late in the game in the form of George Springer, whose three run homer at the bottom of the seventh tipped the scales in the Jays favor and propelled them to take the lead over the mariners. But yesterday, in the middle of the game, nobody in the stands could have predicted the comeback the Jays were about to make, taking them all the way to game one of the World Series on Friday. We're here

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at the mic. Bottom of the fifth inning where the Jays are trailing three to one. Only time will tell if they're able to catch up and beat Seattle. But there's still plenty of game left for OTR news. I'm Jesper tan back to the desk.

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Jess Bertan 13:59

Indeed, there was plenty of game left, and the Jays certainly made the most of the remaining four innings. A three run home run from George Springer late in the seventh saw the Jays take the lead. This team has brought the city together in pride over the past month of the postseason, fans left the dome last night in a celebratory uproar for the team's biggest win in 32 years, the Jays will host the LA Dodgers for game one of the World Series on Friday, off the field and onto the ice, the Toronto Maple Leafs were defeated by the Seattle Kraken over the weekend in a four to three overtime loss. Maybe they should have taken a page out of the Jays book. The Leafs are looking for redemption tonight when they take on the New Jersey Devils at 7pm at Scotiabank arena. This morning in football news, McCabe Tel Aviv announced that they are refusing any tickets allocated to their match against Aston Villa for their November 6 Europa League qualifier. This is after the Birmingham safe. The Advisory Group announced a ban on the Maccabee Tel Aviv traveling supporters, they would not be allowed inside the stadium at Villa Park to watch the match. Outraged Over the decision, MacCabe Tel Aviv and their local rivals Hapewell protested at their game on Sunday, which then got suspended before the match began. Police called it disorder and serious violence. There were injuries a dozen fans and three police officers. There were several arrests. The decision is being heavily scrutinized across England. Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer and just about everybody else says it's the wrong decision, that it's the job of the police to ensure that all football fans, from no matter where, can watch their teams play without having to worry about violence. So watch this space. The massive backlash against the ban may yet be reversed, but we'll be following this story all the way through. That's a wrap on sports. Back to you in the studio.

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Janna Abbas 16:00

Thanks. Jess Wow. So much in sports today. And there's another big story that didn't even make it into Jess' package, the Toronto waterfront marathon. Happened on Sunday. Three of the elite women runners took a wrong turn and ended up completing only the half marathon. The Ethiopian runners zigged when they should have zagged. Race officials say all the elite runners received clear instructions about the route the day before the race. That's all for On The Record this October, 21 2025. I'm Janna Abbas

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and I'm Amulyaa Dwivedi, and a Happy Diwali to all those watching. Join us for the on the record next week as we round out the latest stories from the OTR newsroom

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and for the latest 24/7 visit our website, on the record news.ca. Have a great day.