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## SPEAKERS

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Aia Jaber 02:16

Good morning. Thanks for joining us today. I'm Aia Jaber.



Mahsa Yazdaninia 02:19

and I'm Mahsa Yazdandinia. Here are some of the stories we're following this morning from on the record newsroom. Today is Remembrance Day, when we honor those who fought in wars and other conflicts, some many, even who lost their lives. Veteran Affairs Canada estimates there are 3691 living Canadian veterans from World War Two. That's 667 women, 3024 are men. TMU held its annual ceremony in the care Hall quad this morning, and in Ottawa, the official ceremony, bringing together hundreds of veterans, their families, also Canadian leaders and others, observed the traditional two minutes of silence at 11 minutes past 11



Aia Jaber 03:05

here at OTR, we brought you a story two weeks ago that Canada was projected to lose its measles elimination status. This week, we're confirming it. The country was declared free of measles 27 years ago, but an outbreak that began last year has brought that to an end. 5000 people have contracted measles since last year, and two infants have died. The Public Health Agency of Ontario reports that outbreaks have occurred primarily within what they call under vaccinated communities.

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Mahsa Yazdaninia 03:37

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 in the newsroom is Emma Amodio. Emma, what have you got for us?

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Aia Jaber 03:52

Thanks, Aia and Mahsa. Well, it's not even the middle of November, and Toronto is already covered in snow, and so in timely fashion, our reporters are taking a look this week at how climate change is impacting life in the city as the cold weather settles in, Toronto's winter services plan is adding more than 1200 new spaces to help some of Toronto's homeless find warmth and shelter. But not everyone believes the system is working as it should. Our reporter Olivia Zhong is speaking with encampment support workers about trust in city run services and what real, long term housing solutions could look like. And even though we're seeing snow right now, yearly rainfall is becoming much heavier and more frequent. But not all Toronto residents are feeling the impacts equally. Reporters Aia Jaber and Mariela Toroba Hennigan are uncovering who bears the brunt of Toronto's floods. Statistics, Canada says it's low income residents who are the most vulnerable. Meanwhile, food insecurity in Toronto has also become an emergency. There were more than 4 million visits to Food Bank. In the GTA last year, reporters Nadja Sene and Gabi Grande are exploring where those food banks get their donations and how that ties into the city's plan to reach net zero by 2040 and over in the city's east end, we've got something a little more hopeful, a green space is reborn. Cudmore Creek was once a dumping ground for garbage and oil, but it's been restored into a thriving wetland, lots of trails and teeming with wildlife. Our reporter Ria Sidhu takes us there to show how projects like this can bring nature and a little bit of calm back into city life. And finally, in Woodbridge, one of the most flood prone neighborhoods in the GTA, residents are asking whether the area is truly prepared for extreme storms. Amulyaa Dwivedi and Survi Sahni are reporting on Bond's efforts to expand its tree canopy and why major flood prevention projects have yet to reach the community and no need to bundle up to go out and get a print issue anymore. You can find these stories up on our website early next week. That's all from here in the OTR newsroom. Back to you in the studio, Aia and Mahsa,.

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Aia Jaber 07:16

Thanks, Emma. After 41 days, there's an end in sight to the government shutdown. The US Senate has passed a funding bill, a deal aimed at ending the longest government shutdown in American history. The measure restores pay for hundreds of 1000s of federal workers and funds key agencies through January and now heads to the House of Representatives, where a vote could come later this week, but disagreements over health care subsidies, the issue that triggered the shutdown could still complicate a final resolution.

M**Mahsa Yazdaninia 07:48**

The UK's public broadcaster is in its deepest crisis in years. The director general resigned on Sunday, followed by the head of news. The resignations came after a series of stories over the past few years that have left the BBC vulnerable to accusations of bias. The latest was evidence that producers at the current affairs show *panorama* had edited together two sections of Donald Trump's speech to protesters immediately before the Capitol Hill riots in January 2021 the edits made it appear that Trump directly goaded the protesters into violence, Trump is now threatening to sue the BBC for a billion dollars US

A**Aia Jaber 08:28**

and now in sports. Here's our reporter, Gabi Grande, with stories that round out all the latest.

G**Gabi Grande 08:38**

Thank you. So Call it coincidence, but with the first snowfall of the year on the weekend, hockey season is now in full swing, but it seems the Toronto Maple Leafs didn't get that memo. From last season, heights of winning their first ever Atlantic Division title to now being 23rd in league standings, the boys in blue are struggling to deliver on expectations. The buds were handed back to back. Come from behind losses on the weekend, and making it even more painful, those losses came to two of their conference rivals, the Boston Bruins and the Carolina Hurricanes. The team has allowed an average of 3.75 goals against per game, while last season, that metric was 2.79 per 60 minutes. It means the leafs are currently second last in the league in goals against per game, and so leafs nation maybe a bit too early to start planning the victory parade. And in Canadian Women's Soccer news, the northern super League's inaugural championship match is set. The Vancouver rise will square off against AFC Toronto. Saturday's match at BMO field will mark the end of a historic season for the new league, which incidentally enjoyed unprecedented support coast to coast throughout the season. The winner of the match on Saturday will take home the championship cup. Elsewhere in sports news, two major league baseball pitchers are accused of betting offenses, Emmanuel classe and Louise Ortiz. Both former pitchers for the Cleveland guardians are charged with wire fraud and money laundering conspiracies. The top charges carry a potential sentence of 20 years in prison. Talk about a ball coming out of left field. Back to you on the desk.

M**Mahsa Yazdaninia 10:13**

Thanks Gabi, so here's a question, body building, is it sport or beauty contest, or even something else entirely. OTR producer Survi Sahni and reporter Praise Ditep went to a bodybuilding event over the weekend. Here's our story.

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Aia Jaber 10:38

and before we wrap up, our very own Mahsa Yazdaninia, seen here is pulling double duty today. Before we went to air today, Mahsa got in front of the green screen to bring us all the latest in entertainment this week, including Grammy nominations and band reunions.

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Mahsa Yazdaninia 11:01

Thanks. First up, let's talk Grammys music's biggest night just got a remix. The 68th annual Grammy Awards nominations are out, and this year's lineup proves that the Recording Academy is finally singing a more global tune. Kendrick Lamar leads the pack with nine nominations, including heavyweights like album record and Song of the Year, Lady Gaga is right behind, with seven making serious power moves across genres. And here's one for the history books, bad bunny has become the first Spanish language artist ever nominated in all three major categories, album, record and Song of the Year in the same year. But wait, there's more. Taylor Swift, yes, the tailor isn't on the ballot this year, not because of a snub, but because her latest album, the life of a showgirl, dropped just after the eligibility window closed. Talk about bad timing. Even a superstar can't outgrind a deadline. Now, in more local news, Canadian Rock Royalty is back. Burton Cummings and Randy Bachman are reuniting as the guest who for their first full Canadian Tour in more than 20 years, set for 2026 starting in Moncton, they'll be hitting Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, Vancouver, and more. And lastly, news out of Halifax this week. Mike Smith, the Canadian actor best known for portraying bubbles on the long running comedy Trailer Park Boys, has been arraigned on a sexual assault charge. According to court documents, the charge stems from an alleged 2017 incident involving a woman. Smith was formally charged on October 2, and appeared through his lawyer in Halifax Provincial Court yesterday. He was not present for the arraignment. The prosecutor told reporters that Smith will not receive any special treatment because of his fame. Smith is scheduled to enter a plea on December 3. For those unfamiliar, Trailer Park Boys is one of Canada's most iconic comedy exports, a mockumentary style series that follows three petty criminals in a fictional Nova Scotia. Trailer Park, its offbeat humor and quotable characters made it a cult favorite, both at home and abroad. That's all for entertainment. Back to you at the desk.

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Mahsa Yazdaninia 13:01

That's all for on the record this November 11, I'm Mahsa Yazdaninia,

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Aia Jaber 13:08

and I'm Aia Jaber. Join us for the on the record next week as we round out the latest stories from the OTR newsroom,



Mahsa Yazdaninia 13:14

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