

Twilight Zone reboot being launched in 2019

“Where is Everybody?” was the name of the first episode of Rod Serling’s *The Twilight Zone*, on Oct. 2, 1959. The original TV series ran for six seasons, until 1964.

The first episode featured a lonely astronaut, Mike Ferris, played by Earl Holliman (now 91 years young!) having a nightmare on a deserted Earth while he was in fact being tested for a solo flight to the moon. The episode concluded that while man was able to address many issues during a flight, the need for companionship could not be artificially replicated.

Many more episodes went on to deal with planetary exploration, time travel and paranormal situations.

The Twilight Zone TV series was revived in 1985 for three seasons and in 2002 for two seasons. There was also a *Twilight Zone* movie, in 1983.

The 2019 relaunch, filmed in Vancouver, debuts April 1 on CBS All Access, with two episodes available for viewing that day. The series includes a remake of



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the Oct. 11, 1963 episode “Nightmare at 20,000 feet.” That episode starred William Shatner, who famously played Captain James T. Kirk in the original *Star Trek* TV series.

Sky watch

Betelgeuse, the Valentine’s star, is visible on Valentine’s Day, in the southeast from dusk and setting in the west after 3:30 a.m.

At 5:30 a.m. on Feb. 18, looking in the southeast-east you’ll see Saturn and Venus rise come up together before they

fade into daylight.

The Zodiacal Light is a faint, roughly triangular whitish glow seen in the night sky, extended up from the vicinity of the sun along the ecliptic or zodiac. The best time to view it is at night from Feb. 21 onwards, for two weeks, in the west.

At 3 a.m. on Feb. 27, watch Jupiter and the moon rise together in the southeast before they fade into daylight.

Public event

The monthly open house at the University of Calgary’s Rothney Observatory near Priddis takes place Feb. 9, from 8-11 p.m. Visitors will have the opportunity to look through the telescopes, and astronomers will be on hand to answer questions. There is also a presentation indoors. The entrance fee \$30 per car. For further information, contact Jennifer Howse at jhowse@phas.ucalgary.ca or 403-931-2366, or visit www.ucalgary.ca/rao.

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