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Halloween's an annual favourite

"From ghoulies and ghosties and long-leggety beasties, and things that go bump in the night, Good Lord deliver us" - Cornish Prayer

It's Halloween! One of my favourite celebrations.

"Samhain" in Celtic lore traditionally signifying the end of the harvest period and the beginning of the new year. Legend has it this is the night when the veil between the worlds of the living and the dead becomes thinnest.

With the coming of Christianity, ever eager to absorb other faiths' myths and incorporate them for their own, the night became All Hallow's Eve or Hallowe'en with the next day, Nov. 1, being All Sain'ts

Day. One of my favourite hymns is For All the Saints for All Saints Day.

Back to 'ghoulies, ghosties, longleggety beasties, and things that go

bump in the night'. The ghoulies and ghosties are not a problem here at Casa Jones.

Our 'hoosie' is too new to have become inhabited by such phenomena. And the only 'longleggety beasties' I see are the occasional daddy long-legs.

We have a thing that goes bump in the night, my daughter's ancient cat, Cleo, jumping off the washing machine.

Her food dish is set there so the dogs don't scarf any of it. I usually hear her thumping down onto the floor early in the morning, cats known for being night creatures.

I was musing with my friend, Dave, who grew up in Toronto in the '50s and went out trick-or-treating in his neighbourhood as I did in mine, that costumes were varied back then. You could have fairy princesses, kings, scarecrows, cowboys, robots, all sorts of different getups but not many scary ones, not like today.

Today the emphasis seems to be more towards the ghoulies trend with lots of horror. To me, the innocence of trick-or-treating has slowly taken on a much darker aspect.

Trick-or-treating in Toronto in my neighbourhood in the '50s was generally not cold.

Then I moved up to Thunder Bay and eventually out here to the country. More often than not we had some snow on Halloween.

Each Halloween we receive fewer

and fewer trick-or-treaters at our front door. That is because the kids besieging our house grew up. When we first moved to our present property, we'd get up to eight cars. Last year we received one. My wife, Laura, thinks that we will get more this Halloween because a couple of new families have moved into the neighbourhood each equipped with young kiddies. Phew! Hopefully it means that we won't be stuck with lots of candy, not at all good for Farmer Fred.

As I drive around the backroads, I have been impressed with the seasonal displays folks have constructed at the end of their driveways - bales of straw, cornstalks, pumpkins, all creatively on view.

I haven't gone to that trouble since we've been concentrating on preparing the vegetable garden for next spring.

A neighbour down our road does market gardening and I must inquire as to how she keeps the raiding deer from devastating her crops. It seems she has built a tall fence that frustrates the gazelle-leaping deer.

The colour display of leaves in autumn begins with the maples that are the first to shed. Then the birch and poplar are next and now, lastly, the tamarack that are in full, goldenneedled array. I look out our living room window to the south where a rank of mature tamaracks sit and if ol' Sol's rays hit them at the right angle, they blaze in golden glory. Nice, eh?

So, Happy Halloween and may the Good Lord deliver you "from any ghoulies, ghosties, long-leggety beasties, and them things wot go bump in the night."

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THE GREAT

SUNDAY



Former health minister Patty Hajdu will remain in Prime Minster Justin Trudeau's cabinet for the third straight term. (Leith Dunick)

Back in cabinet

PattyHajdu moves from health to Indigenous Service in latest shuffle

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Thunder Bay-Superior North MP Patty Hajdu will remain in cabinet, but not as health minister.

Hajdu, who has served in the cabinet of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau since first being elected in 2015, on Tuesday was named minister of Indigenous Service and the minister responsible for FedNor when the new cabinet was announced in Ottawa.

Six years ago Hajdu took over as minister of status of women, serving in that portfolio for a little more than a year until January 2017, when she was named minister of employment workforce development and labour.

The 54-year-old last week said she has a variety of different interests.

"It's an honour to serve my community and an

honour to serve my country. There are not shortages of difficult files in this country and I look forward to continuing to serve the country and my community to the best of my ability," Hajdu said on Friday, unable at the time to reveal her

She was unavailable to speak about her new post prior to press time.

The new minister of Indigenous services faces a tough task ahead, with pressure to end all boilwater advisories, fix the abysmal housing conditions in remote First Nations communities and repair relations with Canada's Indigenous population, a chasm that widened this past summer with the discovery of hundreds of unmarked graves at former residential schools sites across the country.

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Council turns down plebiscite

By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

A push for a plebiscite asking citizens if they support cutting Thunder Bay's city council from 13 to 9 seats and ditching the ward system has been stopped in its

A motion from Coun. Peng You that would have opened the door to add a ballot question to the 2022 municipal election was roundly rejected by his colleagues Monday night.

While many voiced their support, or at least openness, to shrinking council's size, most agreed the terms of You's proposed plebiscite were "arbitrary" and reached without due process.

His motion would have rescinded council's decision last year to seek a comprehensive report on democratic reform for the city in 2023, setting the stage for possible changes by the 2026 election.

It's the earliest city clerk Krista Power said her office could deliver a report with adequate community

consultation and research to inform any recommended changes to council's size, hybrid ward and at-large system, or ward boundaries, among other issues.

You suggested Monday it would be all too easy for the next city council to ignore or delay action on the 2023 report, saying the **PENG YOU** decision should be put in the hands of the public.

"Only a plebiscite is going to tell us definitely whether it's going to change or not change," he said. "We don't want to guess, we don't want uncertainty - we want a clear

The plebiscite result would be binding if voter participation tops 50 per cent. That's expected based on voter trends, according to the office

> of the city clerk, but it's far from certain, with turnout just under 51 per cent in the last municipal election in 2018.

> You's motion to rescind would have required a two-thirds majority to pass, but was defeated on a 9-4 vote.

Had the motion passed, You had announced his intent to follow up with a

proposed ballot question in November reading as follows:

"Are you in favour of a smaller City Council, consisting of eight members of council elected at-large and one mayor elected at-large?"

He has argued reducing council's

size would make it more efficient and less costly, and that the idea has significant popular support.

You's push seemed to be crafted with at least one eye to the 2022 election, with the at-large councillor calling for a recorded vote and framing the decision in stark terms.

"Are we listening to our citizens?" he asked. "I know it may not pass, but history will record. So... can we have a recorded vote please? ... Let's vote and let the citizens make the judgment."

But even those sympathetic to You's argument for cutting council said his ballot question would be reckless to jump to a new system without thoroughly examining it

"Our municipality would be very well served by getting this right, not moving in a direction and then a year later or two later saying, 'well, maybe we got this wrong," said Coun. Brian Hamilton. "We know citizens want to potentially change the composition of council, but it's what we look like after that."

"There are going to be implications that require [consideration]. Really getting things done means doing it responsibly, in a transparent, accountable, and informed wav."

You did not present any rationale for why a nine-person council would be the right size, or why it would be preferable to elect councillors atlarge only, eliminating the hybrid ward system that currently sees seven of 13 council members (including the mayor) represent defined areas of the city.

Thunder Bay is the only city in the province to blend both ward and atlarge representation on its council, staff have reported.

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Santa Parade cancelled

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Santa Claus isn't coming to town after all.

Well, at least not before Christmas Eve.

Though given approval by the City of Thunder Bay to proceed under new provincial guidelines, the organizers of the annual Santa Claus Parade on Monday confirmed it will not proceed in 2021, but promised it will be back in 2022.

It's the second straight year the parade has been put on hiatus due to COVID-19. Last year's was cancelled because of gathering restrictions.

"The area Rotary Clubs hoped to host a Parade this year but approval to proceed came very recently and too late for the Clubs to organize the event, assemble funds to cover all costs, and give fair notice to those creating floats and recruiting volunteers for the parade," said Dan Brown, Nipigon Rotary Club



Organizers of the annual Santa Claus Parade say they are working to bring the popular November event back next year. (FILE)

member and the assistant district governor for Canadian Clubs in Rotary District 5580.

Brown said the Rotary Clubs and their members are disappointed at the cancellation, but it iust wasn't feasible.

"Rotarians are determined to host the Parade in 2022 and will begin planning early in the new year so that all of the pieces are in place for the invitation to go out in August for businesses and groups to start work on their floats," Brown said.



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EDITORIAL

Making it right

Patty Hajdu in many ways was the face of the pandemic, the minister responsible for guiding Canada through its COVID-19 response.

In many ways, her new role as minister of Indigenous services, is even more vital.

For too long Canada's Indigenous population has been left on the sidelines, ignored and left to live in third-world conditions.

Hajdu has seen the impact of that first hand. As the former executive director at Thunder Bay's Shelter House, she's had to try to pick up the pieces from the damage left behind by the residential school system and the abuse and addiction issues that have arisen as a result.

She's lived in Northwestern Ontario for most of her life and has been able to see with her own eyes the troubles facing Canada's Indigenous population - and the continued inactions of government after government, including her own.

The time for lip service is over. It's time for real, meaningful action on a file that will have long-lasting repercussions on Canada and all of its people. It's beyond time, but there's still time to make it right.

Stop the insanity To the editor:

There was a time when North Americans were grateful for our prosperity.

Third-world countries are literally dying to get their first shot of a COVID vaccine, while in North America we have an abundance of vaccines at our disposal and many people refuse to take it. This is insanity.

There was a time when we honoured our health care workers and hailed them as heroes. Now our health-care workers are being harassed, vilified and abused. This too is insanity.

There was a time when society respected legitimate authority and obeyed the rules for the sake of the common good, which is our civic duty. Now, multitudes of us North Americans are rebelling against legitimate authority at the expense of our fellow man.

Isn't this anarchy?

The Golden Rule has gone out the window. Now it's all about some of us and our freedom to ignore the needs and safety of our neighbours. This is insanity.

Authoritarian countries do not allows freedom of the press. Oppressed citizens in these coun-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



tries would give anything to have a free press.

But now we live in a post-truth era. Our legitimate media is being falsely labelled as the lying liberal media and the enemy of the people.

As a result, some of us refuse to

watch the legitimate media, thus keeping ourselves uninformed about what's really going on.

An uninformed citizenry results in a loss of our democracy. Some of us prefer to believe the lies that are being propagated in the illegitimate media, also known as the far-right media, social media and the Internet.

After all, this is the post-truth area. And once again, it's insanity.

Valerie Morsette Thunder Bay

A pair of award nominees worth reading

The Listeners by Jordan Tannahill is on the Scotiabank Giller Prize 2021 shortlist. It will be of interest to anyone who suffers from tinnitus, the inner ear complaint which means that you can always hear something going on inside your head. In my case it's a high pitched whistle that never goes away. In the case of The Listeners it's a low pitched hum.

This innocuous noise causes the protagonist, Claire, to feel unbalanced. She starts to get headaches that become migraines. In the stillness of the night when the hum is at its loudest her nose starts to bleed. She cannot sleep. Her relationship with her husband and daughter falls

Where is the hum coming from? Claire rules out all the obvious potential causes, environmental and

physical. She tries to focus on her work as a teacher. And then a student approaches her and says he can hear it as well. She is not alone. They start to explore the problem together. But out of school teacherstudent relationships never end well.

They join a local self help group who come at the enigma a writer as well as a scholar, natural cause for the hum such as

lightning striking the earth millions of times a day? Or is there a more sinister source such as the military industrial complex? Tannahill leads

us skilfully to a shattering conclusion.

Tainna: the unseen ones by Norma Dunning is on the Governor General's Literary Awards 2021 fiction shortlist. The front cover is Caribou Woman by Arnaqu Ashevak.

BOOK BANTER Dr Norma Dunning is

from different angles. Is there a researcher and grandmother. Her previous short story collection, Annie Muktuk and Other Stories (2017) won a number of awards. She lives in Edmonton and her stories focus on the Inuit who have moved to southern Canada.

Dunning draws on lived experience and cultural memory. She creates a powerful image of traditional life in the north and contrasts it with modern life in the south. Her characters are caught between these two worlds.

Her themes reflect the contradictions of capitalist Canada. The extremes of homeless poverty and extravagant wealth. The power of spirituality and how it can become eroded. The young and the old and how they are corrupted by

consumerism. The living and the dead and how the latter can help the former. What binds these extraordinary six short stories together is a sense of alienation, displacement and loneliness as experienced by the Inuit living in southern Canada. This is what happens when people are cut off from their land, their culture and their history.

The story telling is superb. The humour makes you smile. The detail brings the characters alive The prejudice, misogyny and iniquity feel very real. If the problem is disconnection then the solution is reconnection - with the land, with family and with community.

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Global supply chain trouble

By JR Shermack -**Special to TB Source**

One of the effects of the global pandemic has been the slowdown of industrial activity around the world and an interruption of the global supply chain.

We have discovered how quickly our interconnected global economy can be destabilized.

Even now as lockdowns and restrictions are slowly being lifted manufacturers and distributors are struggling with the challenges of returning to business as usual.

In the early days of the pandemic irrational fears caused hoarding and panic buying which led to temporary shortages of some basic consumer goods.

This created some bizarre scenarios including widespread worries that toilet paper was in short supply and personal hygiene was under threat in the bathrooms of the nation.

Fortunately our family still had a few rolls left over from our prepandemic stash and we felt comfortable that we could weather the storm.

There were some empty grocery store shelves for a while, but we were assured that the supply chain was robust and basic commodities were in good supply.

We saw occasional shortages of a few items but by and large consumers were still able to get the basic supplies they needed while they hunkered down for the pandemic.

What's more, there were always plenty of comfort foods and we lulled ourselves into a false sense of security with cheezies and ice

Meanwhile, widespread lockdowns reduced consumer demand for goods and services and many businesses around the world had to slow down production or shut down completely.

Some manufacturers repurposed their facilities to make much needed COVID supplies such as respirators, masks and hand sanitizer.

And as the pandemic dragged on there were further reductions in business and industrial activity which eventually led to disruptions in the global supply of many goods.

There were a number of contributing factors including health and safety issues, worker shortages and a lack of key components and raw materials.

Border controls and other restrictions became a choke point and barriers to the movement of people hampered the free flow of goods between countries.

A breakdown in the global transportation infrastructure and a widespread slowdown of shipping by trucks, planes and trains caused delivery delays and price increases.

Today the global economy is finally beginning to emerge from the effects of the pandemic but manufacturers and distributors struggle to ramp up production.

As COVID-weary consumers increase their economic activity, demand for goods and services is sky-rocketing while the global supply chain lags far behind.

Any upturn in consumer activity will be dampered and delayed as



Shipping issues are a problem world-wide.

business and industry face challenges that are expected to get worse before they get better.

It is a global crisis affecting many countries around the world and supply chain disruption will hinder worldwide economic growth, including here in Canada.

Future economic prospects have dimmed for Canadian businesses due to international port closures, factory shutdowns and labor short-

In anticipation of the approaching holiday season retailers can expect higher international shipping costs and depleted inventories.

Consumers are being advised to do their holiday shopping early this year to avoid the disappointment of depleted store shelves.

There is expected to be a lot of revenge shopping by anxious consumers trying to make up for lost time with a big surge in

It looks like one of the longest lasting effects of the pandemic will be an economic backlash.

As for me, I'm still waiting for the delivery of some new windows that were ordered last spring and it looks like the new garage door may never

The global supply chain crisis will be an on-going part of the new normal.

But in the meantime I'm not worried - after all we've been through for the past year-and-a-half I am proud to say, "At least I've still got my health."

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The Bay

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October 29

Luncheon of Hope

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October 30

Ooky Spooks Halloween Drag Show

Beware, it's a ghastly affair at the Red Lion Smokehouse, described as a night of ooky, spooky, cooky and creepy drag, featuring Thunder Bay's best scream queens and monster kings rising from the grave for the ultimate Hallowen Spooktacular. Tickets are being sold by the table and range from \$140 for a table of four to \$350 for a table of 10. plus a minimum food and drink amount of \$20 per seat.

Proof of vaccination is required. Doors open at 7 p.m.

October 30

Hauntober Bash

Featuring DJ Supa, the night at NV Music Hall will feature \$1,000 in cash and prizes for costumes. The doors open at 8 p.m. and tickets are between \$17 and \$23.

They're billing it downtown's biggest Halloween bash. Limited tickets are available online. See their Facebook page for more details.

October 30

Halloween Tea

Delicious sandwiches and dainties will be served with your choice of tea or coffee at the Royal Canadian Legion Port Arthur Branch No. 5 on Van Norman Street. There will also be a door prize, a bake table and a money tree. Advance tickets only at 620-3112 or 627-4907.

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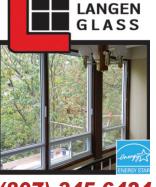
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Pickle brining fried chicken

Last week here at HCAYK we talked about pickling and fermenting.

As an addendum, this week we are going to talk about a (relatively) newer phenomenon that has been finding a lot of experi-

mentation with home cooks and restaurant chefs alike: pickle brined fried chicken.

Pickle brined fried chicken takes a fair bit of forethought planning. There are many steps which require some time. Typically, you begin by marinating your chicken

pieces refrigerated in pickle brine for at least six hours or up to 24 hours, any longer doesn't produce any added flavour benefits.

Nevertheless, if time is an issue you aren't going to destroy your recipe if it needs to sit a little longer. The pickle juice is heavily seasoned and acidic, it will help to break down

some muscle fibres in your meat while simultaneously imparting those strong pickle flavours into vour chicken.

When you remove your chicken from the pickle brine, pat dry and

> submerge in buttermilk and return to the fridge for 1 to 6 hours. The sour flavour of the buttermilk will compliment your pickle flavours and your breading.

For a more subtle flavour, regular milk or egg can also be used as an agent to adhere the breading, if using milk or egg, there is no reason to

continue marinating, and you can place your dried chicken back into the fridge while you prepare your breading.

Now it is time to play Col. Sanders and prepare your breading. Your typical breading is a seasoned flour and fried crispy. You look up a typical fried chicken breading to get



Pickle brined fried chicken is all the rage these days. (BlueJeanChef.com)

some basic seasoning guidelines, then you can start there and begin to experiment. If you have a typical flour breading but wish to get a crispier or more flavourful coating there's a few ways to attain this.

You can add cornstarch to your

breading, the silkier finer consistency of the powder helps to fry crispier you can also add breadcrumbs to your flour for a more heavy-duty coating.

When it comes to seasoning your flour, salt and cayenne pepper will always help to bring out the flavours of your chicken and punch up your accompanying seasonings.

Breading your chicken can be messy, but basically you want to go wet, dry, wet, dry for a nice crispy double breading. When you are ready to fry your chicken, use a home deep fryer or a heavy bottomed pot filled about halfway with oil. You want to fry very carefully, or else you can burn down your house. Don't laugh, I've seen it happen. You want your oil at about 325 degrees, or if you are one of those fancy rich people, follow the instructions on your air fryer. Chicken needs to reach about 165 degrees internally to be fully cooked, make sure you use a probe thermometer to check your

Happy frying!

Derek Lankinen is an award-winning chef, author, and restauranteur. He is the Owner/Operator of Beefcake's **Burger Factory and Co-Owner of Elite** Beef, Eat Loco Tacos and Brick and **Mortar Food Co.**



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weekend intending to change things over from summer mode and prepare for winter.

This annual process involves lots of little jobs like storing the patio furniture, putting away all the watercraft, and prepping the firewood that will keep us warm all winter. However, the most important work involves avoiding burst pipes by pulling in the

water line, draining the pipes, and replacing the water with antifreeze in the toilet and plumbing before the first big freeze up.

Besides draining the waterlines, my main job this weekend was to complete a massive twenty foot long woodshed so we could start

We headed out to camp last seasoning more firewood for future use. Actually, I cannot even call this work because, with the goal of

making as much of the woodshed as possible from reclaimed materials, building the structure has been an interesting challenge and a whole lot of fun. With some donated palettes for the base and a tin roof from a friend's old barn, the woodshed has been a satisfying

project to pick away at over a few weekends.

Keith Ailey

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I will still have to complete some roofing on the shed next Saturday because, as usual, I got myself sidetracked with some fishing, exploring and bike racing over the weekend. Truthfully, I didn't end up doing



A fox at Sleeping Giant Provincial Park

much work at all as we decided to contract out the firewood duties.

While the wood was being stacked

by our hired hand, I went on an adventure into Sleeping Giant Provincial Park.

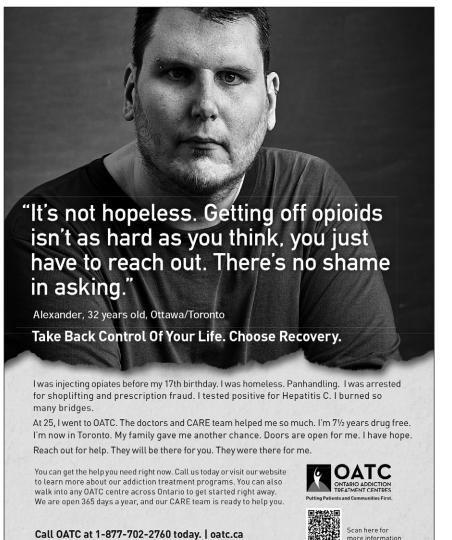
It is amazing how different the park is at this time of year, especially after a spring and summer that saw record numbers of visitors. The amount of foxes, grouse and deer now out on the trails enjoying the peace and quiet in the empty park is staggering. Even though most of the leaves have faded and fallen from their peak brilliance, the park continues to be awe-inspiring to me, despite the fact that I spend an inordinate amount of time there.

When I got back to camp, I continued to avoid work by enjoying a sauna so hot that I had to jump in the icy lake multiple times to cool down.

Finally, after supper we started to pack up for home. All that really had to be done before we made our way back to the city was to pull the water line and flush the pipes. I always hesitate to do this because it is confirmation that summer is long gone, so I tend to leave this until the last possible minute.

With darkness approaching and an hour drive ahead of us, we found ourselves questioning the urgency of draining the pipes. So, we used our satellite internet to check the weather forecast.

With the week ahead being well above zero, and nightly lows nowhere near cold enough to worry about freezing the lines, we decided to push it one more week and enjoy another weekend with indoor plumbing at camp. Hopefully this weekend I can stop enjoying the great outdoors long enough to actually get some work done.











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United States of Al's new look

When United States of Al first premiered, it was met with moderate ratings and according to Rotten Tomatoes, "good intentions." While there was some laughter, the

storylines were pretty

Instead of a commentary on American society, the writers chose easy jokes and non-controversial topics. Forget the current antiimmigrant rhetoric, let's joke about haggling over prices in the grocery

Despite its limited success, viewers did like the characters. So ABC brought them back this fall for a new season. And the difference has been

Fiona Gardiner

Season 1 ended on a more serious note, with one of the main characters, Riley, finally acknowledging his PTSD and seeking help. However,

this new season began with the recent real-life withdrawal of American forces from Afghanistan.

People may have thought they understood what it was like for the soldiers who had been stationed there.

They might have believed they grasped what it was like for

Afghani's trying to leave and why. But viewers got a glimpse of the individuals, their relationships, and what was at stake in a way that news

reports could never quite capture. It was a shocking start for the sitcom's sophomore season.

While Al is safe in America, his sister is still in a country where the new government considers her an enemy for working with the UN and punishable because she is an educated woman who has a job.

The first episode follows Al and his adopted American family franticly trying to help her escape Afghanistan over several days despite spotty phone calls, cancelled flights, overwhelming crowds, and an explosion at the airport. Funny,

The second episode focused on Al and Riley getting second jobs so they can send money to Al's sister who is now in a Turkish refugee

They become night-time repo men and face crazy scenarios and even violence from angry individuals (surprise) who don't really want their cars repossessed.

Unfortunately, Riley becomes addicted to the same adrenaline rush he used to get in combat. And that ain't healthy.

This wasn't the way Season 2 was supposed to go.

Production had already begun when all hell broke loose in Afghanistan. But the writers chose to pivot and address what was happening. And thus, a new season premiere - that didn't feel like much of a comedy - was born.

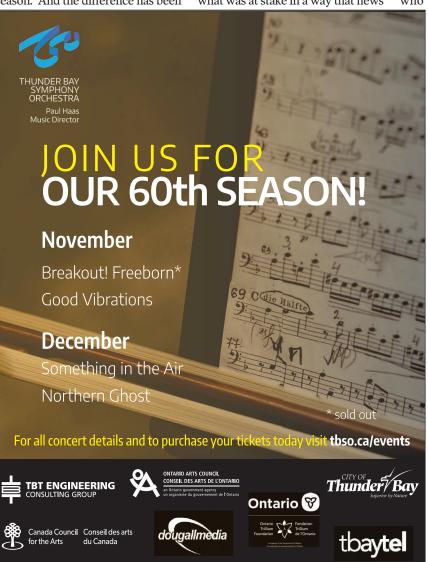
What has followed are authentic and challenging stories without easy

happy endings or the canned audience applause viewers expect. After all, if you're going to write a show about an Afghani immigrant, you're going to have to acknowledge some ugliness. But there are still moments of levity, hope, and joy.

Because U.S. of Al is still a sitcom albeit a far cry from The Big Bang Theory or The Goldbergs. The show is finally making a statement. Becoming more than just simple laughs.

U.S. of Al writers are stepping up with heart and courage. And hopefully, viewers will accept a show that's not your average comedy.

Because while you may not always bust a gut laughing, you'll leave the United States of Al feeling pretty darn good.







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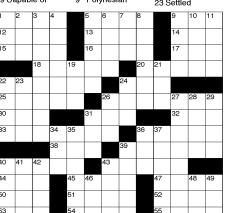
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Dune a sci-fi marvel

Based on the seminal 1965 sci-fi novel by Frank Herbert, Dune arrives at SilverCity with much fanfare. Inspired by the novel as a teenager, Canadian director Denis Villeneuve has turned his long sought after dream into reality.

This is a stunning accomplishment by a director who has established his sci-fi cred with Bladerunner 2049 and Arrival.

The movie lives up to the hype—mostly. "Dune" is largely accessible, though a Coles Notes on the novel would help the uninitiated. Herbert's book poses a chal-

lenge cinematically, offering a cavalcade of characters swept into a vortex of political machinations, greed, lust, and betrayal with grander themes embracing the environment, class, colonialism, and prophecy, made all the more distinctive through Herbert's integration of Middle Eastern culture.

Previous efforts had mixed results. David Lynch's 1984 epic misfired. Somewhat more successful was a threepart TV mini-series in 2000 starring William Hurt. Squeezing much into a two

hour-plus running time, Villeneuve scores a notch above.

Set in the distant future, the plot focuses on the exotic desert planet of Arrakis, sole home to a coveted element, mélange

spice, which is useful as both a mind-enhancing drug and fuel for interstellar travel.

Rival factions vie for control over the spice, including the House Atriedes, led by Duke Leto (Oscar Isaac) who has been newly assigned governance of the planet, a sly ploy by the ruling governor, and the Harkonnens, previous barbarous overseers who are

not happy getting sidelined.

Marty Mascarin

MOVIE TALK

Central to the story is Paul Atriedes, (Timothée Chalamet) the duke's son, a rumoured messiah with special sensory powers. Treachery results in a withering Harkonnen attack on the Atriedes stronghold forcing Paul and his mother, Lady Jessica, (Rebecca Ferguson), to flee into the desert where Paul seeks the Fremen, the planet's indigenous nomadic warriors who distrust imperialists exploiting their planet.

Protecting the spice are the gigantic

sandworms which cultivate the substance, generating fear as they powerfully plow beneath the desert

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The movie is a sensory feast, with a bone-chattering sound design coupled with sumptuous visuals, complemented by Hans Zimmer's flavourful score.

The fast moving plot does shortchange a few mythological elements and characters who come and go quickly.

Standing out in the first-rate cast is brawny Jason Momoa as Duncan Idaho, (a great name) a fiercely loyal warriormentor for Paul, who appreciates the Fremen and Arrakis.

Conversely, the film barely taps into the novel's most intriguing characters, Paul and Lady Jessica, who essentially function one-dimensionally here as fugitives on the run, though armed with visionary powers and unique survival skills. Chalamet and Ferguson have deeper stories to tell.

This entry is entitled "Part One," so perhaps the second half will provide greater opportunity to delve more deeply into Herbert's dense vision.

Mutterings aside, Dune is an exciting, epic sci-fi adventure.

Lunenburg well worth journey

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

In every cloud, a silver lining.

Some folks naturally know how, when stormy skies arrive, to find that lining. For others the discovery might involve a tryagain process; perhaps letting-it-go altogether. Either way, the hope is your silver lining has been there all along.

Magnus' second curtain of the season rises to a none-too-silly drama by Norm Foster; audiences might be thinking 'yeah, we know this playwright's cookiecutter pattern of romantic comedies: chick meets the obvious Romeo, alongside an awkward sidekick or two, and hey, let the shenanigans begin.

Easy enough to predict; even if sometimes the chick does choose Romeo's competition. But not this time. Through to the very end of Lunenburg we have fingers crossed for different reasons because it's not that light-hearted or simple a story.

Sure, we are treated to plenty of smiles and chuckles via a talented and beautifully balanced trio of actors leading our



questioning hearts and minds to destinations without clear answers.

With Iris, her close friend Natalie, and a neighbour, Charlie. But there are several other characters crucial to the storyline who we can't see; and these are precisely the ones to make our silver linings so tricky to find, if at all.

Sheena Albanese debuts on a Magnus stage with touching candour; I'm sure no one would like to be in her character Iris' shoes; and so we ache with her even as the occasional flashes of resilience she reveals reassures us. She surprises us.

As does Amy Sellors, but for the opposite reason. I'm guessing some of us might be feeling, oh, just a tad peeved with Natalie and her attractively coquettish ways. The surprise comes with Sellors' switch to a convincing vulnerable, unsure-of-herself side. Nicely portrayed.

The third prong to our feminine teetertotter of Natalie-and-Iris is the seemingly effortless weight of Charlie-the-anchor or pin in the see-saw. Actor Andre Cecon plays it near-flawless.

In a nutshell, Lunenburg isn't our typical Norm Foster fluff. It's not an easy story. It will have you reflecting on some of the clouds in your own life.

Directed by Thom Currie, Lunenburg beckons until Nov. 6.

Wolves women sweep

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Early to bed and early to rise sounds good in theory.

It's probably not a great plan for basketball teams.

The Lakehead Thunderwolves, taking on the Algoma Thunderbirds for the second time in 17 hours, were sluggish at the start of Sunday's rematch, but found their composure in the second quarter and went on to a second straight lopsided victory at the CJ Sanders Fieldhouse, downing their opponent 66-40.

Timmins, Ont rookie Ally Burke, who hails from coach Jon Kreiner's hometown, led all Lakehead scorers

with 13 points and said the team laid back a little too much at the start, allowing the Thunderbirds a little more time to consider their options with the ball, while protecting it at the same time.

"I think part of that came from the fact that we weren't pressuring because (last night) we got a lot of steals and a lot of layups so we got started a lot earlier. This game we didn't start that until the second quarter," Burke said. "We just had to keep playing defence, even though we weren't getting as many baskets in the first quarter."

Thunder Bay's Hana Whalen, who came off the bench to score seven points and haul in five rebounds, said it took a little time to get going, the 11 a.m. start a little out of the ordinary for both teams.

"I think we definitely ended up working well as a team a little bit later on and once we started implementing our press, that definitely presented them with difficulties," the second-year guard said.

"Throughout our difficulties on offence we stuck with our defence and helped each other out with our gap support and I think that really helped us get our feet under ourselves."

The Wolves shooters, who were not great for a second straight night, came to life in the second quarter, turning an 11-8 lead into a 38-20 advantage by halftime.

A 13-0 run in the third put it away for good.

"If it wasn't for Ally and Hana today, our shooting stats would have been abysmal. We've definitely talked about being a team through committee that has to shoot in the 50s or as close to 50 per cent mark. Last night we were at 41 per cent and we had one quarter today at 58 per cent," Kreiner said. "We definitely had looks and I think that's what we've got to look at. Our shot quality on most of our looks was decent."



Hana Whalen drives the lane. (Leith Dunick)



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