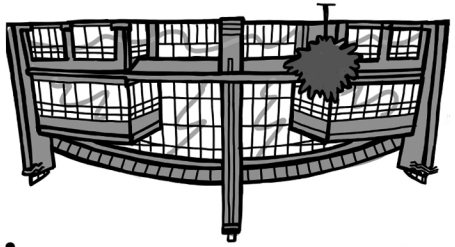
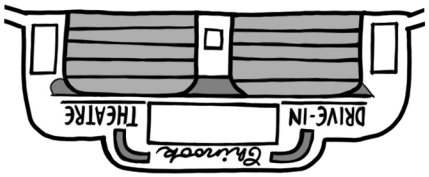


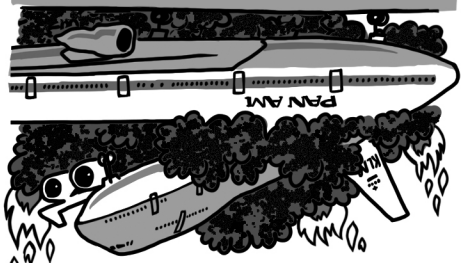


Cinema Park was owned by **Western Drive-in Theatres,** the company that opened Alberta's first drive-in movie theatre, the **Chinook Drive-in,** on the site of what is now Chinook Centre Mall!

Frank grew up in Winnipeg, where his dad ran a silent movie theatre. (it opened in 1913.)

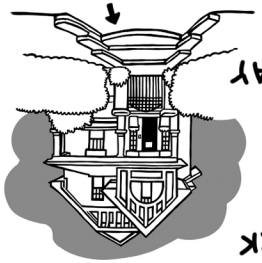
One of Western Drive-in Theatre's founding partners was **Frank Kershaw,** a pioneer of Canada's movie theatre industry.

After a successful career, Frank died tragically (on his honeymoon) in the **worst disaster in aviation history.**



on a foggy morning in 1977, in the Canary Islands, a 747 on a take-off roll collided with another 747. 583 people died.

Cinema Park Drive-in was built in 1953 to make way for the neighbourhood of **Point McKay,** named for a homesteader who'd settled there.



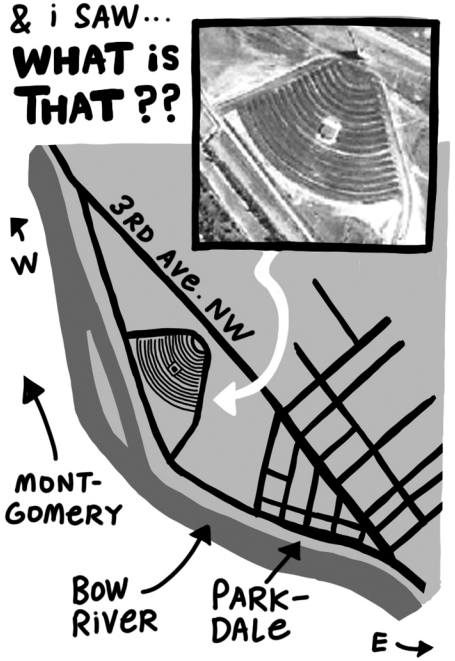
Point McKay is unique in Calgary: **97%** of its housing is rowhouses & apartments!

The **Cinema Park Drive-in** was Western Canada's largest drive-in movie theatre! (1,100 cars)

it operated from 1953 to 1977.
it had Canada's largest drive-in screen (65 ft/20m wide)!

i looked at an aerial map of Calgary in the 1950s & i saw...

WHAT is THAT??



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