

Movie review

The Pursuit of D.B. Cooper

by Terry Dupuis

Not very many years ago a man who used the pseudonym D.B. Cooper hijacked a Boeing 727.

With the aid of a time bomb, which later turned out to be fake, he held the jetliner for a \$200,000 ransom. Then after getting the money he bailed out of the jetliner and seemingly vanished. The authorities were never able to find him.

This real-life incident forms the basis of a new motion picture from the Universal Studio. The movie opens with the hijacking before the main credits, then goes into a fictional account of what might have happened to D.B. Cooper.

When I first heard about "The Pursuit of D.B. Cooper" I expected it to be a serious drama about a hijacking. But the film

turned out to be a rollicking action-comedy, a kind of a "Smokey and the Bandit" type of picture in which Burt Reynolds would find himself very much at home.

Once I accepted this fact, that I was watching a comedy rather than a drama, I found much to enjoy in *The Pursuit of D.B. Cooper*. It offers new screen star Treat Williams a light change of pace after the heavy dramatics of *Prince of the City*. Mr. Williams demonstrated his skill as a dramatic actor in that New York police drama. It was a performance which should win him an Academy Award nomination next February. In *The Pursuit of D.B. Cooper* Williams does an abrupt departure, and comes up with a likable

performance as a breezy boyish fun-loving backwoods fellow in the best tradition of Burt Reynolds.

The Pursuit of D.B. Cooper also offers a welcome change of pace for Williams' costar Robert Duvall. Duvall has lately starred in heavy dramas like *The Great Santini* and *True Confessions*. Duvall is a fine dramatic actor, but it's nice to see him look like he's just having fun for a change. In his new film he plays an insurance detective who is in pursuit of D.B. Cooper.

In the movie, "D.B. Cooper" is a character named Jimmy Meade (Treat Williams). He was a former Green Beret. It turns out that Duvall was his sergeant over in Viet Nam, so the insurance detective has a pretty good idea how Jimmy's mind works.

But Jimmy is not on the run alone. His attractive and loving wife is on the lam with him, and together they make an elusive quarry.

But the tough sergeant-turned-detective is a determined cuss who won't give up. Complicating the situation is another ex-soldier who knew both Jimmy and the sergeant in Vietnam.

Now a con artist who peddles everything from dope to rope, he has also latched onto the fact that Jimmy is "D.B. Cooper". So he begins a pursuit of his own, hoping to be able to nab the \$200,000 for himself.

The Pursuit of D.B. Cooper is a fun movie to watch, serving up as it does generous portions of humour and action. Among its' action highlights is a dandy boat chase through rapids.

Travel news, views



New cruise package

by Carol Crawford

A new cruise line, Pearl Cruises of Scandinavia, will offer first-class year-round travel to the People's Republic of China, Indonesia and the Far East, effective May '82.

The New company is a joint venture, which will operate a 488-passenger luxury cruiseliner, Pearl of Scandinavia, based year-round in the Far East. This line will be the only major line to sail Asia every two weeks year-round.

Some 29 sailings will be offered focussing on the People's Republic of China for eight months, then south to the Indonesian islands and Malaysia for four months. There will be 14 - 28 - and 42 - day cruises with six different itineraries and specially-arranged shore excursions.

Tilden Free Car

Nordair in conjunction with Tilden is offering a free car for the day to full-fare round-trip passengers flying from Toronto to Montreal or vice versa.

The offer, which runs until Dec. 18, will provide each qualifying passenger with an available car of compact to mid-size. There is no limit on mileage, but sales tax and optional extra insurance are not included. Minimum rental age is 21.

Quebec Club

The Hilton Internation in Quebec City has a Club Vista on its 17th floor.

It features 25 guest rooms with personalized accessories especially for business travelers (shoe-shine machine, bathrobe, shower massage, after shave lotion, women's cologne), an executive suite, three mini-suites, separate check-in and check-out and private lounge.

Minaki Lodge Reopening in '82

The Minaki Lodge is being brought out of mothballs with a massive restoration project in preparation for a re-opening in summer 1982. The baronial log and stone property often called "The Ritz of the North" is located in a wilderness area of northern Ontario on Sandy Lake.

The main lodge of the resort will feature 120 guest rooms and suites, plus a library, cocktail lounge, restaurant, indoor pool and conference centre.



Item for auction

Tonight's the night Midland Y's Men's Club holds its annual Art and Antique Auction at Ste. Marie among the Hurons. Many of the items to be auctioned off will include works provided by members of the local

crafts guild. Y's Men's Club member Bob McVean, left, accepts a weed bowl from Karley McArthur of Canadian Crafts Gift Shop to be auctioned off.

Low number is average for season

Midland OPP officers handled a low, but seasonally average, number of occurrences in the week ending Monday: 116.

One grouping, thefts, easily lead the list, with 17 occurrences. Two

assaults, one break and enter, and one wilful damage, were recorded.

Seven drivers were charged with driving while impaired. One person was charged with possession of a narcotic.

Fire

A malfunctioning furnace at 263 McCartney St., Midland, was reason to call the local fire department just after 5

p.m., Saturday. However, according to Fire Chief Terry Lethbridge, there was no fire although some smoke in the home was noticeable.

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