

Even Robert Redford can't make a go of it as baseball player Roy Hobbs in "The Naturel."



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# Cliches take over in baseball story

Audiences are asked to pay good money to sit still for 3% hours of conjusing cliches in the screen version of Bernard Malamud's first novel, "The Natural."

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It all starts with middle-aged Roy Hobbs (Redford) boarding a train for we-know-not-where, which is exactly where the movie went. He flashes back to his childhood (young Robbs is played by Paul Saillwan 154: Hobbs (Robert Rich III), teaches him everything about baseabil because young Roy is a "natural." Rather Hobbs dies and a boil of lightning (a different boil than when he hits homeruns) sirikes a light old oak on the farm.

Roy crafts a marvelous bat from the tree and inscribes it "Wonder Boy."

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SEGUE TO REDIFORD as young Roy Hobbs the night before be leaves the farm for a tryont with the Chicago Cube. He proposes to the girl next door — Iris Gaines (Glenn Close) — If a farm can be next door, Much later you'll discover what leaves the day, The Chicago train stops at a carnival new day. The Chicago train stops at a carnival new for the safe stops are to the safe of the

Finner (Wilford Brimley) and coached by Red Blow (Richard Farnsworth). Pop doesn't want a middle-aged, never-has-been and benches Hobbs before he plays. Hobbs gets to play when siar rightfielder Bump Balley (Michael Madsen) is benched for a slump and later dies crashing through the rightfield fence tyring too hard, when it is too late. His sahes are scattered from a plane flying over the Knipht's home field.

Knight's bome field.

WITH HOBBS and "Wonder Boy" at the plate, the Knights near the top. But wait, don't forget cliche No. 17: Gamblers with a fix trying to take over the team.

If Pop wins the pennant, he gets control of the team. If he loses, the nasty Judge (Robert Proxy) takes all. Working with Gus the Gambler (Daren McGavin), Pop's nices, Memo (really, hat's her name — played by sery Kim Bassinger), corrupts Bobbs, now starting in rightlife. Of course, the Knights tie for the pennant. At their victory celebration, Memo slips Roy something that puts him in the maternity ward. This is not a prevented sex seen. It's just that the maternity ward. This is not a prevented sex seen. It's just that the maternity ward. This is not a prevented sex seen. It's just that the maternity ward. This is not a prevented sex seen. It's just that the maternity ward that the base of the course of the

THE FILM ENDS with a fully recovered, young Hobbs playing catch with his son. (Remember that one night with Ints.) You never do learn which Redford got on the train 34 th ours ago. Redford plays the true-blue Hobbs to the hill. No dirty gamblers will corrupt him. Hobbs will never throw the game. Too bad some-body got to Redford. He sure threw the movie.



Beny Kim Basinger plays the niece of the Knighte' baseball-team

#### table talk

### Works maglo

A young magician, Lucy Smalley, will perform magic tableside from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sopdays, May 20 and 27, at the new Restaurants on Main Sarvot at Tol-Twelve Mail in Southield. Smalley, 21, its a graduate of the Chaver College of Magic in Colon, Mich. She won a national competition for sleight-of-hand magic.

#### Listed in guide

Prize winner

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The prize-winning script in the Attic Theaire's Young People's Contest will be showcased at 7 pm. Monday,
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Two area spots are among those included in the 1984 editions of the Mobil Travel Guide, which selects some 30,000 retainments, hotels, mostle and resorts for listing in its seven volumes. They are the Shalez in in Auburn Heights and the Historic Holly Hotel in Holly, Besides star-rated food and independent of the Holly Besides star-rated food and history, sightbeeding, amusements, sports and recreation.

#### Executive cher-

Vijay Tinkrai, who core preparid a state ban-quet hosted by Egypt's late president, Junyar Sadat, is the new executive chef at the Desripum Inn-Tunkal is a native of New Delhi, Isidia, where he received a degree from the institute of Hodal Man-sgement, Catering and Nutrition. He came to the United States in 1978, working with the Hilton or-ganization, and to Detroit in 1930, as a sous chef with the Westin Hefel.

#### New sous chef

Demis W. Herrina, who has spont six years with the Detroit Athletic Club's litchen, has been named accountly so one ender for Schuler's Inc. He will devel-op cultarry techniques for the staff and coordinate an American Cultarry Federation Chef Apprintion Program. The eight restaurants in the Schuler's group includes ones in West Bioomfield and Ro-chester.

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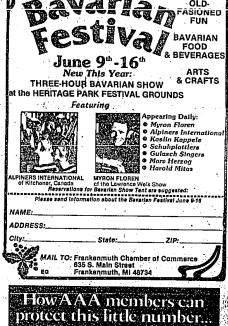


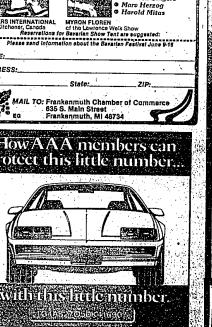


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