

Toothless wonder target of big search in 'Baby's Day Out'

He's fearless. He's ruthless. He's 9-month-old Baby Bink, the target of a big city search in the newest John Hughes production, "Baby's Day Out," opening Friday at metro Detroit movie theaters.

Joe Mantegna, Lara Flynn Boyle and Joe Pantoliano star in this 20th Century Fox film written by John Hughes and directed by Patrick Read Johnson.

Hughes describes his new film as a real baby movie in which the baby is the star.

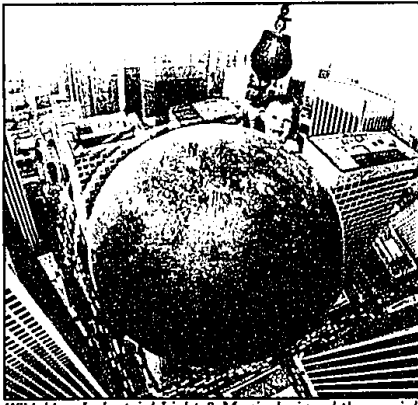
"It's our job as filmmakers to make you believe that he is actually spending a whole day on his own in the big city," Hughes said.

The real comedy comes from the three guys who are unable to capture the baby.

"I was challenged by the idea of having a hero who doesn't talk, who doesn't even really think. He's just having a lovely day outside the nursery, unaware that he's ever in any danger," he said.

After an exhaustive nationwide search to find the right babies to play Baby Bink, the filmmakers cast identical twins Adam Robert Worton and Jacob Joseph Worton as the adventurous infant.

In addition to the Worton brothers just the right look, the



Wild ride: Industrial Light & Magic designed the special effects that make this toothless wonder's adventures come to life in the new release "Baby's Day Out."

Filmmakers were pleased to discover that the boys learned at the same rate so that either one of them could be put in front of the camera and give the same kind of performance.

The three hapless culprits — Eddie Mauser, Norby LeBlaw and Veeko Riley — whose pursuit of Baby Bink leads to comic misadventure — are played respectively by Joe Mantegna, Joe

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Pantoliano and Brian Haley. Mantegna, who will also star this summer in "Airheads," performs as Woody Allen's "Alto," "The Godfather, Part III," "Bug" and "Body of Evidence."

Boyle's film credits include "The Temp," "Red Rock West," "Dead Poet's Society" and "Poltergeist III."

Pantoliano has appeared in "The Fugitive," "Risky Business," "Empire of the Sun" and "Running Scared."

"Baby's Day Out" also stars Cynthia Nixon, Fred Dalton Thompson, John Neville and Matthew Glave.

"Baby's Day Out" also marks the directorial debut of Patrick Read Johnson.

"I was hoping for a project that would capitalize not only on my technical effects experience, but also would utilize my creative, theatrical background," Johnson said.

playing peek-a-boo. When not working with the Worton twins, the production

used a mechanical puppet created by Academy Award-winning special effects make-up artist.

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Tell us why your team needs an angel

Parents, coaches, fans, players, explain why your Little League, T-ball, baseball or softball team needs an "angel" so your team can win tickets to see a screening of "Angels in the Outfield" opening Wednesday, July 13 at metro Detroit movie theaters.

Your team could be one that never wins a game, or is in a con-

test for first place. Write and tell us why your team needs "Angels in the Outfield." Four teams will be chosen to win tickets to the screening of "Angels in the Outfield."

Send contest entries to Keely Wyonik, Taste/Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 School-

craft, Livonia, MI 48150. Entries must be postmarked by Friday, July 1.

Be sure to include a daytime telephone number of the person to contact on behalf of the team. Winners will be notified by telephone. To fax entries, call (313) 691-7279. Call (313) 953-2105 if you have any questions. Observer

& Eccentric employees, and their families are not eligible.

In the new version, of "Angels in the Outfield," events are set in motion when Roger, an 11-year-old boy in a foster home, prays for a miracle to reunite him with his widowed father who has told him with a grin that their family will get back together again "the day the Angels win the pennant."

Young fan inherits team in 'Little Big League'

When 12-year-old baseball fan Billy Heywood inherits the Minnesota Twins from his grandfather, it's a dream come true, like the Mets winning the '69 series or the team you root for going from last to first.

"Little Big League," a Castle Rock Entertainment release starring Luke Edwards, Timothy Busfield and Jason Robards, is set to open this week in area theaters.

"Baseball was made for kids, and grown-ups only screw it up," said Hall-of-Famer Bob Lemon.

The Twins are languishing in a slump, so kid Billy makes himself manager of the team, the first owner/manager in baseball since the venerable Connie Mack. It's a daring move, young Billy explains

to his mom (Ashley Crow). "But you wanted me to do something constructive this summer."

"Little Big League" puts young Billy Heywood in center field amid an assortment of colorful characters. For a chance at a winning season, the 12-year-old needs to help his team rediscover the "child within" and love for the game. Ironically, along the way, Billy is forced to rediscover his youth as well.

"Little Big League" also stars John Ashton, Dennis Farina, Kevin Dunn and Jonathan Silverman. The film is directed by Andrew Scheinman with a screenplay by Gregory K. Pincus and Adam Scheinman.

The producer is Mike Lobell, and executive producers are Steve Nicolaidis and Andrew Bergman.



Learning from the kid: Lou Collins (Timothy Busfield) discusses baseball strategy with 12-year-old manager-owner of the Minnesota Twins, Billy Heywood (Luke Edwards) in Castle Rock Entertainment's "Little Big League" coming to theaters this week.

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