



Photo courtesy 20th Century Fox

Michael Keaton losing a battle of wits with his vacuum cleaner, Jaws, in "Mr. Mom."

'Mr. Mom' mindless drivel

Review by Jeff Willcox

Yes, Aaron Spelling Productions, the television production company that brings you such inane drivel as "The Love Boat" and "Fantasy Island," has finally hit the big screen with "Mr. Mom." Not surprisingly, "Mr. Mom" turns out to be inane drivel that Captain Stubing, Julie McCoy, Mr. Roarke and Tatoo could be downright proud of.

"Mr. Mom" is the story of Jack Baxter who changes "places" with his wife, Caroline, after he loses his job as an executive for a Detroit automobile manufacturer. Caroline takes up Jack's brief-

case and becomes the family's breadwinner at an advertising agency, while while Jack takes up Caroline's apron to become the bread maker at home.

Caroline becomes a quick success in her new role as the family provider, but Jack has trouble adjusting to his new role as a house-husband. His problems include dealing with three overbearing repairmen, controlling a killer vacuum cleaner named Jaws, avoiding a divorcee with overactive hormones, handling three wild kids and coping with a growing addiction to afternoon soap operas.

Despite the mediocre

script, the cast manages some strong performances. Michael Keaton as Jack Butler does a good job as the modern day house-husband. The role gives Keaton a good opportunity to display his comedic skills. Lucille Ball's Baxter is nothing more than "I Love Lucy's" Lucy Ricardo in drag.

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Celeste read on. "A Soviet psychologist remarked, 'I can sympathize with the anger the Americans feel, but nobody invades our personal space and gets away with it.'"

"I still don't think this is going to pay our bills, Marley," Celeste said. "You still owe money on the Intruder printing press. And nobody ever reads it but you, me, and Otis, and Otis only reads the Religion page."

Harley sighed. "So you think nobody will buy this, huh? Well, how about this for page one, instead?"

He handed her another article.

"The Invasion of the Bird-Bees," Celeste read. "Scientists at the Intruder office have discovered that the old phrase 'the birds and the bees' has more to it than meets the eye. The deadly species has been found lurking in the bedroom of Celeste Underwood, an Intruder staffer . . ."

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