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'Mr. Mom' . . .

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Adding some shine to the movie is Teri Garr, who was nominated for an Academy Award as Dustin Hoffman's girlfriend in "Tootsie." Garr is wonderful as Caroline, who transforms from a typical suburban housewife to a sophisticated career woman. Garr is a super comedian, whose role should have been developed further.

Other notable performances are given by Ann Jillian as the Baxter's divorced neighbor who has more on her mind than watching soap operas, and Martin Mull as

Caroline's boss who has more on his mind than ads.

The subject matter of "Mr. Mom," the reversal of the traditional roles of husband and wife, has potential. However, instead of making "Mr. Mom" the slick, contemporary, screwball comedy it should be, screenwriter John Hughes has given us a sometimes funny movie, whose main purpose is to showcase the talents of Michael Keaton. The movie shouldn't have focused on just the problems of the husband's transition, but also of his wife's. After all, not only

is there a "Mr. Mom," but there's also a "Mrs. Dad."

The movie has a few funny moments, but a few laughs do not necessarily make a good movie.

Unfortunately, many scenes that are intended to be funny are not.

It's hard to give a definite judgement of the movie, because the movie's weaknesses seem to be so popular ("Love Boat's" ratings are good evidence of that, "Mr. Mom" is the type of movie that you go see but don't tell your friends about. But after all, who admits they actually watch "Love Boat?")

Guide helps tourist look at Lincoln

Looking at Lincoln
 By Ellen McKinnon, Orlean Koehle, Shauna Valentine
 Media Productions (\$4.95)

"Looking at Lincoln" is a well organized, just-about-everything-you-always-wanted-to-know guide to our city. Its 107 pages cover the basics of Lincoln: parks, shopping centers, restaurants, culture centers, schools and various neighborhoods. Most of the listings are complete, but the restaurant list is far from inclusive and strangely enough, neither phone numbers nor addresses appear with the names. Much of the listing section of the book could easily be deleted. The information can be found easily in a

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phone book and it does not make good reading. The goal of the three women who wrote the book, according to their publisher, was to create a guide that would be useful to newcomers or tourists and also interesting to Lincoln residents. Ellie McKinnon, Shauna B. Valentine and Orlean Koehle succeeded in creating a passable tourist's guide, but the book isn't worth the \$4.95 price tag to an old Lincolnite.

The second half of the book is interesting. It covers a wide range of anecdotes about Lincoln's past. This section gives straight forward, clear treatment to Lincoln's history. It includes the feud between Lincoln and Omaha about which city would become capital, UNL history and architecture, religious roots and many other interesting things one might not run into on a billboard. "Looking at Lincoln" would be useful and practical to a newcomer to our fair city. And if one could afford this book for its historical content (if one is interested in historical content), again it's worth it. "Looking at Lincoln" can be found in area book stores.

Chris Welsh

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Sweeney and Jumpshotz play for two at Zoo

Jim Sweeney and Jumpshotz, a five-piece band from Tulsa, Okla., specializing in rhythm and blues, will be playing this weekend at the Zoo Bar, 136 No. 14th St.

Besides playing R & B, Sweeney and Company also dabble in Ska music, as well as covering classics by the Supremes, Marvin Gaye and Otis Redding.

The band has just released a single, "It Ain't Right," on Pilgrim records.

charge. Shows will start at 9 p.m. tonight and Saturday.

Tootie Redd will appear at the Showcase tonight and Saturday. Redd is widely regarded as being the foremost soul singer in the Midwest. She was the opening act for Marvin Gaye during his recent tour.

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