

Entertainment

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It's difficult to play an older man, of 27



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On a swing through metropolitan Detroit recently, Jon Cryer talked about the comedy "Hiding Out." As fast-track stockbroker Andrew Morenski, he recovers his idealism after he sees life through the eyes of a high school student.

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special writer

CAN A 22-YEAR-OLD actor play a 27-year-old stockbroker hiding out from the mob by pretending to be a high school senior?

"Yes," says Jon Cryer — best known as "Duckie" in "Pretty in Pink" — "but the hardest part was playing the 27-year-old because I've never grown up."

That spritely response characterizes Cryer, who toured the Detroit area recently to promote "Hiding Out," his new film, which has gathered top marks from this writer.

Not only is "Hiding Out" suspenseful, comic and romantic, but it also has a number of interesting layers that say a lot about people growing and maturing in adversity.

CRYER IS THE SON of actress-playwright Gretchen Cryer and actor David Cryer. He has appeared on and off-Broadway and studied at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London. In addition to "Pretty in Pink," his film credits include "No Small Affair," the title role in "Morgan Stewart's Coming Home," "O.C. Stiggs," "Superman IV," and "Dudes," which will be released this fall.

Of the last, Cryer noted, "It's a pop-fantasy western, which should be a lot of fun for everyone."

"Hiding Out," as well, should be a lot of fun. As the story develops, yuppie stockbroker Andrew Morenski (Cryer) is under FBI protection as the sole surviving witness against a mob chieftain for whom Andrew has laundered bonds.

The mob's assassin (Oliver Cotton) is hot on Andrew's trail. Hiding out — with his cousin Patrick (Keith Coogan) and Aunt Lucy



(Gretchen Cryer) in a small upstate town — is Andrew's solution.

Patrick has all the high-school-senior problems: girls, cars, clothes. He is in awe of his older cousin who speaks out boldly, at least by comparison to most students in a conservative high school.

THE FILM'S high-school sequences are more sophisticated than the typical youth-oriented film and never demean either the students or their teachers. That in itself is unusual.

The story's greatest appeal, however, is Andrew's maturation as a human being who learns that there

Hot young actor Jon Cryer (right) is cast as a 27-year-old stockbroker who masquerades as a high school student to escape the mob in "Hiding Out." Keith Coogan portrays the 16-year-old cousin who admires him. Cryer gained popularity through roles in such films as "Pretty in Pink." His next movie, "Dudes," will be released soon.

is more to life than stockbroking and searing in the Boston singles scene.

Cryer proves that a 22-year-old playing a 27-year-old hiding out as a 17-year-old can teach us all a good deal about what it means to be a nice human being.

table talk

Hungarian Hyattfest

A festival featuring the foods and desserts of Hungary continues through Friday at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn. The hotel, which presented the Hungarian Hyattfest in September, is presenting "Hungarian Hyattfest II" at the hotel's La Rotisserie Restaurant. The five-member

Ferenc Santa Gypsy Orchestra, on tour from Budapest, charms diners with its exquisite melodies. Food is prepared by a seasoned team of culinary experts from the Atrium Hyatt Budapest.

Tasting tour

Sample wines from many famous growing regions throughout the world will be featured at the Michi-

gan State University Club of Oakland County's annual wine tasting 8-11 p.m. Friday at the MSU Management Education center in Troy. Fruits, cheeses, breads and gourmet crackers will be served as guests visit eight or more wine tasting stations. The tasting is open to the general public. Tickets are \$12 per person at the door.

French Beaujolais Nouveau, including Chateau LaCarelle, beginning today (Thursday, Nov. 19). In another event, Tim McCarthy of Cost Plus — Detroit will preside over a wine tasting 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$5, with all proceeds going to Easter Seals. Reservations must be made by today. For more information, call 468-7000.

Omni offerings

Omni Hotel in Detroit is serving

Turkey to go

The Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield

Hills has "Turkey to Go," a complete Thanksgiving banquet for up to 15 people, ready for pickup and take-home Thanksgiving Day. The meal is \$75. Orders must be placed by noon Monday; phone 644-1400. Prepaid orders may be picked up from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thanksgiving Day.

Westin doings

First wine of the season will be introduced at a Beaujolais Nouveau

tasting 5-7 p.m. today (Thursday, Nov. 19) at the Lobby Bar of the Westin Hotel at the Renaissance Center in Detroit. A two-ounce taste is \$1. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and music will be featured. On Thanksgiving Day, a traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be served from noon to 8 p.m. at the hotel's revolving restaurant, the Summit. For reservations, call 568-8600. "Breakfast with Santa" will be offered Sat-

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