Comedy picks up pace, overcomes slow start

Performances of the St. Dun-ston's Guild of Cranbrook produc-tion of "Kiss or Make Up" contin-ne through Saturduy, Jan. 26, at the playhouse in Bloomfield Hits. For toket information call 644-0327

By Barbara Michala

Despite a rocky start, St. Dun-stan's production of "Kiss or Make Up" turns into a hilarious farce that has the audience literally itching with laughter.

with laughter. "Kiss or Make Life all good farce. "Kiss or Make Op" relies heavily on mistaken iden-ties and improbable plot miscups. Though act is delivered sluggistly, with lines enunciated so slowly that all naturalness is lost, the pace picks up admirably in the subsequent two acts.

Career woman Morgiana Kendrak Sally Garrison Jong ago madopa minaganary husband and daughter to camouflage her single state. When an clightle man finally turns up in the fife, Sed decides is is time to did loff her maganary spouse. Problems arise when someone inysteriously tips off the IRS that M. Kendrick's supposed death is superious, and the IRS discovers that the clusive Mr. Kendrick has never filed an income tax return.

THE TREASURY Department shall be most in most inept investigator. Rative Memoria Haran Delega Both Mergania and Benson seek the assistance of her neighbor, Casey d'athetime Gianakaran Casey Stance (Gary Walker), Morigana's suitor iff, Joseph Dabhis and a very coadined policeman (Fon Christopher) soon are stumbling over the many deception and Christopher, seem at the competent. Dabbis and Christopher, excel at counce timing and body English. As Handley Swopes, the suitor, Dabbis seems the quintessential influences, then armisingly reverses, THE TREASURY Department

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to get their characters more at case in the first act so that the pacing is consistent. At Saturday night's per-formance minor lighting problems also detracted from the show's smoothness.

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Barbura Michals teaches high school English in Southfield. A theater critic for the last 16 years, she is an investerate play year who she is an investerate play year who all the

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dled poticeman. Christopher is veryfunny trying to maintain the dignity
of the law while wearing only a
bedsheet toga and his badge.

Because Swope works with parasitionfested crocodiles at the Central Park Goo, the principals spend
Act II writhing in paroxyms of tiching. The result is totally hidarious
and, as proof that comedy is contagious, by subsequent intermission
many in the audience can be seen
scratching away as well.

Both Garrison and Ginnakura are
well cost and generally likeable in
their respective roles of Morgiana
and Casey

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his assistant Amy Lynn Smith, need





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Pizza winners

Danny Raskin, columnist for the Jewish News, won first place in the America's Pizza Cafe recent second annual "Celebrity Gourmet Pizza-Making Contest." Second place went to Dan Mountney, news anchor for WDIV-TV, Channel 4

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Haskin made "La Pizza Latina,"
which he translates as "The Real
Italian," with bocconcins (buffalo)
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His pizza was Philadelphia

Cheesesteak Pizza, with strips of round steak, swiss cheese, soutced green jeppers, onions and mush-rooms. This will be on the menu at both restaurants. Sunday, Feb. 3, through Tuesday, Feb. 12.

A portion of the sales of each of the winner's pizzas will be donated to the celebrity's favorite charity. Raskin selected Variety — the Children's Charity and Mounting chose the Salvation Army.

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Among contest participants was Ethel Simmons, food editor for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, who made an Evoice Mushroom Pizza with five kinds of mushrooms shitake, oysier, straw, proxim and morel) and red and green peppers.

Last year's co-winners, Bob Talbert of the Detroit Free Press and Bernie Smitovitz of WDIV-TV, served as special judges, along with Jack McCarthy of WJBK-TV, Channel 2 Talbert and Smilovitz helped

Tea ritual

The ancient Japanese tea ritual will be performed during afternoon tea from 3-5 pm. Morday, Jan. 28, at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham Japanese tea master Tompso Koehler will demonstrate the ceremony. Cost of the tea is \$21,50 per person. For reservations call Pauline Palazzolo at 642-7900.

Guests will be served traditional 'mattern' tea a green, bitter tea along with very sweet Japanese pastres made from yokan and tem-pura bamans in addition. a Japa-nese and American tea menu with warrous sandwires and pastres will be served. Traditional "kato" style music will be performed during the ceremony.





