

PLAY TRY OUTS — Gary Hudson, newly elected president of the Gilroy Community Theatre, above, this week announced that George Costa, San Jose Music Theatre executive director, has been signed to direct the local group's first musical production, "Guys and Dolls." Try outs for the musical, which has 40 roles to cast, will be held on July 7 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gavilan College Theatre. Further information may be obtained by calling the Gilroy Parks and Recreation Office at 842-6583. The Community Theatre group is now rehearsing a melodrama, "The Importance of Being Honest," to be presented at Christmas Hill Park on Sunday at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. as part of the Bonanza Days celebration.

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Scheduled for September **'Guys and Dolls'** production

In September of 1969, the Gilroy Community Theatre presented its first stage production and after a full year of activity will present its first musical next month with "Guys and Dolls."

In the forthcoming production, which has a cast of 40, several actors are making their stage debut including Ron Puppo, who has the role of Nathan Detroit, one of the male leads in the show.

Nathan, a dice shooting gambler, is referred to as "good old reliable Nathan" in a song sung by his gambling colleagues. Whenever the "boys" need a place to hold their floating crap game, Nathan will always provide it, even if it happens to be a sewer.

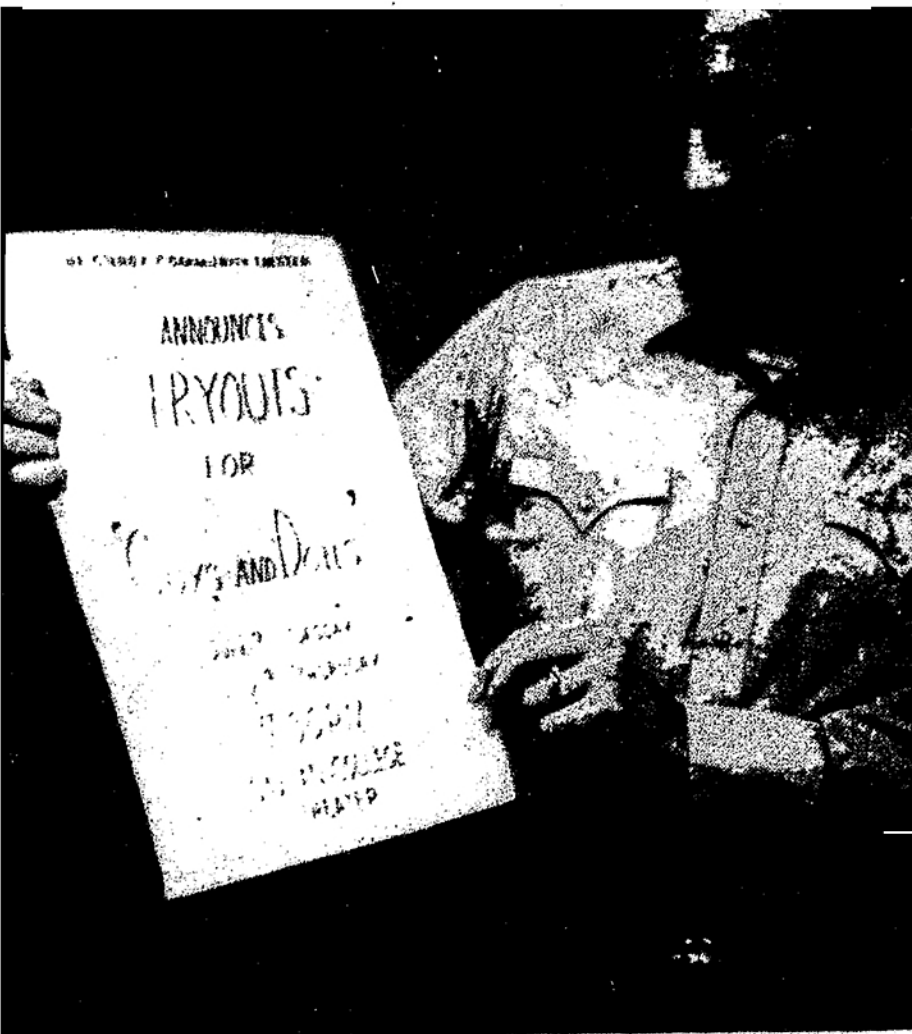
The "sewer scene" with the gamblers shooting dice, is one of the best known scenes in "Guys and Dolls," as is the song "Luck be a Lady Tonight," sung during the sequence by Russ Hendrickson in the role of Sky Masterson.

As Nathan, the show will be Puppo's first role in a stage production. He will sing such tunes as, "Sue Me," and "Oldest Established Floating Crap Game."

Puppo, who's hobby is motorcycle racing, is originally from Morgan Hill where he graduated from Live Oak High School. He moved to Gilroy four years ago and is employed in the body shop of a local car dealer.

Nathan's boys in "Guys and Dolls" are Nicely, Nicely Johnson, portrayed by Frank Patti; Rusty Charlie, played by Dennis Chantler; Big Jule, played by Joe Brown; and Benny Southstreet, portrayed by Brad Ryder.

"Guys and Dolls" will be presented Sept. 11, 13, 18, 19, 25 and 26 in the Gavilan College Theatre. Tickets may be obtained from the Gilroy Parks and Recreation Department, Dick Bruhn's, Gilroy Stationers, or from members of the cast.



Theatre group slates try outs

Try outs for its first musical production will be held by members of the Gilroy Community Theatre on Thursday, July 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gavilan College Theatre. Try outs started on Tuesday this week.

The musical, "Guys and Dolls," is scheduled for six performances in September with 40 roles to cast, seven of which are major speaking parts. Others are non-speaking, choral and dancing.

George Costa, executive director for the San Jose Music Theatre, formerly the Light Opera Association, will be in charge of the local production.

A veteran of some 150 musicals, Costa recently was associate producer for the Santa Clara University Golden Circle Theatre Party which starred Fess Parker, Bob Hope, Jimmy Durante and Milton Berle.

Costa's career has included work with the Santa Clara Valley Youth Village productions; Los Gatos-Saratoga Recreation Department's Junior and Children's Theatre; and extensive work with the San Jose Light Opera Company.

In 1963 he was given the Patriotic Civilian Service Award for work with Special Services at home and abroad.

Costa emphasized that singing and dancing experience is not a pre-requisite for trying out for "Guys and Dolls." Anyone who likes to sing and dance is welcome to try for a part in the production.

There will also be several openings for stagecraft positions, to be filled during hours of the try out.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Gilroy Parks and Recreation Department at 842-6588.

Rehearsals get into swing for musical

Rehearsals are in full swing for the first musical production by the Gilroy Community Theatre group, "Guys and Dolls."

Musical director for the production, Creighton Yip, high school music teacher, will conduct and orchestra composed of residents of the South County and San Benito County

They are: John Hanna, Shirley Azevedo, Mark Ashford, Rick Austin, Jim Spencer, Leonard and Randy Kado, Dick Clurich, Karen and Kathy Allen, Betty Kay Robinson, Paul Matulich, Herb Hopkins, and Bob Wilson, all of Gilroy; Robert Bouchard, John Fields and Gary Lows, all of Hollister; Lee Nuves of San Juan Bautista and Rich Silversen of Morgan Hill.

Ann Bouchard of Hollister, a

teacher, plays accompaniment for the players during rehearsal and will also appear with the orchestra during the six performances slated in September.

Also under Yip's direction will be a chorus of 19 singers who appear in walk on roles and production members. Among these are Serge Eyemann, an exchange student from France, and a member of his host family, Bob Isenberg of Gilroy.

Other members of the chorus are: Nance Barker, Cathy Bouchard, Sharon and Susan Neely, Carol Fischer, Theresa and June Davenport, Betty Brown, Anna Hubbard, Sharon Hammalev, David Loufborrow, Anthony Barrios, Kathy Harp, Peggy Brem, Marie Perkins, and Janeen Carrera.

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PRODUCTION NUMBER — Practicing a number from the musical "Guys and Dolls," to be presented at Gavilan theatre on Sept. 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 and 26, are: Creighton Yip musical director; Ann Bouchard, rehearsal accompanist; and Mary Ann Brueggemann, member of the cast.