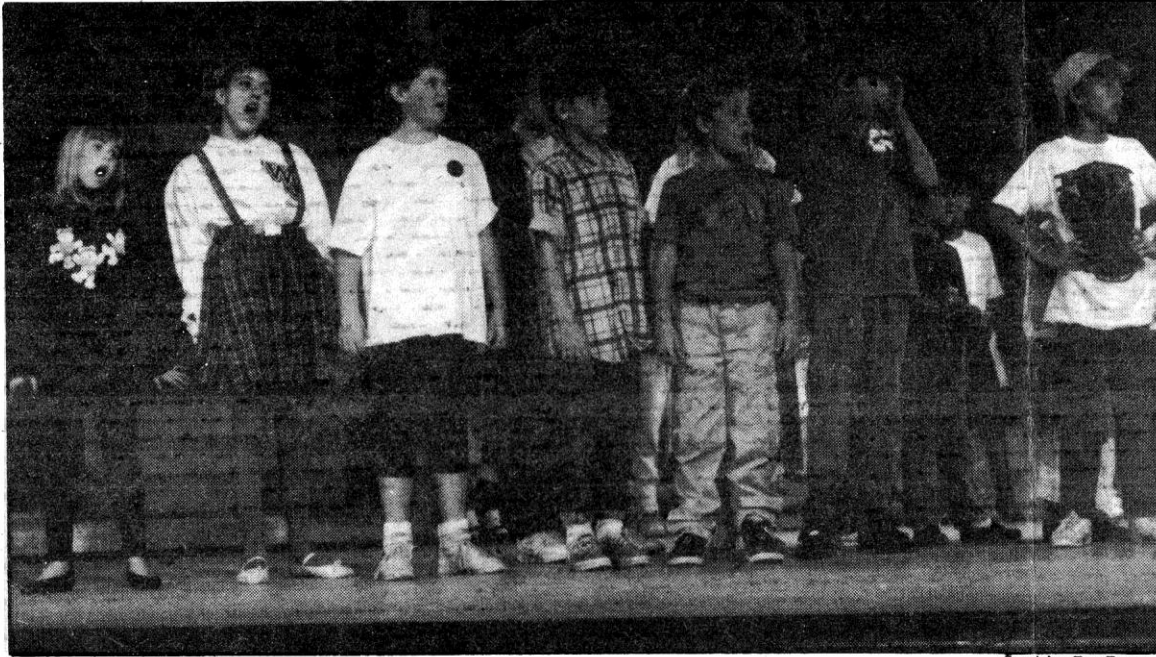


LOCAL

SVCT brings children's 'Tom Sawyer' to Gilroy



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Megan Bubnis, Natasha Gariaeff, Kelly Tharp, Jared McCanni, Sam Sauer, Ryan Bubnis rehearse for South Valley Civic Theatre's Thursday night's opening of "Tom Sawyer."

GILROY — Sixty local youths appear on stage for the next two weekends as South Valley Civic Theatre's Young Performers present *Tom Sawyer*. The musical comedy, which opens today, is based on Mark Twain's work and presents many of the most memorable scenes from the novel *Tom Sawyer*.

A Missouri river village, complete with the famous white picket fence, comes alive with the efforts of an energetic cast. In the village scenes, the audience will be able to meet not only Tom (played by Gordie Allen) and his best friend Huckleberry Finn (Robert Fordham), but many other familiar characters. Aunt Polly (Amanda Duarte), Becky Thatcher (Sarah Schwarz), and the 'Widder' Douglas (Sonia Gariaeff) are a few of that memorable population.

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the scene for some youthful philosophy and introspection.

Nine weeks of rehearsals and technical preparations, under the guidance of Director Carol Harris, have gone into producing *Tom Sawyer*. The cast is composed of students ranging from kindergarten to junior high school. While some of the cast are getting their first taste of stagework, many are 'veteran' performers, having already worked in previous SVCT productions in addition to school shows.

Tom Sawyer is co-produced by Gayle Montalvo and Joyce Pagan and is one of the five shows staged in the 1988-89 SVCT season.

Performances will take place at the Gilroy High School Theater, at Tenth and Princevalle streets Nov. 10-12 and 18-19. Curtain times for all shows is 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors. Some special \$1 admissions may still be available for tonight's opening. For information and reservations call 842-SHOW.

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of an energetic cast. Tom (played by Gordie Allen) and his best friend Huckleberry Finn (Robert Fordham) are joined by Aunt Polly (Amanda Duarte), Becky Thatcher (Sarah Schwarz) and the 'Widder' Douglas (Sonia Gariaeff).

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