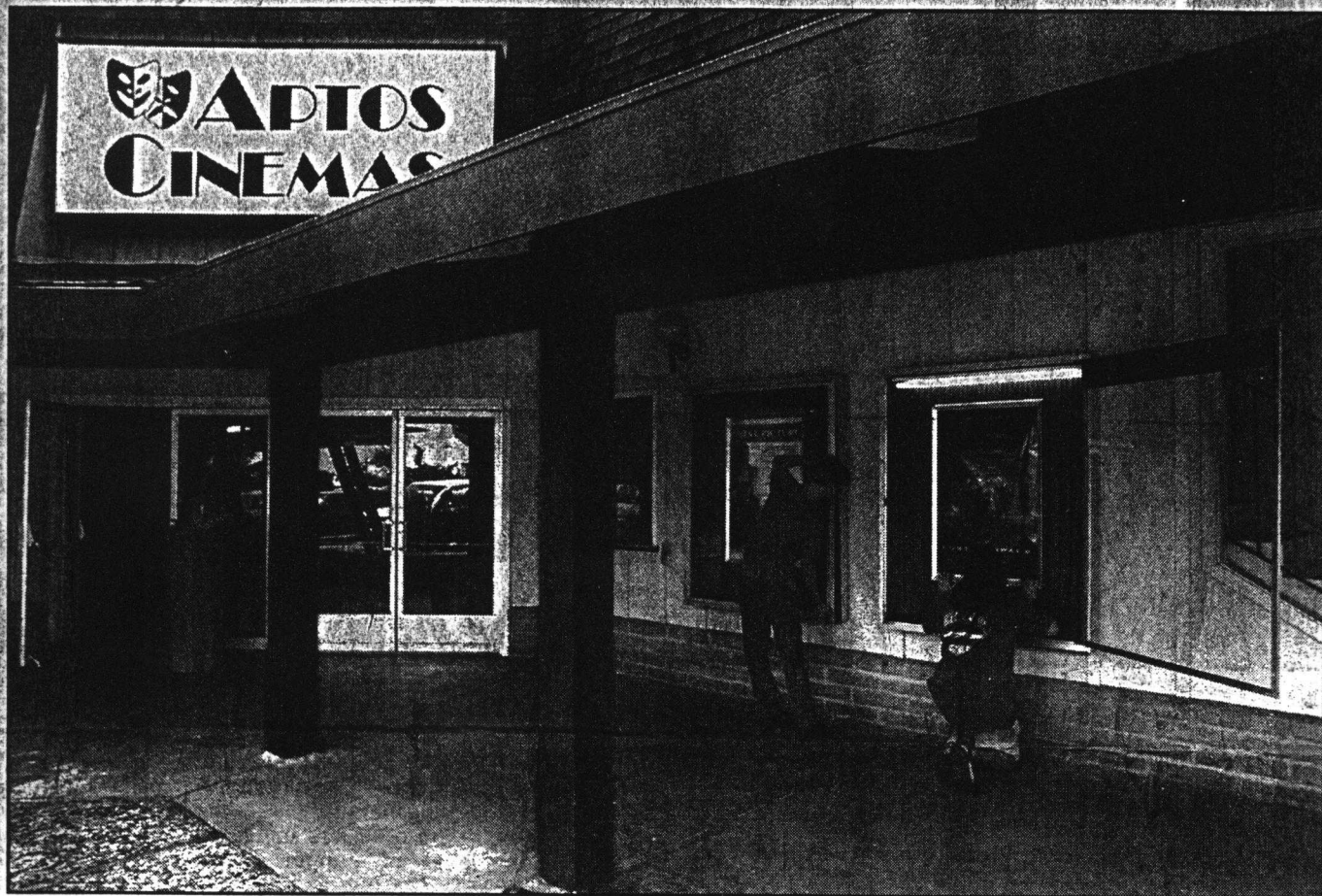


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APTOS — Employees at the newly refurbished Aptos Cinemas were putting on the finishing touches Thursday in preparation for today's grand opening. Formerly the Aptos Twin was a run-down United Artists theater in need of much cleaning and new technology. Gary Culver, owner of Scotts Valley Cinemas, bought the lease for an undisclosed sum and set out to work. He ordered new wallpaper, new mirrors, a new snack bar

and a thorough cleaning from the top down. "You'd be amazed how beautiful it is," Culver said of his new enterprise. The screen in the smaller theater, located in the Rancho del Mar shopping center, was replaced with a larger screen and new digital sound systems were put into both theaters. *Lost In Space* and *Good Will Hunting* open tonight and a two-week string of matinees start Saturday to accommodate spring vacations.