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New Watsonville movie theater opens

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WATSONVILLE — Two weeks after premiering "Star Wars: Episode 1 — The Phantom Menace," the Green Valley Cinema 6 is now in full operation with six state-of-the-art movie screens delivering the best in quality entertainment.

"It's going really well," said Doris Andrade, sister to theater owner Hank Garcia. "During the first week, 'Star Wars' sold out on both screens."

The Green Valley Cinema 6 opened for business the day "Star Wars — The Phantom Menace" premiered May 19. The new theater quickly became the choice location to enjoy the new Star Wars movie.

"We're getting people from out of town — from Santa Cruz to Salinas," said Jim Andrade, part-owner of the theater.

While the theater was only

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Movie theater owner Hank Garcia (right) shares a toast with (from right) his mother Lucille Garcia, sister Doris Andrade and brother-in-law Jim Andrade during the grand opening reception of the Green Valley Cinema Six Saturday morning.

showing the new Star Wars film when it first opened May 19, more screens have been opened and now the theater is running first-rate films, such as the new Julia Roberts and Hugh Grant romantic comedy "Notting Hill."

With the opening of the Green Valley Cinema Six, located on Green Valley Road near Highway 1, moviegoers are now enjoying first-run films in large, stadium seating-style reclining seats — complete with cup-holders. The theater's sound quality uses state-of-the-art with digital technology sound, and ample parking is available for the six-screen movie theater.

Tickets prices range from \$4.50 for children and seniors to \$7 for adults. Matinee ticket prices are for \$4.50. Drinks go for about \$2, popcorn is about \$3 and candies go for about \$1.

According to Garcia, the new Green Valley Cinema Six will be the first of its kind ever in Watsonville and, if successful, Garcia hopes to expand the cinema from six to eight screens.

The Fox Theater, also owned by Garcia, will still be playing new family films and plans to present Walt Disney's newest animated feature, "Tarzan," premiering June 18. The pizza place next to the Fox Theater is leased to Pizzamia and is already open for business.