Sci-fi flick with a heart touches kids of all ages

It was a pretty typical summer af-ternoon. They were whiling away the time by zapping ghosts and rescuing maidens from deranged gorillas. Squinting into the flickering elec-tronic glow of the screen, they pre-pared to jump over barrels, climb ladd-ers or gobble up the red cherries worth extra points. But most of the young aces hunkers over Pae-Man and Donkey Kong hadn't come just to claim lordship over a

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"Lassic Come Home 'man win 'Anen'. But young moviegoers recognize him as the sort of secret childhood friend many would like to know. Even better, they'd like a chance to keep him around.

"I'D KEEP him. When my brother moves out I'll put him in my brother's room," said Joey Kieffer, 7½, Livonia.
"This is the second time I've seen the movie. I want to keep on seeing it," he added as he stood in front of the Don-

movie. I want to keep on seeing it, need anded as he stood in froat of the Donkey Kong machine. "Yeah, "sight Shay, 12%, Livone when asked if she'd like to keep E. "My mon saw it. She said it was about a little boy who falls in love with an alien, and that I'd like it." Not everyone was enthusiastic about hire emillion light years away. There's bound to be a few cultural differences. "I might freak out," said Brian Moore, 13, after a moment's thought. He was among a trio of West Bloomfield boys who nonchalantly played Pac-Man minutes before the movie began.

EVEN OLDER kids seemed to get into the E.T. spirit. John Stokes and his friends stood next to a wall covered with a few of the sparkling heart-shaped antennas the theater was selling.

"It's such a good movie. There's just something about it," said the Farming-ton Hills resident, who wasn't too old to confess he'd want to keep E.T. in his

Kim Sung, West Bloomfield, had seen the beginning and the end of the movie before. She missed the middle due to a tornado warning and recently decided to find out what happened on the screen while she was under cover.

In spite of the fact they had seen it, Stokes and Sung hadn't told their friend Cheryl Pfaffmann of Farmington Hills anything about the movie. "I'm the only one who hasn't seen it,"





She hesitated about keeping E.T. "I'd keep him as a friend. I wouldn't "I'd on't even know the guy yet," she show him to the world," said Sullivan, 12.6 i Farmington Hills. "7d hide him," agreed Kathy Korky, 16.0. "E.G. Farmington Hills."





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"I don't even know une goy yo, said.

Tim Sullivan, 12, Farmington tills who was making his second visit to the 12, or random till the said. The sullivan 12, Farmington till the said that have any reservations about reserving a spot in his home for E.T.

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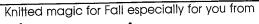
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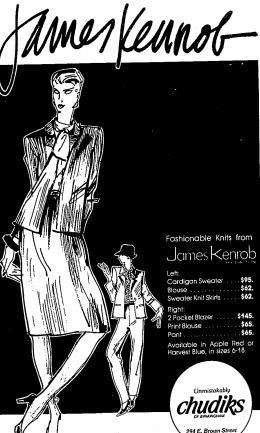
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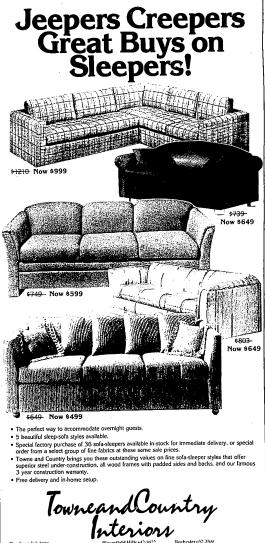
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