

# E.T. Atari Cartridges Found In New Mexico Landfill

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Haven't counted them all yet, but unearthing ET has been a huge success! #digginget #atari #xbox (Via Elan Lee ([https://twitter.com/elanlee?](https://twitter.com/elanlee?original_referer=http%3A%2F%2Fkotaku.com%2Fe-t-found-in-new-mexico-landfill-)

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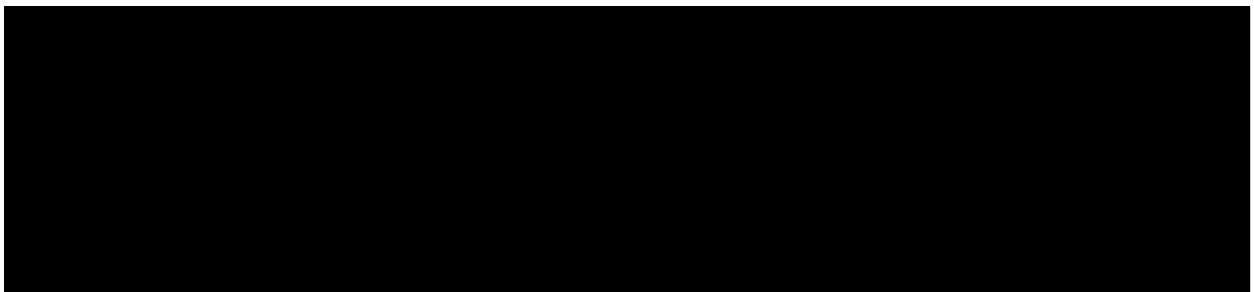
“We found something,” film director Zak Penn

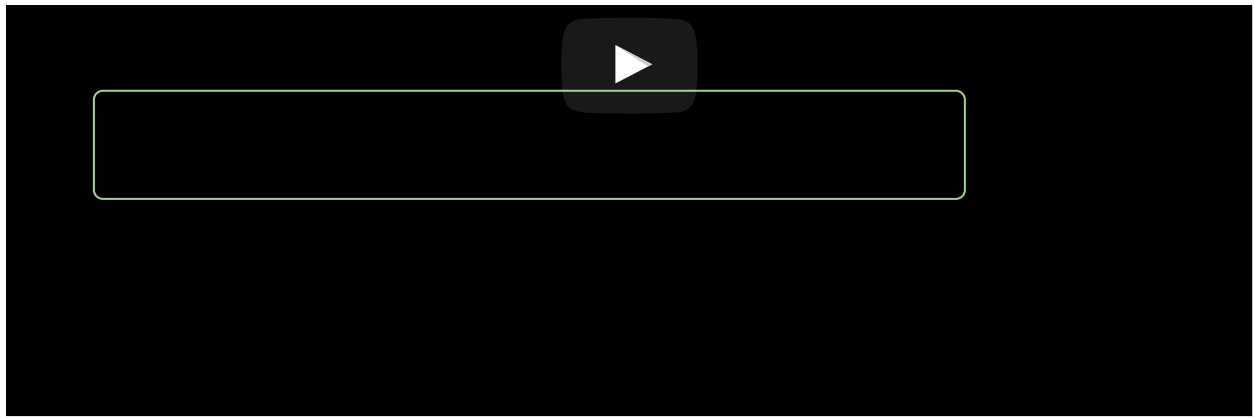
It’s official. Today, they have found E.T.’s home. Excavators have found copies of the 1982 Atari 2600 cartridge of *E.T. The Extra Terrestrial* in a dig at an Alamogordo, N.M. landfill on Saturday. The *E.T.* game, also known as the worst video game, was rushed to make in just six weeks. The game sold millions of copies, but were returned because of the quality of the game.

In 1983, 14 truckloads of unsold cartridges and other equipment were dumped in the landfill. The whole dig is part of an upcoming documentary by Fuel Entertainment and Xbox Entertainment Studios, directed by screenwriter Zak Penn (*The Avengers*, *The Incredible Hulk*) and produced by Simon and Jonathan Chinn.

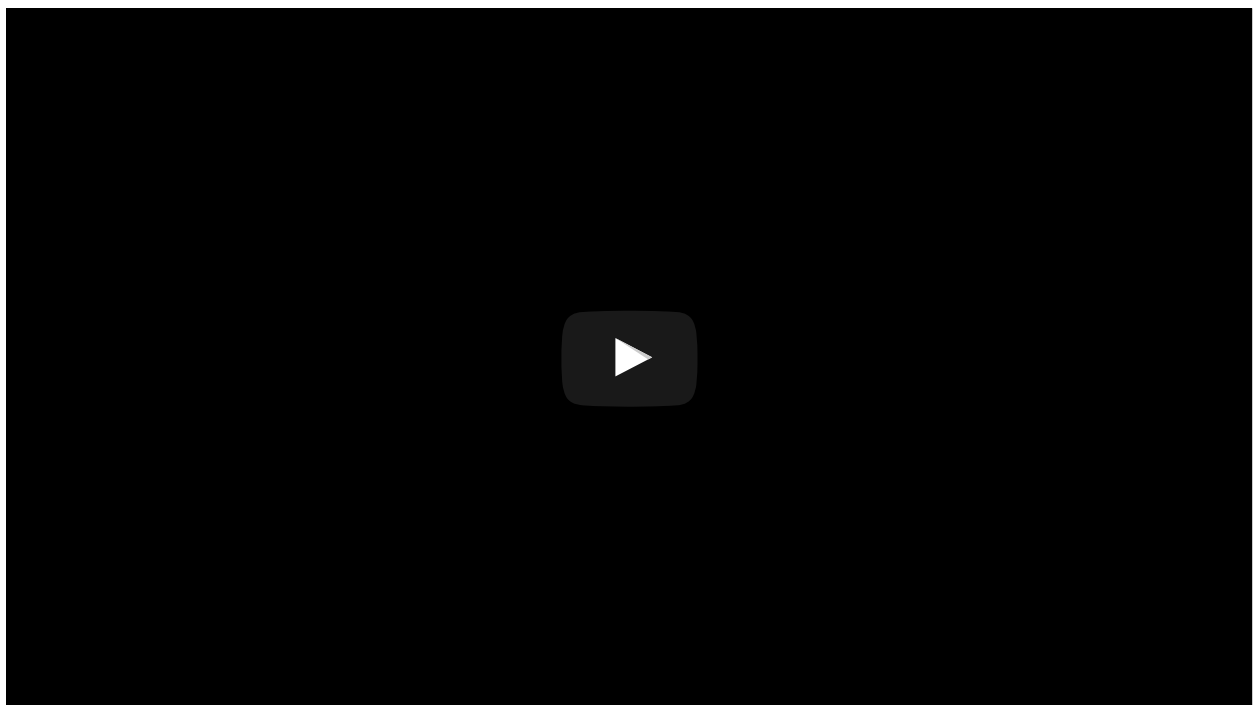
Video from IGN

(<https://www.youtube.com/user/IGNentertainment>):





This is how bad the game was:



Here it is up close – the very first ET cartridge exhumed after 30 years

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Looks like ET had some company here in New Mexico. Still in shrink wrap!

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Shipping box of ET games. [pic.twitter.com/ieX9ksNDIf](http://t.co/ieX9ksNDIf)

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Dear haystack, we're unionizing. -needles #digginget

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