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### Documentary to focus on phenomena worldwide

**By Ed Conroy**  
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Strange circles and geometric designs in the crop fields of England, North America and Japan; lighted, triangular crafts zooming over Belgium; stories of human abduction by small gray beings — these are the stuff of which the new one-hour documentary "UFO Report: Sightings," is made.

Scheduled for broadcast at 8 p.m. Friday on KRRT-TV, and co-produced by actor Henry Winkler, this Fox Broadcasting Co. production examines the multifaceted UFO mystery in considerable detail, even exploring such controversial subjects as unexplained animal mutilations and charges of an official U.S. government cover-up of UFO-related information.



WINKLER

The first documentary of its kind to appear on commercial television in this decade, "UFO Report: Sightings" provides viewers with a broad overview of UFO phenomena worldwide, reported from the perspective that perhaps they

do, indeed, represent extraterrestrial visitations.

#### National audience

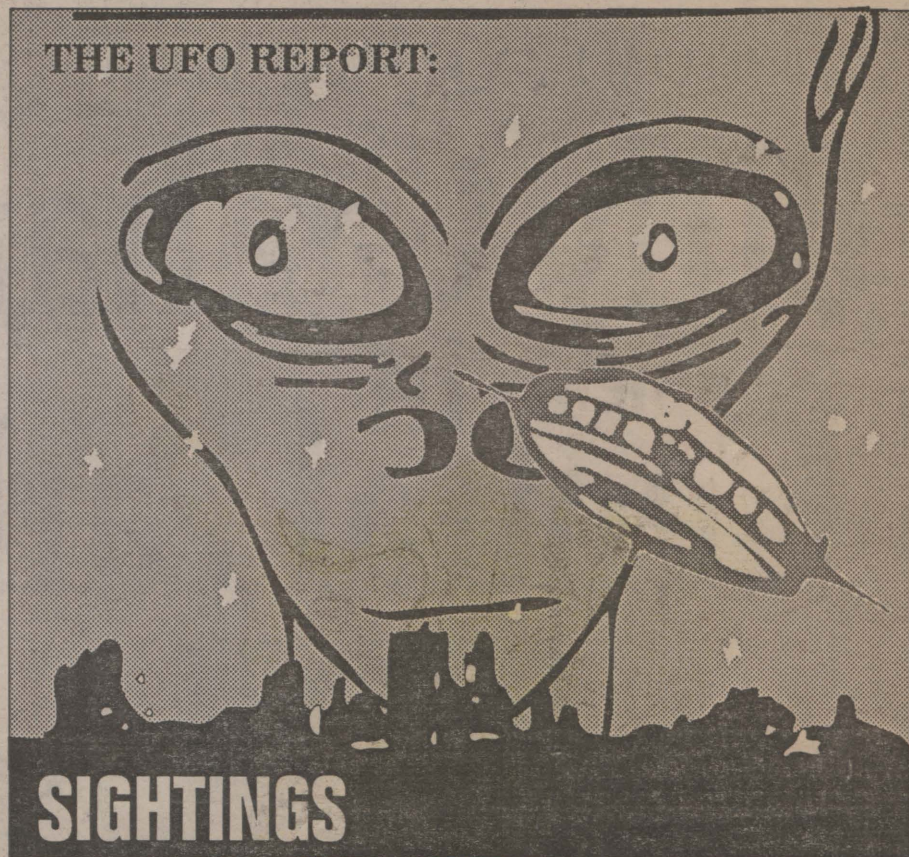
"We approached it from a news point of view," said Linda Moulton Howe, the documentary's supervising producer. "We took a level-headed look at what was happening on the air and on the ground, to examine the hardest evidence that could be mustered in terms of a case for alien life involved with the planet. I think it's going to show a lot of material that never before has had a national audience."

Howe, whose television credits include production work for the MacNeil-Lehrer Report, CNN and UNICEF, said that producing "UFO Report: Sightings" was "like '20/20' meeting 'The Twilight Zone.'"

Yet Howe emphasized that she and her co-producers made a deliberate effort to obtain interviews with highly credible authorities, among them the Dr. John Mack, a professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and Stanton Friedman, Ph.D., a physicist who has been an outspoken UFO investigator for nearly the past two decades.

Other well-known UFO figures in the

#### THE UFO REPORT:



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documentary include Ed Walters of Gulf Breeze, Fla., who claims to have taken Polaroid photos of a round, balloonlike craft on many occasions; UFO abductions investigator Budd Hopkins, author of "Missing Time," and "Intruders;" and the controversial Bob Lazar, who claims to have worked at a secret base north of Las Vegas, Nev., where, he says, U.S. government scientists have tested extraterrestrial anti-gravity vehicles.

This wide-ranging approach to the

UFO phenomenon, Howe explained, has its basis in a similar documentary she produced one year ago in conjunction with WATL-TV, the Fox affiliate in Atlanta.

"We put together a contract and I produced a documentary called 'Earth Mysteries: Alien Life Forms,'" Howe said. "We had good ratings and a lot of audience response, and eventually it at-

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# Documentary challenging to make

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tracted the attention of people from the Fox offices in Los Angeles."

By the spring of this year, Howe was working under contract with executive producers Winkler (of "Happy Days" fame) and Ann Daniel for an expanded version of her original piece, together with producers from The Berkeley Group.

For Howe, one of the benefits of that association was national television exposure of information from her own journalistic work ~~investigation a possible link~~ between the UFO phenomenon and anomalous animal mutilations.

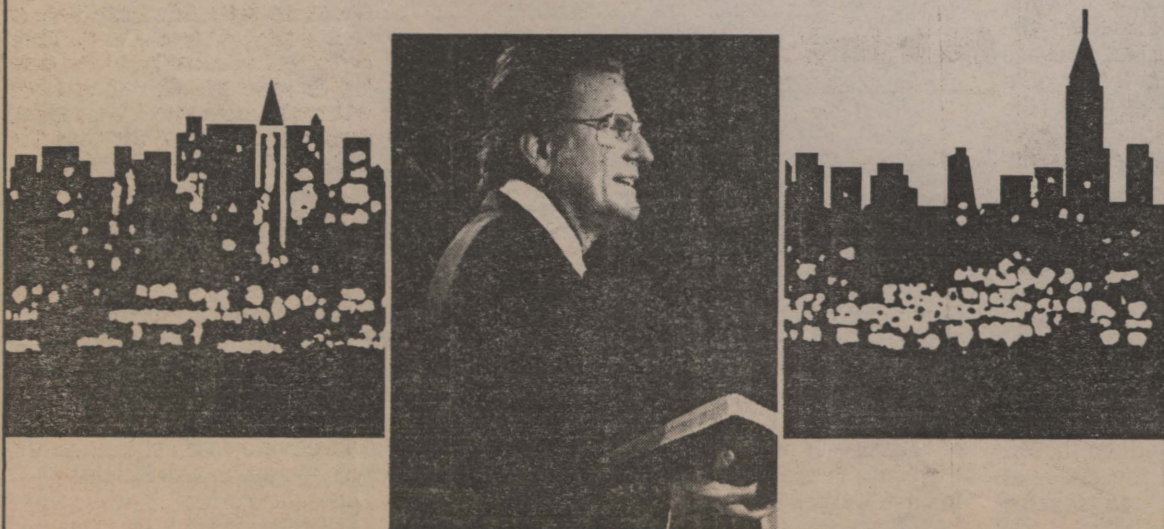
Howe is interviewed in that segment, and speculates that perhaps cattle mutilations are part of a biological experiment involving aliens and the human race.

Yet working on some of the material in this documentary provided more than a technical challenge for Howe and some of her colleagues, she said.

"As we got deeper and deeper into the production of the material, I found that the other production people were having a hard time accepting that mutilations and abductions were actually happening," she said.

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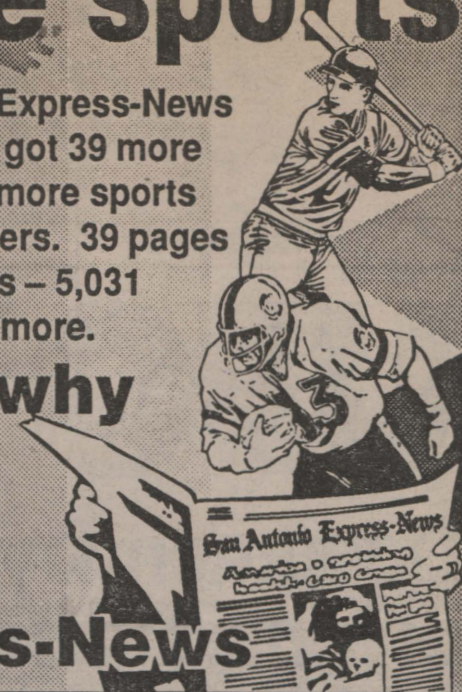
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