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Bikes, bikes and more bikes

Bicycles are definitely not lacking on transportation. This row of bikes is neatly displayed by Hobby Hall.

UFO sighting attributed to burning waste fumes

United Press International
GALVESTON — Reports this week of eerily pulsating lights and hovering star-shaped objects in the night sky over Galveston Island have aroused the curiosity of flying saucer investigators. John Schuessler, formerly a space agency engineer now in Donnell Douglas Corp's space division, said his group — the Internal Systems Investigative Team — has started cataloging Monday and Tuesday night's sightings. Police officials said dozens of incidents from one end of the island to the other called in reports of a weird glow emanating from an unidentified source. One witness, police dispatcher Smith, said: "The object it was shaped like a star. It had lights on it like a star, but it was much larger than what you'd think it would be." He said in one hour Tuesday 25 people along the 25-mile-long island reported a similar object with glowing and flickering lights that lit up entire streets of the city. Schuessler said: "We're sure there's something to the sightings, but people are not making these reports based on mass hysteria. We're not into giving a pat answer. Enough people have tried the Air Force and other government agencies — and they did not come up with much." Coast Guard spokesman Martin attributed the sightings to offshore gas well that was burning waste fumes. A helicopter

pilot said the fire's light was reflected off a haze layer at about 7,000 feet and that is what Galvestonians saw, he said. Schuessler said the 12 aerospace scientists involved in VISIT have compiled 70 cases of unidentified flying object sightings to help construct a model of what people are reporting. "We know how to design the inside of a space craft," he said. "What we are trying to do is take the reports we are getting from people and translate them into engineering lingo. "Physical evidence is very important. Last December, two women and a boy reported they had been abducted and they had been burned with radiation-type burns. From those effects, we are trying to determine what kind of systems could have caused them."

Schuessler said VISIT's conclusions can be used to determine what UFO witnesses might be seeing. But what of the Galveston sightings? "It's not a close encounter-type thing because there's no physical evidence," Schuessler said. "We're still trying to pin it down. I guess what I'm trying to say is that I'm not really sure what it is. We're still investigating it." Schuessler discounted the area's space industry as a lure for extra-terrestrials. "I would think they would be more interested in Cape Kennedy or missile ranges of atomic test sites," he said. "Even though Houston is known as space city, it gets kind of ho-hum after the first one or two flights of various projects."

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Jury trial waived by Daniel

United Press International
LIBERTY — Vickie Daniel, charged with murder in the shooting death of her husband, former Texas House Speaker Price Daniel Jr., Wednesday waived her right to a jury trial. The case will be decided by State District Judge Leonard Giblin Jr. of Beaumont. In a move considered highly unusual, defense attorney Jack Zimmerman said the decision was "based on my evaluation of the evidence." "I just felt the case had not been proven and in order to end the ordeal for Vickie I felt there was no way an impartial finder of the fact could find her guilty," Zimmermann said. Daniel told Giblin her decision to waive the jury was a voluntary one and had not been pressured or threatened in any way. If found guilty, she faces a maximum sentence of five years to life in prison and/or a \$5,000 to \$10,000 fine. A quick poll of most of the jurors indicated they probably would have deadlocked on the case because at least two members of the panel were convinced Daniel was

guilty of murder, and at least one was convinced of her innocence. But one juror, who asked not to be named, said that in talking with other jurors, he felt jurors probably would have compromised rather than deadlocking. He said Daniel would have been convicted, but she would have received a probated sentence. He said all jurors felt the shooting was neither accidental, as Daniel claimed, nor premeditated, as prosecutors alleged. Lynn Allen, a policeman's wife, said she would have voted guilty because she believed all the prosecution's evidence, including the contention that Daniel intentionally got the rifle to shoot her husband. Both she and Mary Penry, who also said she would have voted guilty, said they believed 13-year-old Kimberly Moore, Daniel's daughter from a previous marriage. Moore testified that her mother had twice threatened to kill Price Daniel the night he was shot. "I believe she was not as frightened for her life as she said, but I

do believe she was scared," Penry said. But Lee Bennett, a former legal secretary and Red Cross nurse, said her vote unequivocally would have been not guilty. "Her rights were violated repeatedly," she said, adding she felt Daniel suffered extreme mental and physical cruelty. The defense resumed presentation of its case once jurors were dismissed. Defense attorneys had expected to complete their case Wednesday. Daniel Tuesday testified she considered her marital affairs private and kept to herself the problems she said the couple had.

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