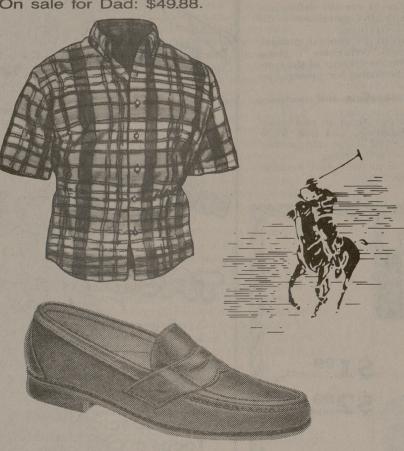


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Burned dog

may not be

HOUSTON (AP) - A teenager charged with animal cruelty for allegedly setting fire to a prize-winning dog earlier this month may have committed similar acts before the June 2 incident, a prosecutor said.

"This case is appalling," Harris County Assistant District Attorney Kris Moore said Tuesday. 'There's evidence that this may have happened more than one time, and that concerns me."

The youth, 15, one of two teenage cousins who admitted setting fire to the animal after getting the idea from a movie, was charged with animal cruelty Tuesday, Moore said.

If convicted, the youth, from the Clear Lake area, could face confinement in a Texas Youth

Commission facility until age 21.

The two teens allegedly doused a 5-year-old English springer spaniel with charcoal lighter fluid and ignited it at a Pasadena apartment complex, she said.

The dying dog, which had won more than a dozen awards for obedience in statewide dog shows, hobbled home and was de-

stroyed shortly afterward.
Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Godwin said the youth, who was being held in a juvenile detention facility, "has a history involving the juvenile court.'

Police have withheld the names of the teen-agers

Godwin said the other youth, 16, also may be charged. Both came to the police department with their parents about a week after the incident to admit to the crime, officials said.

The incident prompted the dog's owner-trainer, Jimmy Fincher, 34, to move from Pasadena to Pearland, where he is raising a springer spaniel puppy donated by a Houston couple

three days after the incident.

"At least something's being done about it," Fincher said of the criminal charge. "I'm just kind of glad to be out of Pasadena

What's up

Thursday KANM STUDENT RADIO: a disc jockey meeting will held at 7 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

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Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battal 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three working days fore desired publication date.

Medical board drop discipline procedure against Killeen dock

AUSTIN (AP) — The State Board of Medical Examiners has decided against disciplining a Kill-een physician who is accused of improperly treating two pregnant

In addition to the vote Tuesday not to discipline Dr. Harold Wood, the board declined to accept the gy-necologist's offer to give up his medical license.

The decisions mean that Wood can continue practicing medicine in

However, his medical license still carries restrictions imposed last year by the board.

The board found that Wood not only failed to treat a patient with cancer, but never told her she had the disease, which eventually killed

The medical board discussed Wood's case for more than three

The discussion focused on a recommendation by the staff that the gynecologist be disciplined for his recent treatment of two female pa-The women contend that they

had problems with their pregnancies or labor while under Wood's

In one case, the woman's baby died three days after birth.

The other woman suffe gestive heart failure during Austin obstetrician-gn Noble W. Doss Jr. testified women's medical records show that Wood treated to

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Brownsville probe crumble MI as city worker gets acquittent

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Euresti originally asked the Rang-ers to come to Brownsville to look tion, but they are now on the detheir probe disintegrate one by one.

The latest in a series of staggering blows to the eight-month investiga tion was the acquittal Wednesday of a city employee accused of forging endorsements on two \$100 checks used to pay for a department

Wednesday's verdict in the trial of Cayetano Ovalle, a Brownsville Urban System parts clerk, came a day after the felony theft trial of Mayor Emilio Hernandez abruptly ended when new evidence appeared strong enough to convince the special prosecutor to drop the case.
"I can't believe that the Texas

Rangers were involved in this fiasco, because this has probably been the most one-sided investigation that anybody could have done," Albert Villegas, Ovalle's defense attorney, said after the jury returned the ver-

Cameron County Attorney Benja min Euresti declared the city probe over Tuesday after a judge dismissed the mayor's case before the jury had heard any testimony. He and Capt. John Dean of the Rangers'

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The exas Rangers came into town last there was no reason to continue the record, and all the indictment Texas Rangers came into town last there was no reason to continue the investigation.

> into charges of purchasing irregularities at City Hall

A grand jury returned indictments accusing various officials and city employees of crimes including bribery, gift solicitation, witness tampering, official misconduct and forg-

Named in the indictments were Mayor Emilio Hernandez, City Manager Kenneth Lieck, City Commis-

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Albert Villegas, Ovalle's defense attorney

sioner Tony Zavaleta, Municipal Judge Kip Van Johnson Hodge and Brownsville Urban System parts clerks Rudy Garza and Óvalle.

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took another blow when State trict Judge Gilberto Hinojos missed Austin's case beforeit

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Remaining against Ovaller forgery charge for which he quitted Wednesday. His was the control of case in the probe to go as fa

jury verdict.
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