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## Eight ready to succeed Dallas mayor

DALLAS (AP) — Eight people may be ready to launch campaigns for Dallas mayor in a race that could center on a perceived decline in the city's public safety, property values and political leadership.

Meanwhile, U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer, who ruled last year that the city's election system discriminated against minorities, has scheduled a remedy hearing for Wednesday.

He has been asked to order new elections for either May or November.

The potential candidates said they were waiting for Buchmeyer's decision before making any formal announcements.

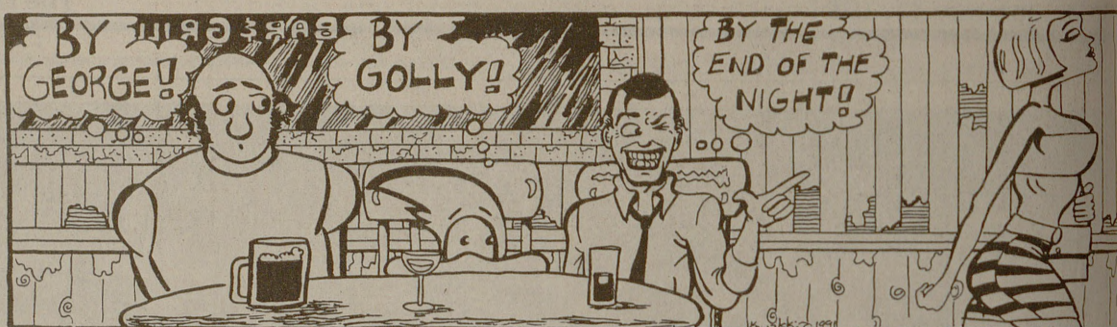
Mayor Annette Strauss has not yet said whether she will seek re-election.

The possible candidates, according to The Dallas Morning News, are:

- Steve Bartlett, a North Dallas congressman and former City Council member.
- Jerry Bartos, council member.
- Bill Blackburn, former council member.
- Jim Buerger, council member.
- Kathryn Cain, lawyer.
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## Former inmate sues state for damages suffered in prison

AUSTIN (AP) — A second former Texas prison inmate on Wednesday sued the state for damages he claims he suffered when forced to serve as a "dog boy," or bait for packs of dogs being trained to track and attack prisoners.

The Texas Civil Rights Project filed the suit in Travis County District Court on behalf of Richard Kaelin of Austin, said Jim Harrington, legal director of the civil rights organization.

Harrington said Kaelin, 33, was seeking damages and a judgment that the state unconstitutionally inflicted cruel or unusual punishment on him and deprived him of due process.

A similar lawsuit was filed in November by Walter Gilchrist, who also said he was forced to participate in the dog-training exercises. Gilchrist is seeking compensation and a court order aimed at halting the practice.

Harrington said attorneys are gathering information on that lawsuit, which should go to trial at the end of this year.

In the hunts, the lawsuits say, the inmate would get a head start on a pack of dogs, climb a tree, tease the dogs, then jump among them and fight until prison officials arrived to pull the animals away.

Kaelin alleges he was forced to act as quarry some 20 to 25 times over a five-month period in late 1989. Kaelin had a severely injured back, which made it harder for him to protect himself from the dogs, Harrington said.

"He has scars, actually, from the bites on his arms," Harrington said. "Then there's the psychological trauma."

If he had refused to act as bait for the dogs, he would have lost his position as a trustee, possibly delaying his parole, Harrington said. In addition, he wanted to avoid making enemies of prison officials, he said.

"You really have to nurture the good faith of the prison officials, be-

cause if you don't there are a lot of ways they can penalize you," he said.

Kaelin, who left the prison system in May, hopes his lawsuit will help protect other inmates, Harrington said.

"The thrust of the suit, too, isn't just for monetary compensation. It's to create enough pressure for the action finally to stop," Harrington said.

"This is a relic of 19th century Texas, when the prison system used to be penal colonies, sort of the old plantation idea. And it's a shame and sort of a national embarrassment we have to go through these trials to get them to end it," he said.

Named as defendants in the lawsuit are the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, acting board chairman Jerry Hodge of Amarillo and Charles Martin, warden of the Eastham prison unit, where Kaelin served his time.

Prison spokesman David Nunnelee said he could not comment on pending litigation and that he did not know if other states use inmates to train attack dogs.

Susan Power, administrative assistant to the chairman of the criminal justice board, said the board also had no immediate comment on the lawsuit.

"I don't remember the inmate, don't know the inmate, and I really can't comment on anything that I don't know about," said Warden Martin.

Prison officials have said that the system uses 115 inmates at 22 units to help train more than 900 dogs, but that prisoners have been provided with more protective gear.

Controversy arose over the practice last year, after Hodge invited friends to a dog-training exercise using inmates as prey, then ordered jackets that read, "The Ultimate Hunt."

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