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Mayoral race off to a spendy start

Three Minneapolis candidates have raised \$200,000 or more in 2017.

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Minneapolis has at least three big-money candidates running for mayor, according to campaign finance reports released Tuesday that showed more than \$1.3 million has already poured into

the scramble for the top job at City Hall.

Council Member Jacob Frey leads the pack of candidates who released copies of their reports, raising \$359,879 this year. He's followed by Tom Hoch, who raised \$227,172 over the past seven months and loaned

himself another \$226,000. Mayor Betsy Hodges raised \$204,138 and loaned her campaign \$54,000.

It's a stark contrast from the last mayoral election, when only two candidates — Hodges and Mark Andrew — raised more than \$150,000 over the same time period.

But deep coffers have not been the deciding factor in recent mayoral elections, and the race for leadership of the state's largest city remains wide open because there is no primary to winnow candidates. Under the ranked-choice voting system, voters' second and third choices will also play key roles in determining the winner.

Hoch has been the biggest spender, coughing up nearly \$300,000 already, most of it on television ads. Frey has spent \$244,199 this year, and Hodges has spent \$241,406. For them, also, the largest expenses were salaries and payroll taxes, followed by consulting fees.

Mayoral candidate Aswar
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Study analyzes buyers of sex

They tend to be middle-class, married white men from all over the state.

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Buyers of sex across Minnesota tend to be middle-class, married white men, and they live in all parts of the state.

In an effort to shed some light on the least understood part of the underground sex trade, University of Minnesota researchers for the first time have studied the demand for commercial sex in Minnesota and who the typical clients are.

A 121-page report, released Wednesday

and completed by the U's Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center, fills a gap in research having to do with buyers.

While the report doesn't try to quantify the issue, it uses a national study to estimate that 26,000 Minnesota men — 1 percent of the state's men — may have purchased sex in the past year, while 380,000 men — 14 percent — have done so at least once.

"As Minnesotans, we need to be looking in our community and what's going on," lead researcher Lauren Martin said. "It's [buyers] who are really part of mainstream society; it's leaders in our community sometimes."

Researchers, who combed
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COURAGE AMID THE WRECKAGE



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Survivors of the Interstate 35W bridge collapse — 10 years ago Monday — posed for a picture with Minneapolis Police Lt. Kim Lund at a dedication for a piece of the bridge at the city's Emergency Operations Training facility Monday. Survivors and victims' families spoke of their struggles and triumphs, and Mayor Betsy Hodges lauded the bravery of first responders who rushed to the scene that day. Story **B3**. More photos at startribune.com/galleries.

Castile's father asks for part of \$3 million

From prison, he asserted he deserves part of settlement in Philando's death.

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The fight for a portion of the \$3 million settlement reached in the fatal shooting of Philando Castile escalated in recent days when his father, who is serving a life term in federal prison, filed objections in court and asked for \$500,000.

Castile's mother, Valerie Castile, filed a petition in court in late July requesting that after her attorneys are paid, the rest of the money should be given to her — \$2 million. The petition, written by attorney Robert Bennett, claimed that Castile's father was absent from his life, and that he, five half-siblings and other relatives made no claims on any of the money.

Castile's father, Phelix H. Frazier Sr., disputed claims that he had no communication with his son, who was fatally shot by former St. Anthony police officer Jeronimo Yanez during a traffic stop last year.

"I was totally blindsided by [Valerie Castile's] lack of compassion for both me and her own daughter, Alysza [sic], and the decision to award herself the entire settlement," Frazier wrote from a federal penitentiary in Greenville, Ill.

In a letter written July 5, Frazier made no claim on the settlement and praised Valerie Castile for raising their son.

Bennett filed an affidavit Monday in response to Frazier's July 25 letter saying Frazier ran a heroin trafficking ring described by the Eighth Circuit as "an organized and complex enterprise."

"Mr. Frazier is surely upset about what happened to Philando," Bennett's affidavit said. "But his meager relationship with Philando, hopes of running a successful modular home company, and desire to hire attorneys to help in additional appeals of his sentence do not entitle him to any portion of this judgment — let

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Arradondo's nomination advances

Public hearing, council vote still ahead before chief's promotion is OK'd.

By LIBOR JANY
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Medaria Arradondo took another step toward becoming Minneapolis' first black police chief Tuesday when a City Council committee enthusiastically approved his nomination.

The Executive Committee unanimously, and with

little discussion, approved a motion to allow Arradondo to serve out the rest of former chief Janée Harteau's term, which runs through 2018.

"He knows our city inside and out and he knows our department inside and out and he couples that with a vision for the future," Mayor Betsy Hodges said at the meeting Tuesday.

Hodges said that she was looking for a "forward-thinking" leader who can smoothly steer the department, with an eye toward repairing broken public trust. Arradondo fits that bill, she said.

Council Member Elizabeth Glidden agreed, saying it makes little sense to conduct a costly and time-consuming
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Acting police Chief Medaria Arradondo spoke with the media after Tuesday's City Council Executive Committee meeting.

St. Paul DFLer is fined \$20,000 over campaign finance violations

John Lesch admits inadequate record keeping.

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A longtime St. Paul state representative and candidate for state attorney general is facing \$20,000 in fines over allegations that he misspent campaign funds and that

he did not complete proper reports on his campaign's finances.

The Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board said Tuesday that Rep. John Lesch, an eight-term DFL representative who was first elected in 2002, did not

save receipts for five separate bank transactions and that he filed reports that lacked some required information. The five transfers from Lesch's campaign account to his personal account took place over a four-year period and totaled about \$8,700. After several years of sorting through records, the board said it had been unable

to determine that those transfers were reimbursements for campaign expenses, rather than personal deposits.

In a statement, Lesch said he was "disappointed" with the board's order but glad to sort out a matter that had stretched out over several years.

"I acknowledge that the
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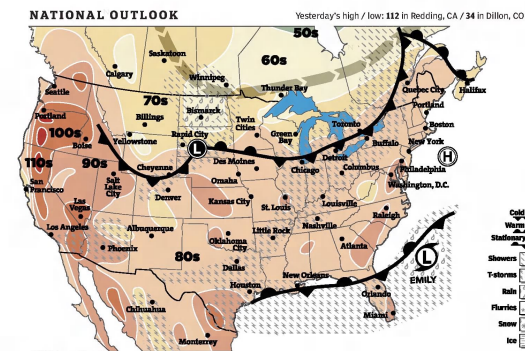
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WEATHER

with Paul Douglas

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What August? Cool and rainy by Thursday

"In the long dusks of summer we walked the suburban streets through scents of maple and cut grass, waiting for something to happen," wrote Steven Millhauser in "Dangerous Laughter."

August is a very good month to soak up a Minnesota summer. The risk of hail, tornadoes and flash flooding recedes. The worst of the heat is behind us, at least in theory. Days are still long, with enough humidity to beckon us to the lake.

I see a cool bias for Minnesota, Wisconsin and much of the central U.S. into mid-August — more free A.C. on the way. Enjoy low 80s today with Thursdays will feel more like early October, with highs in the 50s and low 60s. Models print out 1 to 2 inches of rain Thursday, with a few afternoon instability showers spilling into the weekend. Plan any outdoor activities for morning or midday Saturday and Sunday.

Drought deepens from the Dakotas into Montana. August can bring rapid drying, but I don't see that for Minnesota. Don't write off more 90s by late summer. Hey, the State Fair attracts hot fronts.

AROUND MINNESOTA

City	TUE	TODAY	THU
Albert Lea	84/61	81/58	65/50
Alexandria	82/58	77/52	60/48
Benji	82/60	72/51	67/48
Brainerd	83/50	75/44	58/48
Detroit Lakes	81/53	74/51	64/51
Duluth	81/56	80/49	56/48
Fergus Falls	79/46	74/51	65/49
Grand Marais	79/46	72/43	61/52
Hibbing	80/50	74/48	62/42
Itasca	80/42	68/50	70/46
Mankato	84/51	81/57	61/49
Moorhead	82/51	73/51	61/49
Redwood Falls	80/49	80/57	61/49
Rochester	81/51	80/50	65/49
St. Cloud	86/51	79/51	59/47
Worthington	85/51	79/52	58/46

TWIN CITIES TEMPS

Average | Record | Actual | Forecast

HEALTH REPORT

Today's air quality: **Good**

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

0: Satisfactory; air pollution poses little or no risk

UV Index: **High**

5 3 3.6 4.7 8.0 11+

5: High; sunburn protection, reduce time in sun

Allergy index overall: **High**

Grass: Absent | Trees: Absent | Weeds: Low | Mold: Low

National Allergy Bureau

SUN AND MOON TODAY

Total daylight: 14 hours, 38 minutes

Day	Full	Last
Aug 7	Full	Last
Aug 14	Full	Last
Aug 21	New	First
Aug 28	New	First

Sunrise: 6:00 am | Sunset: 8:39 pm
 Moonrise: 4:46 pm | Moonset: 1:52 am

Council committee unanimously advances Arradondo's promotion

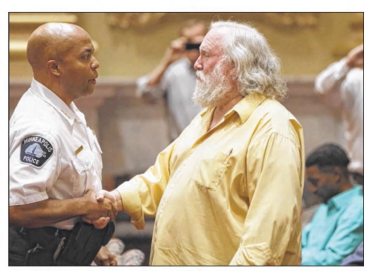
ARRADONDO from Bl national search, particularly during an election year.

"I think that it is time that I'm very concerned about losing, especially when there is somebody like acting Chief Arradondo who is here," she said.

"I know that you are someone who is not afraid, even when the consequences might be great to you, to stand up for change," Glidden told Arradondo, who was sitting in the audience. "I think that is a characteristic that others recognize is very significant about you."

That sentiment was echoed by Council President Barb Johnson, a longtime Harteau backer.

Arradondo, the assistant chief under Harteau, was lined up to succeed his boss after she was ousted July 21 in the wake of the controversial police shooting of Justice Ruszczyk Damond.



Medaria Arradondo shook hands with Dave Clifton, a member of Communities United Against Police Brutality, before Tuesday's meeting of the City Council Executive Committee.

Arradondo told reporters that he understood the significance of being the first black police chief in Minneapolis, quickly adding that his duties lie in serving all of the city's 400,000 residents.

"It is very humbling because again I do know that there have been African-Americans within the city that have paved the way so that individuals like myself can have the opportunity to be in leadership positions," he said. "But I also know that I have 400,000 people that

I have to be accountable for." Arradondo said that he has begun "having planning sessions" to fill out his command staff. This will include appointing someone to the assistant chief post vacated when he was nominated as chief.

"With any leadership transition, there's always going to be some changes," Arradondo said. He laid out his vision for the department at a news conference Monday, saying that he intends on overhauling the department's culture, while improving accountability and outcomes.

The 28-year Minneapolis Police Department veteran has served throughout the department, including patrol, internal affairs and as inspector of the First Precinct. In 2014, he was appointed Harteau's chief of staff, which put him on the front lines of the department's community outreach efforts.

After a brief discussion

Tuesday, committee members — Hodges and council members Johnson, Glidden, Cam Gordon and Kevin Reich — approved his nomination. The public will get a chance to weigh in on the matter at an Aug. 9 meeting of the full City Council will vote on the appointment later.

Despite his popularity, Arradondo doesn't have a lock on the job.

While no other potential candidates have been announced, some council members and department critics have wondered whether an outsider might be better suited to change the department's culture.

Among the other names being mentioned around City Hall as possible replacements for Harteau are her former second-in-command, Kris Arneson, who retired as assistant chief earlier this year, and Metro Transit Police

Chief John Harrington, who formerly served as chief in St. Paul. Several council members have considered bringing in a progressive outsider as well.

Council Member Linea Palmisano, who has suggested that the city consider at least one external candidate, watched from the gallery Tuesday with Council Member Lisa Goodman.

Dave Bickling, a longtime department critic, said that a change in leadership alone is not enough to reform a department that he says lacks accountability.

"We have a history of virtually no discipline in the Minneapolis Police Department," Bickling said, citing statistics that suggest that many officers accused of misconduct go unpunished. "It's not a secret that this system is broken."

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U study: Sex buyers often are married men

SEX from Bl through court records and media reports and interviewed more than 150 experts statewide, found that most sex buyers in Minnesota seek quick and anonymous sex with young-looking girls or women.

Buyers tend to travel 30 to 60 miles, often buying sex before or after work, during the lunch hour, on business trips or in the course of traditional male activities such as hunting trips.

And they seek it out in various places — from hotels and private homes to a Lakeville truck stop and ice fishing houses on Lake Miller Lake.

The report is part of a broader statewide shift toward reducing the demand for sex traffickers and law enforcement officials focused on arresting women and girls. That changed with the Safe Harbor law, passed in 2011 and fully enacted in 2014, which decriminalized sexu-

ally exploited youths under 18 years old and boosted services for victims of child sex trafficking. This year the Legislature approved the final funding piece in a \$13.3 million five-year plan.

Now agencies from Duluth to Mankato are taking a harder look at jobs as well as pimping, though the report estimates that only a fraction of buyers — likely less than 1 percent — ever get arrested.

"We're not out there every day, all day," said Assistant Stearns County Attorney Shan Wang, who has prosecuted sex buyers. "It's pretty rampant — it really is all times of day."

'All across the board'

For the report, researchers studied state court records from 2010 to 2015, media coverage from 1995 to 2014 and online sex ads. They interviewed more than 150 law enforcement officers, prosecutors and social services work-

STUDY FACTS

- 1% estimated percentage of Minnesota sex buyers who get arrested
- 30-50 The average age range of Minnesota sex buyers
- 30-60 The typical number of miles Minnesota buyers travel to buy sex

Source: University of Minnesota Research and Outreach-Engagement Center

ers in Minnesota and border cities in Wisconsin, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Jobs live all over — rural towns, suburbs and cities — and tend to be married, between 30 and 50 years old and from middle and upper socioeconomic backgrounds (for example, 84 out of 103 men arrested for prostitution-related offenses didn't use a public defender). They are

mostly white, reflecting the state's population. While some men of color and women also buy, they do so at much lower numbers, the report said.

Most buyers use the internet, particularly sites such as Craigslist and Backpage, but there's also a growing use of social media and computer applications. Most men request 20 minutes of sex, determine the kind of sex they want, and pay a bit more for extras, like sex without a condom. Most buyers don't distinguish between trafficked women or not, and some specifically seek out juveniles.

Stings over the past few years have netted a former football coach, sheriff's son and police chief, all of whom were trying to buy sex from minors, a felony. Adult stings have resulted in arrests of a state commissioner, suburban teachers and pastors. Of about 30 arrests in Plymouth

in the past two years, buyers included members of the military, truck drivers and prominent attorneys.

"There is no typical person who buys sex — it's all across the board," said Plymouth Sgt. Eric Fadden, who runs a special investigative unit that works stings with other west metro police. "It's disturbing in my mind when they're trying to solicit girls the same age as their daughter."

More enforcement

Wednesday's report — which can be found online at uomn.edu/sextrafficking — follows one by the U in 2014 on trafficked girls in Minneapolis. The center has researched sex trafficking during past Super Bowls in preparation for Minneapolis hosting the game in February and discounts assertions that the big game results in a dramatic spike in sex trafficking.

The research was funded by the Women's Foundation of Minnesota, which is heading up a 40-member committee

with Hennepin and Ramsey counties to put together a plan to prevent and combat sex trafficking before and after the 2018 Super Bowl. It's part of the second phase of the Minneapolis nonprofit's campaign to reduce demand for paid sex, called Minnesota Girls Are Not For Sale.

Like drunken driving, police and prosecutors have intensified enforcement of the law and people are getting the message, Stearns County Attorney Janelle Kendall said. She said that Stearns County, which has the highest number of sex ads in Minnesota outside the Twin Cities, has arrested and prosecuted more than 100 buyers in the past few years.

To decrease the demand for sex, Kendall said, more efforts are needed to prevent girls from ending up in prostitution while cracking down on both pimps and johns.

"This is not a victimless crime," Wang said. "It's buyer beware."

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