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Correction: Feb. 4, 2010

Local: An article on Page 4A Tuesday about campaign fundraising incorrectly identified the first name of a candidate for Ramsey County sheriff. She is Laura Goodman.

Choi and Fletcher raise most in races

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St. Paul City Attorney John Choi has come out at the top of the fundraising heap so far in the race for Ramsey County attorney.

Choi raised \$76,193 in 2009, according to a finance report filed Monday. Dave Pinto, an assistant Ramsey County attorney, came in next at \$43,005.

The other two candidates were private attorney David Schultz, who brought in \$39,242, and Roseville City Council member Tammy Pust, who raised \$31,636.

Expenditures were as follows: Choi, \$20,425; Pinto, \$38,469; Schultz, \$61,888; and Pust, \$5,158.

Schultz's total expenses, which put his cash-on-hand into the red, includes an as-yet-unpaid ad contract with Clear Channel for \$39,450.

The four are vying for the seat now held by Susan Gaertner, who is running for governor.

In the race for Ramsey County sheriff, two people -- Matt Bostrom and Lisa Goodman -- have said they'll challenge incumbent Bob Fletcher.

Fletcher raised \$36,360 from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2009, and spent nearly \$20,000.

Bostrom, an assistant St. Paul police chief, raised \$8,360 from Nov. 25 to Jan. 26, and spent about \$500.

Goodman, St. Catherine University director of public safety, raised \$1,900 between Dec. 22 and Sunday, and spent about \$800.

Both Bostrom and Goodman have said they'll seek the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party endorsement, though the race is not a partisan one.

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