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A year of grief. A year of frustration. A year of soul-searching.



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A memorial for Philando Castile remains at the site where he died a year ago on Larpentour Avenue and Fry Street in Falcon Heights. Castile was fatally shot by St. Anthony police officer Jeronimo Yanez during a traffic stop July 6, 2016. Yanez was found not guilty of manslaughter and related charges last month.

Minnesotans from different walks of life talk about what they've learned, and what they wish others knew, from the 12 months since Philando Castile was killed by a police officer

By Frederick Melo and Mara H. Gottfried
Pioneer Press

On July 6, 2016, a St. Anthony police officer pulled over a motorist near the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in Falcon Heights and shot him five times, killing him in front of his girlfriend and her young daughter. A Ramsey County jury recently cleared officer Jeronimo Yanez of manslaughter and related charges in the death of Philando Castile, a popular St. Paul Public Schools kitchen supervisor at J.J. Hill Montessori School in St. Paul. For many, the past year has been a time



Philando Castile

of soul-searching, marked by grief and frustration. Castile, who was black and had a permit to carry a weapon, had indicated he was armed before he was shot. Yanez, whose emotional reaction to the shooting was captured on Facebook, will not return to his job in St. Anthony, officials say.

In advance of the one-year anniversary of Castile's death, the Pioneer Press

CASTILE SHOOTING, 4A

U.S. weighs response to N. Korea

Trade pressure, talks, military action among options, officials say

By Julie Pace and Edith M. Lederer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States warned Wednesday that North Korea was "quickly closing off" the prospect of a diplomatic resolution to its provocations, as the Trump administration launched a government-wide effort to identify options for confronting Pyongyang following its unprecedented intercontinental ballistic missile launch.

President Donald Trump and other senior officials dangled the prospect of punishing countries that trade with North Korea — a threat aimed directly at China, Pyongyang's biggest benefactor. In a tweet Wednesday morning, Trump questioned why the U.S. should continue what he sees as bad trade deals "with countries that do not help us."

NORTH KOREA, 10A

N.Y. officer slain by man with vendetta

'I'm not playing,' killer ranted on Facebook

By Colleen Long and Jennifer Peltz
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A killer who strode up to a mobile police command post and put a bullet in an officer's head Wednesday had ranted in a Facebook video last September about law officers killing and abusing people and warned them to leave him alone or "we gonna do something."

"I'm not playing, Mr. Officer. I don't care about 100 police watching this," 34-year-old ex-convict Alexander Bonds said, adding: "It's time for people to wisen up."

Ten months later, Bonds went up



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OFFICER KILLED, 10A

Judge offers support to jury after Yanez trial

In letter to jurors, he writes they 'faithfully fulfilled' their 'difficult task' in shooting case

By Sarah Horner
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The judge who presided over the trial of a St. Anthony police officer charged with manslaughter in the death of Philando Castile defended jurors' decision to acquit him in a letter he wrote them after the case concluded.

Ramsey County District Judge William H. Leary III penned the letter late last month about a week after the jury's verdict was delivered in a tense courtroom crowded with Castile's and officer Jeronimo Yanez's family and friends after five days of deliberation.

As the jurors' findings were read aloud in court, Castile's mother,



William Leary III

sequent march temporarily shut down light-rail service and concluded with arrests on Interstate 94.

"I want to reassure you that the

Valerie Castile, swore and walked out. Several others followed. Yanez's loved ones hugged in relief. A rally was held later that night at the state Capitol, and a subsequent march temporarily shut down light-rail service and concluded with arrests on Interstate 94.

criticism of the verdict some have expressed is likely due to a failure to understand what you were asked to do and that you faithfully fulfilled the difficult task you were asked to undertake," Leary wrote.

He went on to say that while he could not disclose his own opinion about the legality of Yanez's conduct, he said jurors could rest assured that their assessment was grounded in the law.

"Your verdict was fully

YANEZ TRIAL, 5A

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