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The Minnesota State Fair has added one of the biggest names in music to its grandstand lineup: Aretha Franklin on Aug. 22. Tickets go on sale 10 a.m. Saturday. **A2**



5 teens charged with murder in OD

Angered by Woodbury girl's synthetic LSD death, prosecutor called case "a message" to drug suppliers.

By KEVIN GILES
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Five teenagers who prosecutors say were part of a Washington County drug-dealing chain were charged with murder Wednesday in the overdose death of a Woodbury girl.

Tara Fitzgerald, 17, died Jan. 11, just hours after taking a synthetic LSD tablet provided to her and a girlfriend by one of the defendants.

Washington County Attorney Pete Orput vowed Wednesday that the charges, which stemmed from tracing the drugs "up the distribution chain," were a warning to drug dealers everywhere.

"We think there's a moral obligation to keep kids free of drugs," said Orput, visibly angry at the ongoing exchanges of deadly controlled substances throughout the metro area. "We're sending a message that suppliers will be held fully to account."

Just hours after charges were filed, Tara Fitzgerald's parents spoke of their grief and all that they lost that winter night when their daughter's sleepover with a friend turned into a tragedy.

Tom Fitzgerald said he and his wife, Mai Hoang Fitzgerald, are reminded daily of their loss when they go to the family mailbox to find more college recruitment

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TARA FITZGERALD, 17: Died Jan. 11 after taking a synthetic drug known as "N-Bomb."



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Hennepin County land acquisition manager Eric Drager, left, answered homeowners' questions about the planned light-rail line as he referred to a detailed map to show the project's proposed path during a meeting at Brooklyn Park City Hall last week.

BULLDOZERS TO CLEAR LRT'S NORTHERN PUSH

Some Brooklyn Park residents see double standard in plan to demolish homes

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More than two dozen Brooklyn Park homes could fall to the wrecking ball and nearly 100 property owners might lose land for a road expansion and, ultimately, a light-rail line in the north metro.

Every landowner along a two-mile stretch would be affected under a Hennepin County plan to widen W. Broadway and create space for the Bottineau

LRT, which would run from Minneapolis to Brooklyn Park.

Proponents, including Brooklyn Park's mayor, say it's the price of progress that will benefit the city for decades. Opponents contend there are other options and they find it galling that an affluent Minneapolis neighborhood could get \$160 million in tunnels to hide the Southwest light-rail line while Brooklyn Park gets bulldozers and surface tracks.

"Brooklyn Park homeowners — most of whom are low- or middle-income families, a lot of single parents and seniors — get forced from their properties," said City Council Member John Jordan. "What did my residents do to the Met Council and our county commissioner to deserve to be so disrespected?"

The Twin Cities bought into light-rail transit a decade ago, shoehorning the Hiawatha/Blue Line and the soon-to-open Central Corridor/Green Line into

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Kickback charges cost firm \$9.9M

Medtronic was accused by a whistleblower of providing improper incentives to doctors to use its devices.

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WASHINGTON — Medtronic Inc. will pay the U.S. Justice Department \$9.9 million to settle a whistleblower lawsuit that accused the company of paying kickbacks to doctors for using its defibrillators and pacemakers.

The alleged kickbacks, according to the newly unsealed suit, included "gifts of wine and alcohol" and "trips to strip clubs" paid for by the Fridley-based company. The lawsuit also says Medtronic paid to fly doctors to events in San Francisco, Las Vegas, New Orleans, New York, Minneapolis and other cities that some physicians used as "a free vacation."

"As this settlement indicates, health care executives who try to boost profits by paying kickbacks to doctors will instead pay the government for their improper conduct," lead investigator Ivan Negroni of the Department of Health and Human Services said Wednesday in a statement.

Medtronic said it did not admit that any of its activities were improper or illegal and that the settlement would bring to a close a long-running review of events dating from 2001 to 2009. It also said it has taken measures to prevent inappropriate sales practices, including voluntarily disclosing payments to health care professionals on

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Signature has Taylor moving ahead with Star Tribune deal

Sale to billionaire should close around June 30, publisher says.

By ADAM BELZ
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Glen Taylor's effort to purchase the Star Tribune advanced Wednesday with the signing of a purchase agreement between the Minnesota billionaire and the media company.

Star Tribune Publisher Mike Klingensmith called the agreement an "important milestone" and said he expects the sale to close around June 30.

"Work remains to be done,

but we are increasingly confident of closing this transaction," Klingensmith said.

The Star Tribune, the state's largest media company, would join Taylor's portfolio of more than 80 businesses worldwide. They include the Minnesota Timberwolves and dozens of companies in printing and other industries.

Taylor has said he will pay around \$100 million in the deal. He could not be reached for comment Wednesday. Klingensmith declined to discuss details of the agreement, other than to say that they haven't changed since both

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MAYA ANGELOU 1928-2014

Memoirist was 'truly phenomenal'

Maya Angelou, 86, the renowned memoirist and poet, died Wednesday. President Obama called her "a truly phenomenal woman," alluding to her 1978 poem, excerpted below. **A12**



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Pretty women wonder where my secret lies.
I'm not cute or built to suit a fashion model's size
But when I start to tell them,
They think I'm telling lies.
I say,
It's in the reach of my arms,
The span of my hips,
The stride of my step,
The curl of my lips.
I'm a woman
Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman,
That's me.