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Bipartisan group agrees on major immigration deal, but Trump may not approve. **A4**

Parade costs could hit \$30M

President's plans for a military procession still in planning stage. **A4**

Dayton leads bipartisan call for

Advocates aim to curtail epidemic, fund treatment programs.

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Gov. Mark Dayton and a bipartisan group of lawmakers called for a tax on prescription opioids Wednesday, proposing that the money raised be used to alleviate the epidemic that killed nearly 400 Minnesotans in 2016.

Dayton was joined at a Wednesday news conference by Rep. Dave Baker, R-Willmar, and Sen. Chris Eaton, DFL-Brooklyn Center, who both lost children to opioid addiction. "I don't want to see other families go through what my family went through when we lost our son," Baker said.

The plan would tax prescrip-

tion opioids a penny on each milligram of active ingredient in a pain pill. The proceeds, estimated to be about \$20 million per year, would go toward prevention, emergency response, treatment and recovery, and law enforcement.

The rapid rise in Minnesota opioid fatalities — a 66 percent increase since 2010 —
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Inside: A look at the rising number of opioid-related deaths in Minnesota since 2005. **A10**

'IT'S CATASTROPHIC'

At least 17 killed in shooting at Florida high school



Distraught parents awaited news after the shooting at Stoneman Douglas High. Some were able to talk to their children via text. **JOEL AUERBACH • Associated Press**



South African president quits

Jacob Zuma steps down, ending a tenure plagued by corruption. **A5**

World's women face poverty

Women are much poorer, hungrier than men. **A2**

Elite colleges urged to change

Students, alumni seek an end to legacy preferences in admissions. **A2**

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VA to display veteran's art

Sculpture by an Iraq war vet OK'd for Creative Arts competition. **B1**

No felony in runner's death

Driver who struck, killed runner in St. Paul last year was not impaired. **B1**

SPORTS

Canada holds off U.S. women