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Road earmarks leading to clash

MnDOT, Dayton unhappy with transportation bills

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As Minnesota leaders debate how much new money to put toward the state's roads, they're also fighting about a related issue: who should choose which roads get attention?

Ordinarily, the Legislature appropriates money for roads and bridges, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation decides how to spend the money. But bills in the Legislature this year take a different path: they order MnDOT to do specific road projects. It's a process called "ear-

marking," and it could spark a showdown over road funding between the Republican-controlled Legislature and DFL Gov. Mark Dayton. Behind the feud are bad feelings from some lawmakers about how MnDOT has chosen projects recently — as well as normal tensions between the legislative and executive branches and between Democrats and Republicans.

"When I was in the U.S. Senate I was a strong believer in earmarks. Now that I'm in the executive branch, I'm less enthusiastic," Dayton said recently. He served a single term in the U.S. Senate from 2001 to 2007.

A list prepared by MnDOT identified a \$1 million earmark in the House transportation budget and

HIGHWAY EARMARKS, 4A



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People look at damage inside the St. George's Church in Tanta, Egypt, on Sunday. Bombs exploded at two churches in northern Egypt, killing 44 people.

ISIS claims twin suicide bombings in Egypt

44 dead as minority Christians targeted at Palm Sunday services

By Heba Mahfouz and Sudarsan Raghavan
Washington Post

TANTA, Egypt — Moments after the explosion rocked her church Sunday morning, Mona Fatah's phone rang. It was her sister, checking to see if she was alive.

She was unhurt; she wasn't at the church, where 27 now lay dead and scores more were injured. But alerted by the call, she rushed toward it. These were her fellow parishioners, her closest friends.

"What kind of human could do this," she asked, "and why?"

Less than three hours later, a suicide bomber detonated his explosives at the entrance to St. Mark's Cathedral in the northern city of Alexandria, killing 17 and injuring many more. The dead included three police officers who stopped the bomber from entering the site. The head of Egypt's Coptic Church, Pope Tawadros II, was presiding over Palm Sunday Mass at the church, also packed with worshippers, but he was unharmed.

By Sunday night, President Abdel Fatah el-Sissi had declared a state of emergency across the country for three months.

Altogether, at least 44 people died and more than a hundred were injured in the two attacks, the dead-

CHURCH BOMBINGS, 4A



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Special Sunday visit

The chancellor of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago leads the Palm Sunday service at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in St. Paul.

ABOVE: Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos officiates during the Palm Sunday service at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in St. Paul. Bishop Demetrios is the chancellor of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago, which oversees all Greek Orthodox parishes within Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin as well as large portions of Missouri and Indiana.

RIGHT: Three-year-old Dimitri Paraschou plays with palm fronds scattered in the aisle, which represent the palm branches scattered in front of Jesus as he entered Jerusalem one week before his resurrection, which is celebrated on Easter Sunday.



U.S. 'prepared to do more' against Syria

But those actions could still be limited, Trump aide says

By Hope Yen
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's national security adviser on Sunday left open the possibility of additional U.S. military action against Syria fol-

lowing last week's missile strike but indicated that the United States was not seeking to act unilaterally to oust Syrian President Bashar Assad.

In his first televised interview, H.R. McMaster pointed to dual U.S. goals of defeating the Islamic State group and removing Assad. But he suggested that Trump was seeking a global political response for regime change from U.S. allies as well the possibility of additional U.S. military action against Syria fol-

SYRIA OUTLOOK, 4A

After Syria attack, Tillerson's profile rises

And a high-profile mission to Moscow comes this week

By Matthew Lee
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Criticized for his low-profile diplomacy, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson is emerging from the shadows with a leading public role in shaping and explaining the Trump administration's missile strikes in Syria. And, he's set for an even higher-profile mission, heading to Moscow under the twin clouds of Rus-

sia's U.S. election meddling and its possible support for a Syrian chemical weapons attack.

Since taking office in February, the former Exxon Mobil CEO has admittedly shunned the spotlight and the press.

Yet, Tillerson was surprisingly visible during last week's announcement of the response to the gruesome chemical attack, fielding questions from reporters on and off camera, and then captured in an official White House photo seated next to President Donald

TILLERSON'S MOMENT, 4A



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After a low-key beginning, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson was a key figure last week in the most important foreign policy period in President Donald Trump's young presidency.

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