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Today, mostly cloudy, periodic rain and a thunderstorm, high 76. **To night,** rain early, clearing, fog late low 69. Tomorrow, partly sunny high 82. Weather map, Page A16

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Errant Strike **Impairs** Effort To Calm Syria Killing of Troops Puts

U.S. on Defensive

This article is by David E. Sanger, Mark Mazzetti and Ben Hubbard.

WASHINGTON — The United States' accidental bombing of Syrian troops over the weekend has put it on the defensive, undercutting American efforts to reduce violence in the civil war and open paths for humanitarian relief.

The United States had thought that if a deal to ease hostilities in Syria, struck by Secretary of State John Kerry and his Russian counterpart in Geneva nine days ago, fell apart, it would reveal Russia's duplicity in the war, in which Moscow has supported the Syrian president, Bashar al-Assad.

Instead, the mistaken bombing American pilots thought they were aiming at Islamic State jihadists but instead killed more than 60 Syrian soldiers, according to the Russian military - again exposed the White House's struggle to put together a coherent strategy in a multisided war. The United States has conflicting aims in the war, from defeating the Islamic State to ultimately easing Mr. Assad out of office.

Nearly a year after Mr. Kerry began a diplomatic process to reduce the violence, and then a political accord for a transition in power, he appears no closer to that goal than when he started. The early American calls for Mr. Assad to leave office have been muted because of fears that a

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Obama Makes A Personal Plea To Black Voters

By AMY CHOZICK and JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS

With Democratic leaders increasingly worried about a lack of passion for Hillary Clinton among young black voters, President Obama is rolling out a new and

Top, passers-by at 23rd Street and Fifth Avenue on Sunday, near where a blast in the Chelsea section of Manhattan the night before injured 29 people. Above, investigators at the scene.

Bombs Built for Carnage Provide a Trove of Clues

Five People Questioned by the F.B.I. — Last of the Injured Are Released

This article is by Marc Santora, William K. Rashbaum, Al Baker and Adam Goldman

A bomb that injured 29 people on Saturday in the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan, and another that failed to detonate, were filled with shrapnel and made with pressure cookers, flip phones and Christmas lights to set off a powerful explosive compound, law enforcement officials said on Sunday.

Both bombs appeared designed to create maximum chaos and fatalities. They also provided a trove

Late Sunday night, two law enforcement officials said that investigators had stopped a car on the Belt Parkway near the Verrazano Narrows Bridge and took five people to an F.B.I. office in Manhattan for questioning in the bombing investigation. One of the officials said that all or most of them may have been from the same family and that they may have been on their way to the airport. The F.B.I. confirmed in a statement that agents and police detectives had stopped "a vehicle of interest in the investigation into Saturday's bombing in Manhattan and that no one has been charged with any

ment officials said there was a 'person of interest" in the bombing, but it was unclear if that person had been identified. The person had been seen on surveillance

said the pressure cookers in the two bombs were filled with "frag mentation materials." The bomb that exploded, at 23rd Street, was filled with small bearings or meta BBs. A second device on 27th Street that did not explode ap peared to be filled with the same material, the official said.

A top law enforcement officia

Senior law enforcement offi cials also said they were increas ingly focused on the possibility that the attack was connected to a

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ANE/EUROPEAN PRESSPHOTO AGE! A mangled trash bin at the site of the blast. A second bomb nearby failed to detonate.

NEW YORK'S MOOD City residents were looking inward, yet again, after the blast. PAGE A17

MAYOR DE BLASIO Seeking to project strength, he avoided the terrorism label. PAGE A17

KNIFE ATTACK The F.B.I. is calling an attack in Minnesota a "potential act of terrorism." PAGE A10

Louisiana Sharpens Its Skills In Tracing Flood-Tossed Tombs

By CAMPBELL ROBERTSON

pretty well"

Catastrophe is the mother of in vention, a lesson few other states have had to learn quite as harshly as Louisiana. With an ever-sink ing coast and a front-line position for the fiercer hurricanes and other weather threats related to climate change, the state has be gun to advertise itself as a disas ter laboratory, a place to figure ou how to combat storm surge or how to resettle imperiled communities or how to keep track of the dead The occurrence of flood-tossed tombs is not a new phenomenon Searches in the marshes after Hurricane Rita in 2005 turned up vaults that had been missing since Hurricane Audrey in 1957. But i seems to be happening with more frequency here, and, as serious coastal flooding continues to rise it may begin to happen more fre quently elsewhere, too. So Mr. Goings and a few others – primarily Ryan Seidemann, ar assistant attorney general who is familiar with the vague and com plicated laws governing humar remains; and Henry Yennie, a senior official at the state Depart Continued on Page A14



Candidates Agree on One Thing: Infrastructure

By CONOR DOUGHERTY

OAKLAND, Calif. — The docks at the Port of Oakland are a tangle of cranes, shipping containers, railroad tracks and snaking lines of trucks waiting to load and unload cargo.

Streamlining this kind of traffic is one of the few ideas Donald J. Trump and Hillary Clinton agree on.

linton has said that if she

Consensus Among **Economists Backs** Investment, Too

Mr. Trump, taking a page from liberal economists, said he would fund his plan by borrowing several hundred billion dollars, but has offered no specifics. Mrs. Clinton's more detailed proposal, by contrast, would be paid for by a business tax overhaul aimed at collecting additional revenue from companies that have parked assets abroad. These are only plans, of course. Either would have to get through Congress and the inevitable acrimony over any proposal to raise taxes or add to the national debt. Still, the candidates' agreement, combined with growing accord among economists that increased spending on infrastructure could invigorate the American economy and raise overall living standards, has led to a cautious optimism that some sort of big public works push is coming, regardless of who is elected.

"The next administration will be in prime position to deliver on a comprehensive infrastructure plan," said Tom Jensen, vice president for transportation policy at UPS Infrastructure spending, unlike many other forms of government outlays, holds the power to give the economy a sustained lift for decades down the line.

Earlier, two senior law enforce-

footage.

DENHAM SPRINGS, La. – On

a steamy hot afternoon, Arbie Go-

ings was out looking for the itiner-

Mr. Goings, a veteran of disas-

ter mortuary work, has been

acting for the past few weeks as a

ant dead.

more personal campaign message: "It's about me."

The president told African-Americans this weekend he would consider it a "personal insult" if they did not vote for Mrs. Clinton, implicitly putting his name on the line as his former secretary of state struggles to replicate the coalition that delivered him victories in 2008 and 2012

"My name may not be on the ballot, but our progress is on the ballot," Mr. Obama said on Saturday night at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation gala dinner in Washington, where Mrs. Clinton also spoke. "Tolerance is on the ballot. Democracy is on the ballot. Justice is on the ballot."

Mr. Obama has previously made the case for Mrs. Clinton during campaign stops and in his speech at the Democratic National Convention. But his remarks on Saturday carried a more personal tone, and a tacit acknowledgment that he may be the only one who can bring out the coalition of young, black and Latino voters who Democrats are counting on on Nov. 8.

"That speech went beyond the room. It went beyond the moment," said Donna Brazile, the interim chairwoman of the Democratic National Committee. "That was the president essentially saying, 'Don't leave it on the field.'"

During the Democratic primary race, Mrs. Clinton enjoyed tremendous support from African-American voters, especially older black women, who helped her beat back a challenge from Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont.

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is elected president, her administration will seek to spend \$250 billion over five years on repairing and improving the nation's infrastructure — not just ports but roads, bridges, energy systems and high-speed broadband — and would put an additional \$25 billion toward a national infrastructure bank to spur related business investments. Mr. Trump said he wanted to go even bigger, saying his administration would spend at least twice as much as Mrs. Clinton.

First comes the addition of jobs - particularly the kinds of higherwage blue-collar jobs that have been lost in recent years - and spending on products like concrete and steel to build new roads and repair worn-out bridges. After that initial jolt, the economy would continue to reap the impor-Continued on Page B5



At dusk, ships in the Port of Oakland being loaded and unloaded at the end of August.

very consultant' here in the part of Louisiana that saw the worst of recent flooding. The cemetery here was certainly in need of recovery: Coffins were strewn about, floodwater-filled graves sat empty and there was no way to tell which coffin went where.

What possibly lay in store, as Mr. Goings discovered multiple times over the last decade, were searches through waterlogged funeral home records, wrenching family decisions about the opening of coffins, the dreadful risk of wrong guesses and the prospect that no definite identification could be made at all.

But for this macabre and peculiar undertaking, what other system is there? "We've talked about bar codes," said Mr. Goings, whose own house had flooded. 'Walmart moves billions of boxes with bar codes. It seems to work

Television's

Big Night The Emmy Awards mixed in surprises along with prizes for favorites like "Game of Thrones" and "Veep" on Sunday night. One new winner was Tatiana Maslany, right, for portraying multiple clones in "Orphan Black." Page C1.



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Malaysian Charity Loses Award

A charity loses an award over links to Malaysia's first lady, whose family is mired in a corruption inquiry. PAGE A6

Aid for Holocaust Survivors

The remaining survivors require more help as sources of funding start to taper off. Below, Vera Varga, 78. PAGE A4



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Along with its country music, Nashville may soon have another claim to fame: decriminalized marijuana. The city government votes on Tuesday. PAGE A10

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Two former Albuquerque police officers are facing trial for the 2014 killing of a homeless man. PAGE All

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Don Buchla was fascinated by the ways that humans interacted with technology and sounds. He was 79. PAGE D7

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The rookie catcher Gary Sanchez has Yankees fans setting their sights on a brighter tomorrow. PAGE D1



Ad Blocker to Allow More Ads

Adblock Plus, an advertising gatekeeper used on more than 100 million devices, will allow even more sites to place ads before its users, a group coveted by advertisers. PAGE B1

American Faces on Russian TV

The presence of two popular American talk show hosts on the United States feed of Russia Today, the media group funded by Russia, is raising eyebrows, Jim Rutenberg writes. PAGE B1

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Goading the Beast Within

The playwright Edward Albee insisted that our most primitive instincts keep asserting themselves in even the most civilized settings, writes Ben Brantley. An appraisal. PAGE C

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The band Anthrax, which formed in the 1980s and helped bring thrash metal to wider audiences, brought its big sound to a Brooklyn club to raise money for a cancer-support center. PAGE C



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