

CLASHING FINAL PITCHES IN SWING-STATE BLITZ



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Donald J. Trump in Florida on Monday, and Hillary Clinton in Michigan. Mr. Trump visited five states on the campaign’s last day, and Mrs. Clinton visited four.

An Energized Obama Stumps for Clinton, and His Own Legacy

By JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS and GARDINER HARRIS
ANN ARBOR, Mich. — President Obama was feeling a little sentimental. His shirt sleeves rolled up, his vowels slipping off the ends of his words, his last day on the campaign trail finally here, Mr. Obama soaked up an unseasonably warm autumn sun on a baseball field at the University of Michigan on Monday, and drank in the energy of his political finale.

“We’ve got one more day, Michigan — one more day,” he said, gazing out over a crowd of more than 9,000 at midday. But Mr. Obama was not quite ready for it to be over. “This is gonna be my last” — he caught himself — “probably my last day of campaigning for a while.” For Donald J. Trump and Hillary Clinton, Monday’s cross-country travels were all about tomorrow. For Mr. Obama, his travels here to Michigan, and then to New Hampshire and Philadelphia,

were part victory lap and part nostalgia tour, as he was accompanied on Air Force One by some of his longest-serving aides, and was ushered in and out of rallies by the same U2 and Bruce Springsteen anthems that were the soundtracks of his campaigns. But his core mission was to inspire voters across the country to rally behind Mrs. Clinton on Tuesday, or see the values and ideals that fueled his rise and powered his agenda defeated. So Mr. Obama stumped on Monday with the fervor of a man battling to pre-

serve his legacy and with the joy of one who has watched his approval ratings tick higher as the presidential race’s tenor has sunk ever lower, savoring the almost palpable sense at Mrs. Clinton’s rallies that Americans will miss him when he is gone. “Whatever credibility I’ve earned after eight years as president,” Mr. Obama said, “I am asking you to trust me on this one.” “I already voted,” he added. “I voted for Hillary Clinton, because Continued on Page P2

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Making History, or Shaking Up the System

This article is by Michael Barbaro, Ashley Parker and Amy Chozick.
Hillary Clinton and Donald J. Trump hoppedscotched from Pennsylvania to North Carolina to Michigan on Monday in the final, frenzied hours of the presidential campaign, offering clashing closing arguments as the sprawling map of the United States was reduced to a string of must-win states. Accompanied by rock stars, ex-presidents, old friends and their grown children, the Democratic and Republican nominees pleaded with voters to end a traumatic campaign with an emphatic endorsement of their visions for the country. In Philadelphia, Mrs. Clinton drew the biggest crowd of her 19-month campaign to the vast plaza in front of Independence Hall, where Bruce Springsteen, the balladeer of working-class America, rhapsodized about her values and the candidate portrayed herself as a protector of freedom and equality. “Tomorrow we face the test of our time. What will we vote for — not just against?” Mrs. Clinton asked. “Every issue you care about is at stake.” She concluded with an appeal to those who have waited decades for a female president. “Let’s make history together,” she said. In Manchester, N.H., Mr. Trump took the stage with his family at Southern New Hampshire University Arena as “God Bless the U.S.A.” blared, blue laser beams illuminated the dark hall and a smoke machine piped a haze over the crowd. Mr. Trump asked a country polarized over his personality and tactics to embrace his plan to thoroughly shake up Washington. “I am asking for the votes of all Americans, Democrats, Republicans, independents,” Mr. Trump said, “who are so desperately in need of change.” The contrasts between the candidates and their messages were on vivid display in the campaign’s Continued on Page P5

JANET RENO, 1938-2016

A First as Attorney General

By CARL HULSE
Janet Reno, who rose from a rustic life on the edge of the Everglades to become attorney general of the United States — the first woman to hold the job — and whose eight years in that office placed her in the middle of some of the most divisive episodes of the Clinton presidency, died on Monday at her home in Miami-Dade County, Fla. She was 78. Her sister, Margaret Hurchalla, said the cause was complications of Parkinson’s disease, which was diagnosed in November 1995, while Ms. Reno was still in office. Ms. Reno’s tenure as attorney general was bracketed by two explosive events: a deadly federal raid on the compound of a religious cult in Waco, Tex., in 1993 and, in 2000, the government’s



seizing of Elián González, a young Cuban refugee who was at the center of an international custody battle and a political tug of war. In those moments and others, Ms. Reno was applauded for displaying integrity and a willingness to accept responsibility, but she was also fiercely criticized. Continued on Page B11

Grandmother’s Killing Lays Bare Dilemma in Child Welfare Work

This article is by James C. McKinley Jr., Al Baker and Ashley Southall.
The girl named Heaven lay curled up asleep next to her grandmother on the mattress they shared on the living room floor. The woman, Carmen Irizarry, had been the 9-year-old’s legal guardian for years, a stand-in for the

girl’s troubled mother. Now, Heaven’s protector was sick, breathing from an oxygen tank after a long hospital stay for acute lung disease. It was early in the morning of May 11, quiet in the half-light in the eighth-floor apartment in the South Bronx. Just before 5 a.m., Henry Maldonado, Ms. Irizarry’s companion of 30 years, entered the room clutching a chef’s knife, the police

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said. In a fury, he thrust the knife at Heaven, then at Ms. Irizarry, back and forth, the blade cutting five times into Heaven’s torso and left leg. Her grandmother tried to block the blows. “Heaven,” she said, “go!” Continued on Page A14

Hong Kong Elected Two Separatists. China Took Drastic Action.

By MICHAEL FORSYTHE
HONG KONG — In the nearly two decades since Hong Kong returned to Chinese rule, the Communist government in Beijing has tolerated all manner of activity in the city that it generally finds intolerable on the mainland: annual

vigils for those killed in the Tiananmen Square massacre, newspapers’ publication of scurrilous gossip about China’s leaders, huge demonstrations for free elections. But by deciding to intervene in a local court case and essentially blocking two politicians from taking seats in Hong Kong’s legislature, China signaled more clear-

ly than ever on Monday that there was a limit to its tolerance in this former British colony, which was promised a “high degree of autonomy” in a treaty. The two young activists who are testing that limit are advocates of independence for Hong Kong. While being sworn in, they made a statement of defiance

against Chinese rule, using a crude obscenity and a term that many consider a slur against Chinese people. In acting against them, the government of President Xi Jinping has asserted new authority to set policy in Hong Kong, opening what could be a more chaotic era Continued on Page A8

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