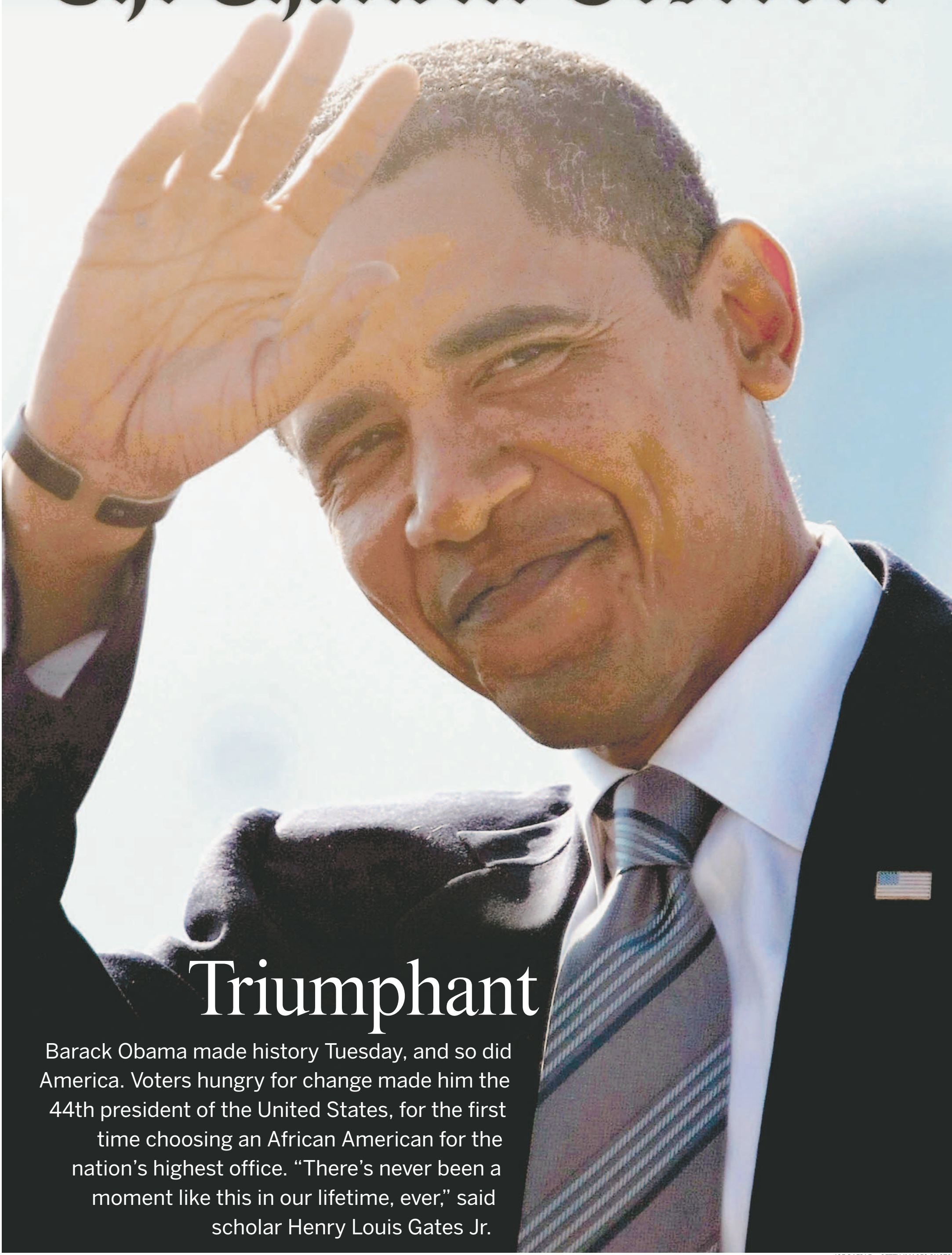


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Triumphant

Barack Obama made history Tuesday, and so did America. Voters hungry for change made him the 44th president of the United States, for the first time choosing an African American for the nation's highest office. "There's never been a moment like this in our lifetime, ever," said scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr.

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STORY PAGE 6A: "In this defining moment, change has come to America," President-elect Barack Obama said late Tuesday night, after Sen. John McCain conceded an election that spanned nearly two years. "The American people have spoken, and they have spoken clearly," McCain said.

N.C. Governor

N.C. elects Perdue, first female governor

Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue, 61, capped a 22-year career in state government with her election to the governor's mansion.



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Lt. Gov. Bev Perdue, a Democrat, narrowly defeated Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory Tuesday, extending 16 years of Democratic control of the N.C. governor's office. McCrory, a Republican, was trailing early today in Mecklenburg, his home county. **14A.**

Election Inside

■ **MECKLENBURG COMMISSIONERS:** Democrats appeared to widen their majority on the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners. Early returns showed them sweeping all three at-large seats, giving Democrats a 6-3 majority. **17A**

■ **LOCAL BONDS:** Voters appeared likely to pass \$477 million in bonds Tuesday that will allow city and county governments to pay for a range of civic projects, including affordable housing and improvements to roads and parks. **17A**

Senate

Hagan defeats Dole to take Senate seat

Democrat Kay Hagan of Greensboro defeated incumbent U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Dole Tuesday night, ending a campaign that featured millions of dollars of highly personal attack advertising. The defeat probably marked the end of Dole's long political career. **12A**



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Democrat Kay Hagan won an upset unthinkable a year ago.

