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'Change has come to America'

Barack Obama elected as nation's first African American president. 6A

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"If there is anyone out there who still doubts America is a place where all things are possible ... tonight is your answer," President-elect Barack Obama said Tuesday night, after taking the stage with daughters Sasha (left) and Malia and his wife, Michelle. Early today, Obama was leading in North Carolina by some 11,000 votes.

N.C. Governor

1st woman wins post; Perdue beats McCrory

Bev Perdue celebrates her win Tuesday, capping a 22-year career in state government.



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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, lost in Mecklenburg, his home county. 14A

Election Inside

■ **MECKLENBURG COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:** Democrats widened their majority on the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, sweeping all three at-large seats. 17A

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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 served 10 years in the N.C. Senate.