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The two major candidates for governor – Democrat Walter Dalton and Republican Pat McCrory – went head to head for the first time in a statewide debate held Wednesday night. You'll hear highlights of exchanges between the candidates on jobs and the economy, the energy extraction process known as fracking, the potential for requiring a photo I.D. to vote, and the eyebrow-raising web video in which the Dalton campaign accuses McCrory of being insensitive to African Americans. Then host Donna Martinez analyzes the debate with Democratic political strategist Perry Woods and conservative activist Becki Gray of the John Locke Foundation. Next, Martinez talks with Libertarian gubernatorial candidate Barbara Howe and gets her reaction to being excluded from the debate as well as Howe's policy prescriptions to address the state's anemic jobs picture. That's followed by a look at state politics with Rick Martinez of NewsRadio 680 WPTF in Raleigh, NCN News, and SGRToday.com. The discussion includes the plight of a Republican state legislative candidate who allegedly manhandled his opponent's campaign manager, the national focus and money trail in the 7th district congressional race between Mike McIntyre and David Rouzer, and federal testimony by a North Carolina based pollster about the use of unreliable polls to help push the John Edwards candidacy. And finally, we bring you highlights from the second major debate of the week: the presidential debate held in Denver. You'll hear an extended exchange about jobs, the economy, and taxes between President Barack Obama and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney.