



Skip Brown will lead NCBA for a year.

## Brown is new NCBA chairman

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

WINSTON-SALEM — Simpson O. "Skip" Brown is the new chairman of the North Carolina Bankers Association (NCBA), which counts among its members every banking, savings and trust institution in the state.

Brown is president, CEO and chairman of TriStone Community Bank in Winston-Salem. He started his banking career after graduating from Wake Forest University and playing for the NBA's Boston Celtics.

He first worked for First Federal Savings, and then NationsBank and its successor, Bank of America. In 2004, he started TriStone Community Bank, which is expected to complete an acquisition by First Community Bank of

Bluefield, Va., by the end of this month.

Brown says that the state has fared far better than the majority of the nation during the current recession because of what he calls a conservative business environment that has fended off much of the speculative lending that has caused problems elsewhere.

But he predicts that the state's banking industry will not go unscathed. Already this year, one bank failure has taken place. Brown also says that he thinks that the bottom of the economic decline has been reached.

As chairman, Brown says his top task will be to work with Congress and the North Carolina General Assembly to help keep the nation on the road to recovery.

### Hypertension

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high blood pressure conversation within the African American community.

As part of the My Pressure Points campaign, the site [www.mypressurepoints.com](http://www.mypressurepoints.com)

has been launched to encourage African-Americans to take a more proactive approach to controlling their blood pressure. The Web site has practical advice for controlling and delaying the onset of high blood pressure as well as culturally relevant tips for eating healthier and increasing physical activity.

### Records

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are that it will take at least 200,000 new health informatics support specialists to make this happen.

"UNC Charlotte will be a leader in preparing students for what certainly will be one of the most important jobs for the healthcare community," said Mays.

Proponents say that the conversion to electronic medical records will improve healthcare quality, prevent medical errors, reduce healthcare costs, increase administra-

tive efficiencies, decrease paperwork and expand access to affordable care. The idea of digital health records became a major talking point during the 2008 presidential campaign. Most of all of the candidates touted the idea as a good way to cut health care costs.

UNC Charlotte is seeking input from Charlotte are informatics and healthcare professionals to develop a professional science master's degree in health information technology program. A certificate in healthcare information technology will be offered beginning in the fall.

### Cooper

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community affairs. She died in her home at 201 T Street in Washington on Feb. 27, 1964. She is buried next to her husband in Raleigh.

Joining Killeite in dedicating the stamp were Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton, (D) District of Columbia; University of Maryland English Professor Carla L. Peterson; 2009 Dunbar High School graduate Malik Shabaazz; Dunbar High

School Principal Gerald Austin and Washington, D.C. Postmaster Yverne "Pat" Moore.

The 44-cent, First-Class Anna Julia Cooper commemorative stamp features a portrait of her created by Kadir Nelson of San Diego, Calif., who based his painting on an undated photograph. Nelson worked under the direction of Art Director Ethel Kessler of Bethesda, Md. All 125 million stamps, available in sheets of 20, are available nationwide.

### Hate

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He said Evers and others "were really heroes like soldiers who died in the Revolutionary War. Medgar Evers is as much a hero as any of the patriots."

Klansman Byron De La Beckwith was convicted of Evers' murder 30 years later; he died in prison.

The tribute is organized by Evers' brother, Charles, who campaigned for U.S. Sen. Robert Kennedy in New York in 1964 and in the presidential campaign four years later.



Byron De La Beckwith

"He was there when my father was killed," Kennedy said.

## REMEMBERING GREATNESS

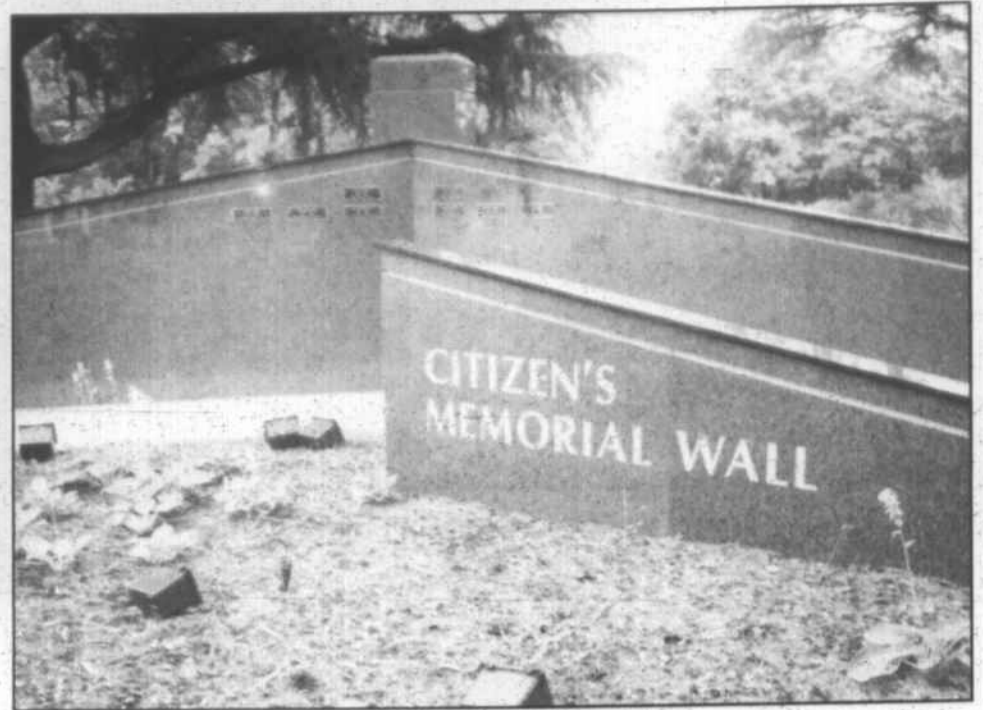


Photo by Kevin Walker

The City Council is expected to dedicate the Citizen's Memorial Wall at New Evergreen Cemetery today. The individual bronze plaques featured on the wall honor the memories of residents who made a lasting impact on the community. Eight deceased luminaries have already been honored, including George Black, Clark S. Brown and Clark Campbell. Residents can nominate someone for inclusion on the wall by going to the New Evergreen Web site at [www.CityofWS.org](http://www.CityofWS.org) or calling 336-727-8000. There is a \$300 fee for a bronze plaque.

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