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## New Housing Preserves Legacy of First Ward 8 Councilwoman, Wilhelmina Rolark



Wilhelmina J. Rolark



[Pictured: Wilhelmina Rolark on Alabama Avenue coming summer 2023.]

By Christen Hill

A new affordable housing development that will be steps away from the Congress Heights Metro Station that is slated to break ground summer 2023, will be named in the honor of a D.C legend. The 140+ unit building will be named *Wilhelmina Rolark on Alabama Avenue*. Spearheaded by Black developers, from Southeast D.C. the very premise on which this development will be constructed, is one with a rich history.

Wilhelmina Rolark, represented Ward 8 as a council member for 16 years and fought her entire life to give residents east of the Anacostia a fair shot. So, it's hard to believe that this is the first and only building named in her honor.

As a young attorney, in the 1940s, Rolark worked on many civil rights cases. In 1970, she founded the *National Association of Black Women Attorneys*. As a legislator, Rolark was responsible for a number of laws including the legislation that created the *D.C. Energy Office* (now the *Dept. of Environment*), the *DC Depository Act*, the law that triples the penalties for PCP distribution, the law that brought *cable television to D.C.* and the *Bails Bondman Reform Act*.

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## DCPS Hires New Principals, and Administrators this Year



By Chris Hill

As DC Public Schools (DCPS) kicks off the start of the 2021-2022 School Year, it welcomes more than 700 new educators and 16 new school leaders. They join a community of over 9,000 staff across 116 schools, and a central office that will work together to welcome students back for in-person learning and provide a world-class public school education that is rigorous and joyful.

“Our educators, principals, and district leaders are at the heart of our mission to build back stronger than before as we look to create joyful and rigorous learning opportunities for our students and make progress toward educational equity for our community,” said Chancellor Lewis D. Ferebee. “We look forward to welcoming all our staff back in the classroom as we open our doors for in-person learning for every student, every day on August 30.”

### **SY21-22 Principal Announcements**

Principals lead a school community and ensure they have the best systems in place to support toward student success. Learn more about the new and interim principals for SY21-22 and read their bios on the DCPS website.

- Greg Bargeman/ Wilson High (Interim)
- LaCondria Beckwith/ Ketcham Elementary

- Brandon Clayton/ Takoma Elementary
- Latisha Coleman/ Johnson Middle (Interim)
- Shaunte Daniel / Excel Academy (Interim)
- Shawna Dix/ Browne Education Campus
- Katrel Angry/ Miner Elementary (Interim)
- Amelia Hunt/Military Road Early Learning Center
- Sylvia Isaac/ School Without Walls High
- Dwan Jordon/ DCPS Virtual Learning Program
- Demetrius Lucas/ Hendley Elementary
- Julian Pineda/ Oyster-Adams Bilingual
- Karen Rivas/ Stoddert Elementary
- Danielle Singh/ Janney Elementary
- Rachel Williams/ Ludlow-Taylor Elementary
- Shanna Young/ School Without Walls @ Francis-Stevens

### **Central Office Leadership Announcements**

Behind every teacher and principal is a great team, and DCPS announces the following central office appointments to its school leadership team. Read more about our leadership team at this link.

- Kim Jackson, Chief, Elementary Schools
- Dr. Drewana Bey, Chief, Secondary Schools
- Dr. JuDonn DeShields, Instructional Superintendent
- Kimberly Martin, Instructional Superintendent
- Tenia Pritchard, Instructional Superintendent

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Wilhelmina J. Rolark and William P. Lightfoot

Phinis Jones, one of the developers on the Wilhelmina Rolark on Alabama Avenue project worked for her the first four years of her tenure on the D.C. council. “I’m honored to present her name as an option on this development, I’m happy the board chose to go with it, it was long overdue,” said Jones “She sponsored and shepherded through the council many pieces of progressive legislation that still have a positive impact on our community.”

Rolark attended Howard University from 1933-1937. In 1944, while working at the Treasury Department she earned her law degree from the Robert H. Terrell Law School at night.

In 1974, after the passage of the *District of Columbia Home Rule Act* she Rolark ran to be on the first elected council. She lost the Democratic primary to James Coates by fewer than 100 votes.

But Rolark came back in 1975 to defeat Coates and became the Ward 8 council member on January 2, 1976.

While on the council, she chaired several committees including the committee on *Employment and Economic Development, Public Service and Consumer Affairs and Judiciary*.

Rolark’s husband, Dr. Calvin W. Rolark, founded the United Black Fund In 1969, a non-profit organization that provides funding to community-based organizations. She was the General Counsel to them, and won major legal battles against *United Givers Fund and the Civil Service Commission* on the grounds

of discriminating against black and other minorities.

“I have many fond memories of working closely with Rolark, In 1984, she was on the Democratic Rules Committee and we went to the National Democratic Convention where we Rev. Jesse Jackson was campaigning for the presidency. I went with her as an assistant I had a front row seat to his speech, [‘Rocks Just Laying Around’](#). It was a remarkable speech!” said Jones.

As a city council member, she went on to be reelected in 1980, 1984, and 1988. Yet, in 1992, Mayor Marion Barry, challenged Rolark in the Democratic primary and won in a 3-to-1 landslide. Rolark’s time on the council came to an end on January 2, 1993, after 16 glorious years.

Upon the untimely death of her husband in 1994, Rolark was president of The Washington Informer, a weekly newspaper in D.C. The paper is now published by her stepdaughter, Denise Rolark-Barnes. In addition, she was unanimously elected as the President /CEO of the United Black Fund, a position she held for twelve years.

Rolark also served on the *National Board of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference*. Even after her time as public servant Rolark was relentless in fighting for Black equality. Rolark passed away on February 14, 2006. She was a juggernaut in paving the way for D.C. politicians. It was her intellect and perseverance that made her so unique to our city’s history.



Betty Anne Kane, Arrington L. Dixon,  
David A. Clarke, Wilhelmina J. Rolark and John Ray



Wilhelmina Rolark with husband, Calvin

## Now FDA Approved, the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccination Can Reach Even More



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By Christen Hill

Last month, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) gave its full approval of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, calling it a “key achievement for public health.” The two-dose vaccine was approved for everyone 16 and over. For children 12 to 15 and for those who are immunocompromised and need a booster shot, the vaccine is still available under an FDA emergency use authorization.

This comes on the heels of a mandate from Mayor Bowser, stating that all D.C. employees must be vaccinated by Sunday, September 19, 2021. Nearly 36,700 people are employed by the District Government. 21,746 employees have reported their vaccination status to the D.C. Department of Human Resources. Of the employees who have responded, approximately 19,907 employees,

or about 54% of the total workforce, reported being fully vaccinated.

According to the FDA “the public can be very confident that this vaccine meets the high standards for safety, effectiveness, and manufacturing quality the FDA requires of an approved product.” A Kaiser Family Foundation survey from June showed that roughly 30% of unvaccinated adults who felt hesitant about the vaccine said a full approval would mean they would be more likely to get vaccinated.

From January 2021 when less than 1% of the total DC population was fully vaccinated to June 2021 when over 50% of the total DC population was fully vaccinated, DC has seen a 95% decline in COVID-related deaths.

Additionally, in July, Mayor Bowser and DC Health released comprehensive data about breakthrough COVID-19 cases in DC that

underscores the effectiveness of the vaccines in preventing illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. Current data shows that of the approximately 300,000 fully vaccinated individuals, DC has recorded only 546 breakthrough cases, or just 0.18% of all fully vaccinated individuals.

The COVID-19 vaccines are free. To date, more than 70% of all eligible DC residents have received at least one dose of the vaccine. Individuals who are looking for the closest site to get vaccinated can find the closest location at [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov). There are over 100 vaccination locations across the District and more than 150 testing locations in the city.

Currently, all DC Government employees who are fully vaccinated and update their status in PeopleSoft receive an eight-hour time-off award. Additionally, all DC employees are able to use two hours of administrative leave per dose to get vaccinated. ■

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# Soul of the City to Host DC's Finest for Art All Night



By: Lewis Mcilwain

DC's Art All Night is a free festival in Washington, D.C. celebrating the visual and performing arts including photography, sculpture, painting, crafts, theater, dance, film, poetry, and anything else you can imagine. The festival will be held in 10 different venues scattered throughout various parts of the city. Dates and times for the festival will be dependent on which venue you decide to visit. In Congress Heights, will feature a slew of DC favorites, including *EU and Sugar Bear, Trouble Fun and Black Alley.*

Each year, Art All Night brings thousands of district residents to local commercial corridors allowing them the opportunity to immerse themselves in the artistic culture of DC while patronizing different local businesses such as restaurants, bars, studios, and shops. Branded as “Art and Soul”, *The Congress Heights Arts and Culture Center and Soul of the City* will have art vendors, live art, fashion and bands.

Last year, due to COVID-19 pandemic, the event was completely virtual for the first time since the event's conception. Since the pandemic began, many local companies

have taken a financial hit due to less foot traffic brought on by lockdown restrictions and DC's businesses need the support of its residents now more than ever to bounce back.

The festival is presented by the Department of Small and Local Business Development partnering with Destination Congress Heights, Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets, H Street Main Street, North Capitol Street Main Street, Shaw Main Streets, and Tenleytown Main Streets with financial support from the DC Commission on the Arts & Humanities.

During the Art All Night festival, the Congress Heights Arts and Culture Center (CHACC) located in Ward 8 is just 1 of the many venues open throughout the city all night. The center is located on the Martin Luther King Avenue Corridor. CHACC's mission is to expose, inspire, and educate both youth and adults to the rich arts and cultural opportunities, specifically in Wards 7 and 8 East of the Anacostia River.

And there are more than just singers and painters showcasing their talent on this night. There will be everything from writing workshops, chakra healing classes, candle making, spoken word, go-go, poetry, and a variety of

other things to see.

CHACC is determined to be a catalyst for change in Congress Heights, seeking to change the narrative of what people say about their section of the DC. The Art All Night festival is a great way to showcase all the positive things going on in the area while also putting a spotlight on local businesses.

Please take the time out to get out and experience all that our Nation's Capital has to offer on September 25th. You can go to [DCAll-Night.org](http://DCAll-Night.org) for updates on times, locations, artists and more. We hope to see you there! ■



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# Black real estate agent, clients handcuffed outside of Michigan home they were viewing

August 6, 2021

When a Black real estate agent glanced out the window of a house he was showing and saw a police officer circling the property with his gun drawn, he was afraid there was a fugitive in the yard.

“This is kind of a nice house, but there’s a criminal outside,” Eric Brown said he thought to himself when he saw the officer. At the time, he was giving Roy Thorne and the man’s 15-year-old son, Sammy, a tour of a Wyoming, Michigan, home.

“He’s not going to buy this house now,” Brown worried. However, he said he grew less concerned with making a sale and more concerned with staying safe when he noticed a second officer “behind a tree making hand gestures.”

Before the afternoon was over, police officers would order the trio out of the home and place them in handcuffs.

## A TYPICAL SHOWING

Brown, 46, with Grand Rapids Real Estate, arrived at the two-story, two-garage, brick-covered home at 2 p.m. Sunday and did what he always does. He tested the doorbell, used an app on his phone to open a lockbox that held the key and let himself in before his client arrived in order to open the closets and bedroom doors.

Thorne, 45, who Brown has known since they were teens, and Sammy arrived 10 minutes later. The three waved to neighbors outside doing Sunday things — the guy who was mowing the lawn, the family next door who was hosting an outdoor gathering.

They didn’t notice when the officers arrived.

## ‘GET OUT OF THE LINE OF

Brown knew the doors of the house were open. He feared a suspect was on the loose and might try come in the house to hide.



*[Image: Realtor Eric Brown said he was taking his client Roy Thorne and his son through a home in Wyoming, Mich., when he noticed a growing police presence outside. (WOOD TV)]*

“If there’s anywhere to run, it’s going to be in this house,” he remembered thinking.

“They’re about to flush a criminal in to this house. We’re going to be hostages in here, and Sammy’s in the basement.” Sammy suddenly rushed upstairs to report that there were more police officers in front of the home.

Thorne, who is also Black and is an Army veteran, told his son to “get out of the line of fire,” and opened a window to address the officers, Brown said.

“They were so focused on organizing themselves that they didn’t hear him screaming,” Brown told NBC News on Friday. “When the officer did hear him, the officer pointed his gun at the house.”

“That’s when I knew they were there for us,” he added.

## ‘IT DOES SOMETHING TO YOU’

Brown said he and his clients were ordered to come downstairs and exit the front of the house one at a time, with their hands up. “We realized, OK this has been going on for some time,” he said.

Three or four police vehicles were parked with

their wheels on the sidewalk. And officers, using their open SUV doors as shields and with guns drawn, were waiting for the trio to emerge from the house.

As Brown, Thorne and Sammy exited the house, they were instructed to turn around and walk toward the officers backward.

“When you have several guns pointed at you and they tell you to turn around, it does something to you,” Brown said.

## ‘I’M JUST SHOWING THE HOUSE’

All three were handcuffed. Brown asked what the disturbance was and didn’t get an answer. Before he was about to be placed in the cruiser, he urged an officer to go into his pocket, pull out his wallet and find his business card, showing that he is a real estate agent. “I’m just showing the house,” he said.

The officer paused, and asked how Brown got in the house. Still handcuffed, Brown said he was led back to the entrance of the house to demonstrate how he got the key out of the lockbox.

The officers, with the Wyoming Police Department, took the handcuffs off the three



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### DEPARTMENT PROTOCOL

The Wyoming Police Department did not respond to multiple requests from NBC News for comment.

In a statement to NBC affiliate WOOD of Grand Rapids, Capt. Timothy Pols said officers were responding to “a 911 call from a neighbor reporting that a house was being broken into.”

“Officers were aware that a previous burglary had occurred at this same address on July 24 and that a suspect was arrested and charged for unlawful entry during that incident. The caller indicated that the previously arrested suspect had returned and again entered the house,” the statement said.

Brown, Thorne and Sammy were handcuffed “per department protocol,” Pols said. He did not address the officers surrounding the house with guns drawn or failing to announce themselves.

While Brown and Thorne are now speaking with a lawyer, he said they are focused on getting emotional support for Sammy, Thorne and himself “to heal as fast as we can.”

“I went from being afraid for my life to shell-shocked to this is not right to now slightly angry,” Brown said.

“I felt definitely guilty of breaking into this house,” he said. “And I had the keys to it.” ■



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## A drought-hit California town finds itself sinking into the ground

August 7, 2021

”You’ve got too many farmers pumping all around,” complained Raul Atilano. This octogenarian resident of Corcoran, the self-proclaimed farming capital of California, was struggling to make sense of the strangest of phenomena: his already suffering town is sinking, ever so gradually, into the ground.

A constant stream of trucks carrying tomatoes, alfalfa or cotton outside this town of 20,000 shows just how inextricably Corcoran’s fate is tied to the intensive farming practiced here.

To irrigate its vast fields and help feed America, farm operators began in the last century to pump water from underground sources, so much so that the ground has begun to sink -- imagine a series of giant straws sucking up groundwater faster than rain can replenish it, as hydrologist Anne Senter explained it to AFP.

- **Like a 2-story house** –

Strangely, signs of this subsidence are nearly invisible to the human eye. There are no



*An aerial view from July 24, 2021 of the farming town of Corcoran, California, which is steadily sinking as drought, worsened by climate change, has forced big farms to pump increasing amounts of water from the ground. - @AFP*



*A sign just outside the California town of Corcoran proclaims it as the state’s ‘farming capital’; drought has caught its farms in a vicious cycle. - @AFP*

cracks in the walls of the typical American shops in the town’s center, nor crevices opening up in the streets or fields: to measure subsidence, Californian authorities had to turn to NASA, which used satellites to analyze the geological change.

And yet, over the past 100 years, Corcoran has sunken “the equivalent of a two-story house,” Jeanine Jones, a manager with the California Department of Water Resources, told AFP.

The phenomenon “can be a threat to infrastructure, groundwater wells, levees, aqueducts,” she said.

The one recognizable sign of this dangerous change is a levee on the edge of the city, in an area where wisps of cotton blow in the air. In 2017, the authorities launched a major project to raise the levee, for fear that the city, which

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*Raul Gomez (L) and Greg Ojeda, standing on July 23, 2021 near a levee in Corcoran, California which was raised in 2017 for fear of floods — that have yet to come. — © AFP*

sits in a basin, could be flooded ... whenever the rains finally return.

This year, however, the problem has been not floods but an alarming drought aggravated by climate change.

It has transformed this food-basket of America into a vast field of brown dust, forcing the authorities to impose water-use restrictions on farmers.

So, Corcoran now finds itself in the midst of a vicious circle: with their water supplies limited, farm operators are forced to pump more underground water, which in turn speeds the sinking of the town.

#### - Fear of losing jobs -

Few locals have spoken out against the problem -- not surprising, since most of them work for the same big agribusinesses pumping up groundwater.

“They are afraid that if they speak against them, they might lose their job,” said Atilano. He spent years working for one of the coun-

try’s biggest cotton producers, J.G. Boswell, whose name is seen on thousands of cloth bags stuffed with cotton that are seen stacked



*The Corcoran is a major cotton producer; these thousands of bags of cotton belong to major US producer J.G. Boswell. - @AFP*

around town.

“I don’t care,” he adds with a smile. “I’ve been retired for 22 years.”

As big farm operations have increasingly become mechanized and industrialized, requiring less and less local labor, the town’s inhabitants themselves have been sinking -- into a debilitating economic and psychological slump.

One-third of the majority Hispanic population here now lives in poverty. The three movie theaters that once brought life to the town have all closed their doors.

“A lot of people are moving out,” said local resident Raul Gomez, who is 77.

On this summer afternoon, under a crushing heat wave, some people have stopped to chat under an enormous wall painting.

It depicts a clear blue lake surrounded by snow-capped mountain peaks -- for now, a distant dream.

## Josephine Baker to become first Black woman to enter France's Panthéon

Performer who became part of the French resistance will be moved to the mausoleum in November

The remains of Josephine Baker, a famed French-American dancer, singer and actor who also worked with the French resistance during the second world war, will be moved to the Panthéon mausoleum in November, according to an aide to President Emmanuel Macron.

It will make Baker, who was born in Missouri in 1906 and buried in Monaco in 1975, the first Black woman to be laid to rest in the hallowed Parisian monument.

A group campaigning for her induction, which included one of Baker's sons, met Macron on 21 July, Jennifer Guesdon, one of the members, said. "When the president said yes, [it was a] great joy," she said. "Panthéonisation is built over a long period of time," an aide to Macron said.

The Baker family have been requesting her induction since 2013, with a petition gathering about 38,000 signatures.

"She was an artist, the first Black international star, a muse of the cubists, a resistance fighter during the second world war in the French army, active alongside Martin Luther King in the civil rights fight," the petition says.



*Franco-American entertainer Josephine Baker receiving the Légion d'honneur and the Croix de Guerre after the second world war. Photograph: AFP/Getty Images*

Another member of the campaign group, Pascal Bruckner, said Baker "is a symbol of a France that is not racist, contrary to what some media groups say", as well as "a true anti-fascist".

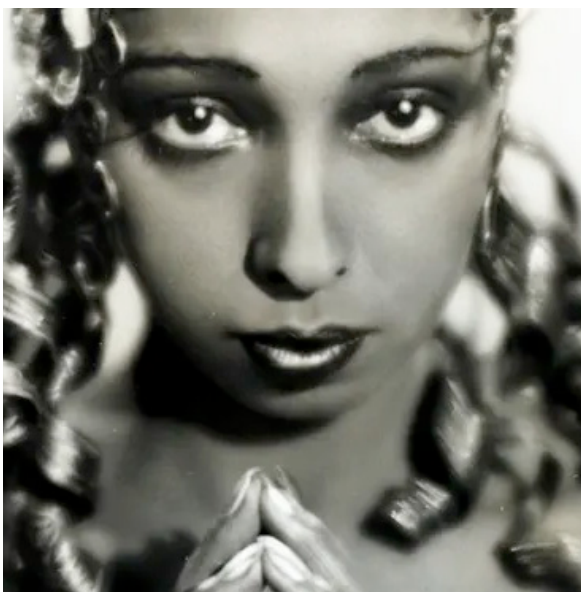
The ceremony will take place on 30 November, the date Baker married Jean Lion, a Frenchman, allowing her to get French nationality.

The Panthéon is a memorial complex for great national figures in French history from the

world of politics, culture and science.

Only the president can choose to move remains to the former church in Paris, whose grand columns and domed roof were inspired by the Pantheon in Rome.

Of the 80 figures in the Panthéon, only five are women, including the last inductee in 2018, Simone Veil, a former French minister who survived the Holocaust and fought for abortion rights.



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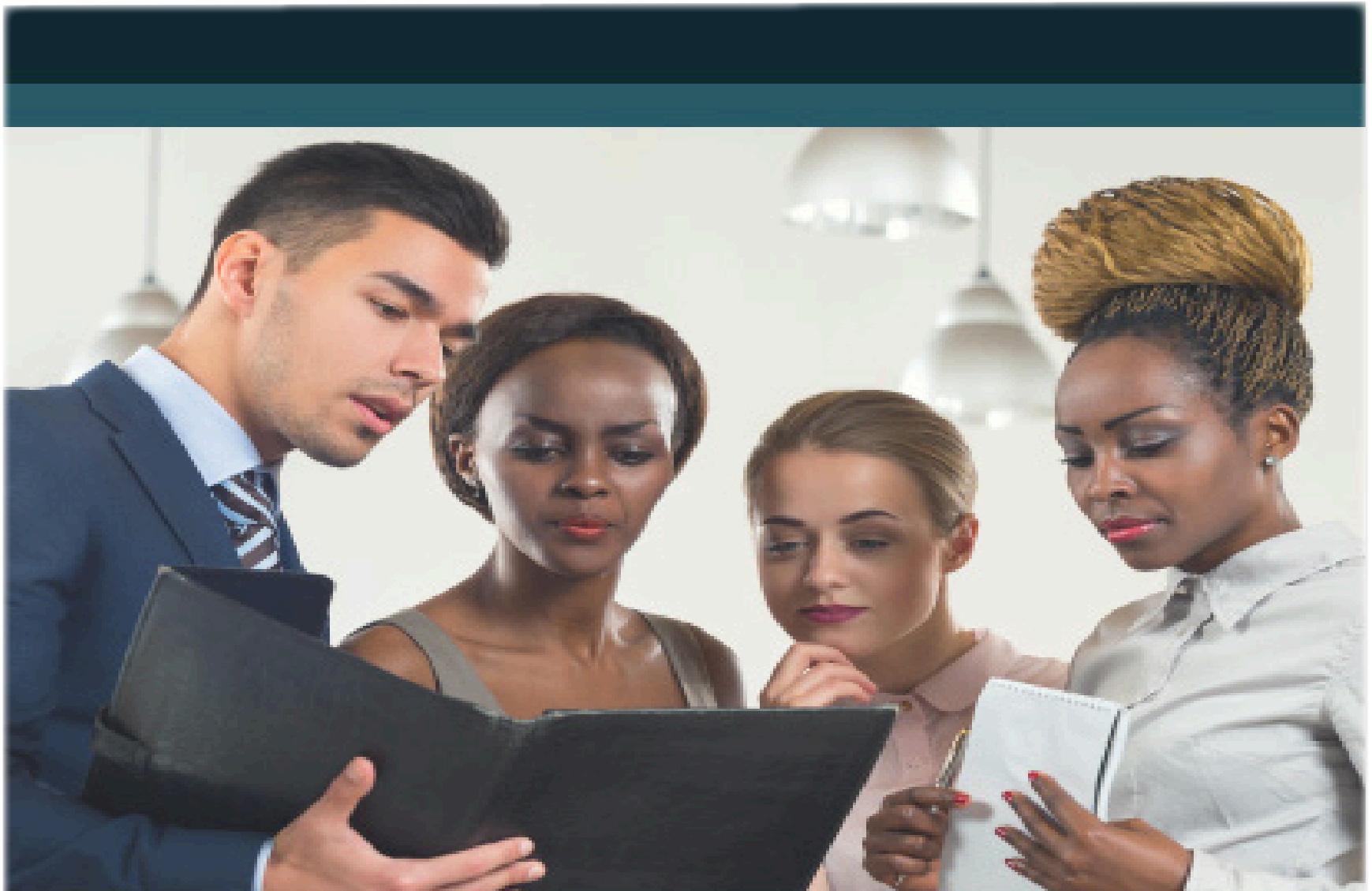
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## South Africa's unemployment rate is now highest in the world

By: Prinesha Naidoo

The unemployment rate, which includes people who have stopped looking for work, rose to 44.4 percent in the second quarter.

through March, Statistics South Africa said Tuesday in a report released in the capital, Pretoria. The median of three economists' estimates in a Bloomberg survey was 33.2%.



South African companies' ability to hire is undermined by an education system that doesn't provide adequate skills, and strict workplace laws that make hiring and firing workers onerous [File: Bloomberg]

South Africa's unemployment rate surged to the highest on a global list of 82 countries monitored by Bloomberg.

The jobless rate rose to 34.4% in the second quarter from 32.6% in the three months

Unemployment according to the expanded definition, which includes people who were available for work but not looking for a job, rose to 44.4% from 43.2% in the first quarter. While the unemployment rate is now the highest of the countries tracked by Bloomberg, the

data from some of those nations is outdated.

The unemployment data is likely to deteriorate in the third quarter because the government tightened Covid-19 curbs in the face of a third wave of infections, hindering efforts to revive an economy that shrank 7% last year. Rising joblessness rate could heap pressure on authorities to extend relief measures that would complicate efforts to stabilize public finances.

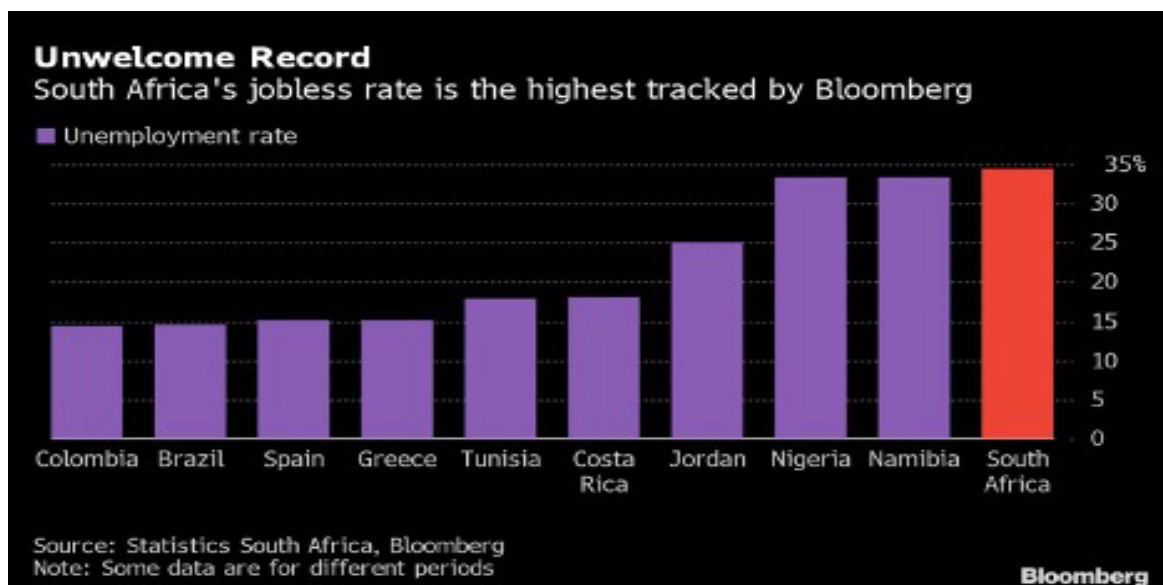
There was also an eruption of deadly riots in July in the Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal provinces, two key economic hubs, which claimed 354 lives and saw thousands of businesses looted and shuttered. The unrest cost the country about 50 billion rand (\$3.3 billion) in lost output and placed at least 150,000 jobs at risk, according to the South African Property Owners Association.

The unemployment rate in Africa's most-industrialized economy has been above 20% for at least two decades, even though output expanded by 5% or more a year in the early 2000s.

South African companies' ability to hire is undermined by an education system that doesn't provide adequate skills, and strict labor laws that make hiring and firing workers onerous. The apartheid-era strategy of placing so-called townships, where many Black citizens were compelled to live, on the periphery of cities also makes it difficult for residents to access the formal jobs market.

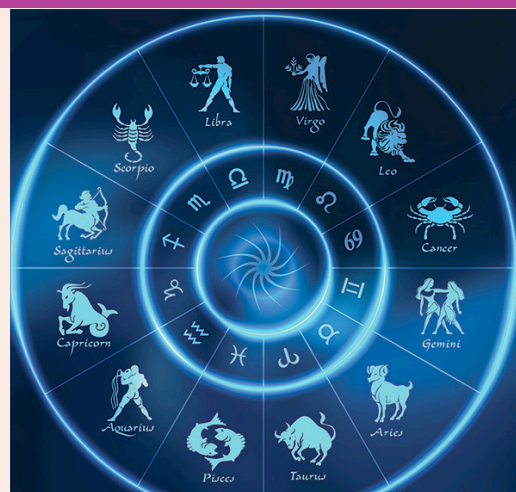
**Key Figures:**

- Finance industry lost 278,000 jobs.
- Community, social services lost 166,000 jobs.
- Manufacturing lost 83,000 jobs.
- Construction added 143,000 jobs.
- Agriculture added 69,000 jobs



## September Horoscopes

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### VIRGO

(August 23 to September 22)

Happy Birthday! What a powerful month. This will be a good test for you. You are burning with inspiration, ambition and likely yearning for a new sense of direction. It's time to re-balance that rational, analytical part of you with your feeling, heart and passion for life. Feel the power of your passion for life. Your passion represents your sense of Knowing and Truth about who you are and why you are here. Trust yourself and the Universe. Being in control is vastly overrated.



### LIBRA

(September 23 to October 22)

Use this time to 'lighten up' with your sense of over-responsibility. If you can't love your work, then try to work with love. Take the pressure off of yourself wherever you can. Do things around the home to make you feel more cozy and special. Your perceptions of yourself and what you value are changing. Enjoy the ride. Finances can show improvement at the end of the month just in time to buy yourself the birthday present you really deserve.



### SCORPIO

(October 23 to November 21)

Get a good grasp on your idealism and expectations so you don't torpedo the potentially powerful results. You simply can not change other people. Change the lens through which you view them by adjusting your beliefs about yourself. There is a big 'ah-ha' to be found in reading or studying higher teachings that you are drawn to.



### SAGITTARIUS

(November 22 to December 21)

There are some deep issues percolating which require your awareness. Your inspiration and motivation will be piqued soon enough, however. The portal is open if you would like to do some healing or service-related work. This is the time for you to dream things as they could be and say 'Why not?'



### CAPRICORN

(December 22 to January 19)

Health: Say goodbye to sedentary life and put aside excess food. Money: Buy yourself that wish you long for. It's the moment! Love: So many frictions with your partner end up taking their toll ... If you are single, your sex appeal will increase this summer. Seize it.



### AQUARIUS

(January 20 to February 18)

Health: Meditation is ideal for those concerns that worry you so much. Money: Cinema! Invite your friends to a good meal and don't worry so much about your savings. Love: If you are in a relationship, you will promote complicity and respect. If you are single, you will consolidate that idyllic relationship.



### PISCES

(February 19 to March 20)

Health: Your skin will be very dry this summer, do not forget to hydrate as much as possible with creams or after sun. Money: Stop thinking so much about your economy, invest more money in quality leisure with your family or friends. Love: Take advantage of your physical attractiveness to conquer or win back that person you love so much.



### ARIES

(March 21 to April 19)

This is a great time to learn more about surrender and to synchronize with the timing of the Universe. This will be a very important lesson at mid-month when Sun and Mars (two powerful planets for Aries) conjoin in your sixth house of ambition and life direction. In advance of this period take the time to feel passionately about what you'd like to manifest in your life.



### TAURUS

(April 20 to May 20)

This will be an important time for matters particularly communication, writing and business. What would you like to communicate or accomplish? Where do you hold back in these areas and how can you change that? Use this period for home improvement and getting closer to the family. Give special attention to the children. The energies of romance and creativity are in the air.



### GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

Things may feel just a bit overwhelming in the first half of the month. Challenges appear on the 9th as karma revealing in your relationship. This is a time to nurture yourself, sort out relationship needs sensitively and be with the family. There may be deeper, nagging questions about career and life direction that are at the heart of your frustration. What do you need in this regard? It's time to be really honest with yourself so you can achieve the fulfilment you deserve.



### CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

Your mind is fertile and active and can help you out of a creative rut. The enlightenment or attitude adjustments near the 9th can be turned into action in the second half of the month. September offers great opportunities to make new friends, promote yourself, advertise your business or create an internet presence.



### LEO

(July 23 to August 22)

You feel creatively fertile, ready to give birth to some new talent or aspect of who you are. This is a good time for precisely that as doors are opening in your job or your career field. Don't let your anxiousness get the best of you early in the month. Pay close attention to family and home needs so that they receive appropriate and conscious attention. Finances should be doing well but avoid increasing your debt load without due consideration. Better to save up for bigger and better things ahead.



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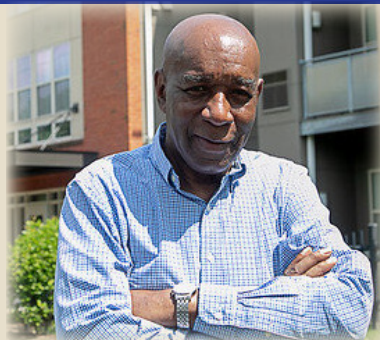
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### Spotlight

**Rev. Donald Isaac, Co-Pastor  
S.E. Tabernacle Baptist Church**

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“AND WHEN YOU PRAY, DO NOT KEEP ON BABBLING LIKE PAGANS, FOR THEY THINK THEY WILL BE HEARD BECAUSE OF THEIR MANY WORDS . . . FOR YOUR FATHER KNOWS WHAT YOU NEED BEFORE YOU ASK HIM.”

MATTHEW 6:7-8 (NIV)

### KEEP YOUR PRAYERS SIMPLE

**LONGER IS NOT STRONGER** when it comes to prayer. God is much more interested in humble and authentic prayers than a long-winded sermon in prayer. Just get to the point!

Jesus had a lot to say in the Sermon on the Mount about praying simply, without trying to sound super spiritual:

“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words . . . for your Father knows what you need before you ask him” (Matthew 6:5-8 NIV).

You don't have to convince God of what you need. He already knows! Just come to him as simply, honestly, and humbly as you.

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