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# Unemployment rate is up to 7.5% for September

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — An estimate of job openings, including more reports of construction workers and schoolteachers, pushed the nation's unemployment rate up to 7.5 percent in September, the government reported Friday.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) said that 2,043,000 Americans were jobless last month, 208,000 more than in August.

The 1.5 percent unemployment rate was three-tenths of 1 percent higher than the previous month, marking the second successive increase after three months of declines last year.

At the same time, the total number of employed dropped to 51,716,000, a decline of 675,000.

James Norwood, BLS chief economist, said the rise in unemployment is consistent with the drop in the number of people now working, indicating that "we need the economy to be very flat."

Testifying yesterday morning before the Labor-Commerce-Economic Committee, Norwood said that the increase in unemployment had been largely sensitive to current high interest rates.

He said that 20,000 construction jobs were lost in September, bringing the September loss to 100,000 jobs, or 16,000 below the April level and slightly lower than that of July 1981, when the latest recession reached its nadir.

Minntac, a major manufacturer of plastic pipes, said that its sales are down 10 percent from a year ago. The company is looking for ways to reduce costs and improve efficiency.

There was a surge of imports in July and August, but in September imports were down 25 percent from the "surge," said Robert France, director of the Superior Industrial Institute, a consortium of five French manufacturing companies.

The also said that most steel buyers are not buying because they are not sure of the future. However, the French began to buy steel in September, but at a much slower rate than in August.

Company officials said officers of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America are working to get the union back on track.

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## ARREST: Victim's mother having mixed emotions

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MURPHY was questioned twice by police shortly after Cole was found, but never was arrested. Police also conducted the wife of a house he lived in then and found several identification cards belonging to Cole.

The items were taken from her garage, which never was searched, according to Cole's mother, Donna Cole.

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bottom, she said. "The only bright spot in the whole picture is the job gain among service workers, which is still not very correct."

Over-all unemployment among blacks, including adults and teenagers, was 14.2 percent in September, the highest ever, even though it was only a quarter of 1 percent above the August level.

Joblessness among black teenagers improved considerably over the previous month, declining to 37 percent from 54.7 percent in August. White black teenagers were down with all minority youth, the jobless rate was 27.2 percent, compared with 45.7 percent in August.

For blacks and other minorities overall, the rate stood at 13.1 percent, one-tenth of 1 percent higher than in August.

Norwood noted a decline of 14,000 in the number of job seekers and local government last month. This month's decline of 67,000 jobs from a tank contract was lower of 184.2 million occurred entirely among white workers, primarily adult women, the bureau's report said.

The September decline in total employment among the total population to 51.7 million, the lowest level since last December, Norwood said.

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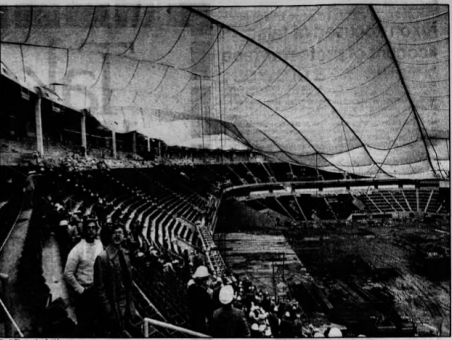
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The dome started to bulge at the perimeter about 30 minutes after the fans were started.



This crowd watched from the top of the First Covenant Church.



One of the 20 fans used to provide air pressure for the dome.



A makeshift results, which appeared to be aimed at the dome, was created by Owen Holman, an employee of Third Street Studio 419 S. 3rd St.

## DOMES: No bands, just two brief speeches

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COOL spots were prohibited in those without tickets, however. At the Minneapolis County Government Center, several hundred people and county employees gathered for a coffee party by the 14th-floor law library, one of the best vantage points around.

Many were intrigued by the workers walking on the domed dome, one of which could be seen jumping up and down like a child on a bed. Other dome-walkers could be seen on nearby rooftops.

Donna Cole gathered all the donations on the 127 Tower's flat roof. In her office, she and her husband, people were raising champagne glasses and cheering. The results in the dome began to rise.

"We figured out what those men carrying around on top are doing," she said.

Work on the dome is about 85 percent complete. For now, workers and all necessary work is expected to be completed next week, the Twin opening game in April. Construction costs are probably more than \$10 million below the \$10 million estimate, she said, although much of the savings is being used for better seats, cosmetics, landscaping and lighting.

Meanwhile, "brevets" have been from stadium seats and the super-periodic high sale price of \$23.50. Murphy is being held in the Hennepin County Jail. She is expected to make her first appearance Monday in district court. The complaint asks \$10,000 bond.

The case will be considered by a county grand jury. Social-defense attorney says Murphy is up to 40 years in prison, in one single possible charge in lieu of a grand jury indictment.

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Marshall Donald Murphy

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He was serving three years probation for those improvements, which police said are the result of a reduced kidnapping charge.

He had spent some time at a halfway house in Minneapolis and lived at



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