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Jobless get good news

Hispanics: Report says minorities in region buck trend

By Rob Varnon
Staff Writer

The unemployment rate for Hispanics declined in the Bridgeport-Stamford region in 2010, but they and other minorities are still overrepresented in the jobless ranks, according to local and national reports.

A new study released by the Economic Policy Institute, a Washington think tank, found that the unemployment rate among Hispanics in Connecticut was the third highest in the nation in 2010, putting Connecticut behind only Nevada and Rhode Island.

But in the Bridgeport-Stamford labor market, unemployment among Hispanics declined 4.1 percent, to 11.5 percent. The rate in Hartford, however, rose to 23.5 percent.

That minorities are struggling to find work didn't surprise members of a job hunting skills class at Career Resources in Bridgeport Wednesday.

Of the seven adults taking the free class, five were minorities.

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Karina Buenano, above, of Bridgeport, and Mike LaRue, of Waterbury, left, attend a "Strive" class for the unemployed Wednesday at Career Resources in Bridgeport. The Workplace Inc. has received grant money to train the unemployed for the health care industry.



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Federal grants: State gets \$10M to train unemployed for health care jobs

By Amanda Cuda
Staff Writer

A key city agency has received a \$5 million federal grant to train unemployed workers for jobs in the health care industry.

Connecticut will receive \$9.9 million in workforce development grants from the U.S. Department of Labor.

The Bridgeport-based agency The Workplace Inc., along with Capitol Workforce Partners in Hartford has received about \$5 million each.

The Workplace will get \$4,936,845 to create the Southwestern Connecticut Health Career Academy, a program that will train participants in health care fields and connect prospective em-

ployees to employers. The agency is also getting more than \$4.8 million from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the same project.

The Workplace coordinates with business leaders and local officials to help address unemployment concerns in the region. Tom

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STEVE JOBS — 1955-2011

Apple's co-founder recalled as visionary

By Tom Abate, James Temple and Casey Newton
San Francisco Chronicle

CUPERTINO, Calif. — Steve Jobs, the iconic Apple co-founder who reshaped the world's digital landscape, died Wednesday, ending a storied career that saw him ousted from the company he co-founded only to return from exile to lead Apple to greater glory with the iPod, iPhone and iPad. He was 56.

Jobs, who stepped down as CEO earlier this year for health-related reasons, had suffered for years from pancreatic cancer and related illnesses and in 2009 underwent a liver transplant. His death was announced by Apple.

"Steve's brilliance, passion and energy were the source of countless innovations that enrich and improve all of our lives. The world is immeasurably better because of Steve," the board of directors said in a statement.

Jobs was considered by many to be the greatest corporate leader of the last half century, and indeed his numerous successes rank him alongside Ford, Disney and Edison as a giant of American business.

He was a taskmaster who demanded the most from his employees — often in expletive-laden bursts — and wasn't afraid to scrap products that didn't meet his expectations. But consumers benefited from his perfectionism, which resulted in beautiful and intuitive products.

Under Jobs, Apple devices helped to change the way consumers buy music, read books and enjoy movies. Jobs himself dragged those industries, sometimes kicking and screaming, into the digital future. The products created during

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Apple CEO Steve Jobs, 56, died Wednesday after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

Jobless rates among minorities

Minorities make up the majority of state residents collecting unemployment in three of nine labor markets.

Labor Market	Rate
Bridgeport-Stamford	62.2%
Danbury	29.1%
Enfield	21.3%
Hartford	53.4%
New Haven	51.8%
Norwich-New London	37.7%
Torrington	18.3%
Waterbury	48.5%
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SOURCE: SECOND QUARTER SURVEY OF UNEMPLOYED, STATE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

LONG ISLAND SOUND

Pesticide blamed for lobster die-off

By Ken Dixon
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HARTFORD — Long Island Sound lobster fishers, grappling with the 12th year of a tragic die-off that threatens the livelihood of the few left in the industry, asked state lawmakers on Wednesday to persuade neighboring New York to change the chemical it uses

to attack mosquitoes.

They are convinced that the pesticide methoprene, which is put in New York storm sewer catch basins to kill mosquitoes that may carry the West Nile virus, is responsible for a late-summer lobster die-off in the western sec-



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Michael Kalamán, a Norwalk lobster fisherman,

tion of the Sound following the rains of Tropical Storm Irene.

"New York is the one at fault," said Roger Frate, a Darien seafood merchant and lobsterman. "This is what we know."

said the people trying to make a living on the Sound know it best. "We love what we do," he said during a meeting attended by about 20 people in the Legislative Office Building. "We're the ultimate stewards of the environment."

Kalamán said the chemical is insidious. "It goes to the bottom like a fog bank

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