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Open for Business

By Rachel Vilsack, December 2010

“Women own one in four businesses in Minnesota, but the number of women-owned firms in the state grew at a surprisingly slow pace in the five years leading up to the recession.”

Closing the Gender Gap

By Teri Fritsma, December 2009

“In the second part of her story on the “he-cession,” writer Teri Fritsma finds that gender differences in unemployment in Minnesota have narrowed in the later stages of the recession.”

Minnesota's He-cession

By Teri Fritsma, September 2009

“Are men bearing the brunt of the economic downturn?”

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Making a Marriage Work in Central Minnesota

By Cameron Macht, January 2010

“Marriage is an institution you can't disparage, at least in central Minnesota. According to data estimates from the 2006 to 2008 American Community Survey (ACS) from the U.S. Census Bureau, the population in the Central Minnesota Planning Region is more likely to be married - and working - than in the rest of the state and nation.”

The Female Factor: Women Workers in the Twin Cities

By Rachel Vilsack, October 2009

“Minnesota has a long history of strong participation rates in the labor force, including among women. In 2008 Minnesota ranked fourth nationwide with its highest labor force participation rate of 67.1 percent. The reasons women work in such large numbers here include higher levels of education, access to child care, and the strong Midwestern work ethic.”