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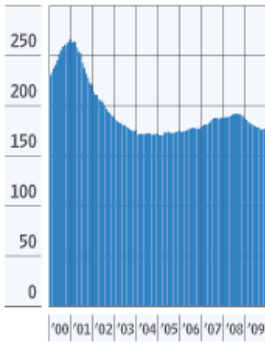
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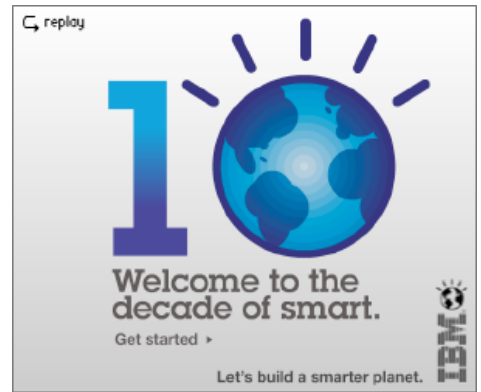
By CARI TUNA

High-tech employment in San Benito and Santa Clara Counties, in thousands



Source: California Employment Development Department

In a positive sign for Silicon Valley, technology-related employment in San Benito and Santa Clara counties is beginning to rebound even as other industries continue shedding jobs. The counties shed 600 workers overall in December, the latest month for which data are available, bringing total employment to 875,700 jobs. But employment in high-tech—including computer, electronics and software makers, computer-systems designers and Internet workers—in those counties rose slightly to 177,752 jobs in December from a September trough of 176,024 jobs, according to the California Employment Development Department. Still, those numbers remain far off the 192,170 high-tech jobs in those counties in August 2008 and an all-time high of 265,958 such jobs in December 2000 during the dot-com frenzy. Christopher Thornberg of Beacon Economics says a recent revival in venture-capital investment, spurred by the credit-market thaw, likely is driving the growth in tech jobs. Cari Tuna



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Apple Inc. CEO Steve Jobs on Wednesday unveiled the iPad, a tablet-style computer that resembles the iPhone, but larger.

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