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Ward closing local store

Site one of 2 in Colorado targeted; 69 jobs at stake

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After 34 years in business on South College Avenue, Montgomery Ward is ready to check out.

Ward's parent company said Friday it will close 48 stores, including the Fort Collins store, as part of a cost-cutting move. Ward's cuts could result in the layoffs of 3,800 employees.

The stores will be shut by the end of the year.

The 66,000-square-foot store at 2201 S. College Ave. opened Nov. 7, 1963. The following year University Mall was built next door.

One other Colorado store is on the Ward hit list: a 120,400-square-foot store at Englewood's Cinderella City mall, which opened just 10 years ago.

Company officials will meet with employees to determine how many will get jobs at other stores. The Fort Collins store employs 69.

Employees who can't stay will receive "shutdown benefits and outplacement assistance as appropriate," Ward said in a news release.

The closures will leave Ward with 294 full-line department stores in 37 states.

On July 7, the 125-year-old pioneer of mail-order cat-

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alogs became the biggest retailer to seek bankruptcy since the famed Macy's chain filed for protection five years ago. Ward began languishing in the '80s as customers went upscale or chose discounters such as Wal-Mart and Target.

The Fort Collins store manager was not allowed to speak to the press, and referred calls to Ward's Chicago headquarters. In a statement, Ward said the 48 stores are "underperforming."

The closing also will leave a large gap in Fort Collins' retail landscape. University Mall is largely vacant and awaiting redevelopment. However, the Ward store is owned separately, and won't be part of the University Mall project.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

U.S. woman, her work to ban mines win Nobel

By **ANNE WALLACE ALLEN**

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An American and her campaign to ban land mines around the world won the

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