

**LV employment rate down .4%;  
Reno's rate jumped 1.5%**

CARSON CITY-- Nevada's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by three-tenths of a percentage point to 8.4 percent in November, pushed upward by a sharp rise in the Reno unemployment rate attributed to the unusually severe winter storm which hit Northern Nevada early in the month.

State Employment Security Dept. Director San Stones said the storm brought construction activity to a standstill and caused a drop in tourism. "The result was

**Will T. West  
dies at 65**

Visitation is scheduled from 5 to 9 p.m. today at the Walton's Sparks Funeral Home for Will T. West, 65, who died Friday in a Reno hospital.

A native of Freeport, La., he was born July 26, 1920, and had lived in Reno since November, coming from Palo Alto, Calif.



Will T. West

He was a self-employed barber, and an Army veteran.

Survivors include a sister, Susie Frlot of Reno; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral is scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home, with burial at Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery.

that a substantial number of people were thrown out of work and the Reno unemployment rate jumped from 6.5 percent in October to 8.0 percent in November, the highest in more than two years," Jones said.

On the other hand, Jones said, the economy improved in the Las Vegas area. "There was a job growth of 1,200 people in November, much more than expected, and the Las Vegas unemployment rate dropped to 8.4 percent in November, compared to 8.8 percent in October," the state job chief said.

In the balance of the state, Lyon County continued to have the highest unemployment rate at 13.9 percent in November, while Lincoln County was low at 5.3 percent. The national rate for the month was 7.0, down from 7.1 the previous month.

Jones said there were 41,500 people unemployed in November, up 3,000 from the previous month. Las Vegas unemployment declined from 24,000 in October to 23,800 in November, but Reno joblessness increased by 2,200 over the month to a total 10,200.

Statewide, there were 450,600 jobs in November, down 200 from the previous month. Thanks to increased hiring in the hotels, gaming and recreation sector in Las Vegas, the service industry statewide showed an over-the-month gain of 900 jobs for a total 198,300. Retail-wholesale trade likewise showed a gain, growing from 90,700 jobs statewide in October to 92,500 in November.

**Hug High captured Carson Classic**

Forward Harlan Hill scored 20 points to lead Hug High School to a 67-64 victory over defending champion Newport Harbor (Calif.) in the championship game of the Capitol Classic at Carson High School Saturday night.

Hill was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Forward Emmett Thigpen scored 15 points for the Hawks, and forward Tony Dillin added 12. Forward John Alstrom led Newport

Harbor with 24 points.

Hug, ranked sixth in the Gazette-Journal's Statewide Super Poll, won its ninth straight game and improved to 11-1.

Newport Harbor dropped to 6-4. The Sailors went 24-4 last year and were ranked third in CIF 4A, but lost all their starters from that team.

"I'm very happy with the way we played," said Newport Harbor coach Tim Parsel. "We lost a little composure at the end.

Otherwise, I think we would have had 'em."

Maurice Lee, Newport Harbor's floor leader, fouled out of the game with three minutes to go.

With Hug leading 64-61, Newport's Jeff Young was called for a technical foul. Hill missed the shot, but Hug retained possession, and Thigpen hit an outside shot for a 66-61 lead.

Joining Hill on the all-tournament team were Thigpen, Lee, Alstrom plus

Ty Croghan and Scott Hudson of Carson, Chris Nielsen of Campolindo (Moraga, Calif.), Scott Hemsath of Douglas, Scott Jasper of Sparks and J.T. Snow of Los Alamitos.

Hudson scored 33 points and Croghan added 13 to rally Carson past Los Alamitos, 77-72, for third place. Mike Borda added nine points for the 3-5 Senators.

Jasper and Eric Martinez each scored 11 points,

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