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## Cheyenne's only video rental store is closing

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CHEYENNE – Name a movie and Ginger Marroquin can tell you whether it is on the shelves at Showtime Video USA.

Take “How the West Was Won,” for example.

Showtime has it. “It’s one copy, a three-pack,” she said.

What about “My Fair Lady?”

“There’s one copy,” she said.

Marroquin is the manager at the video rental store.

She and the store’s six other employees know where movies are located too. They rarely rely on the computer and know the locations by heart.

All that is academic now, though, because Showtime Video USA is closing its doors.

Showtime apparently is Cheyenne’s only video rental store left. Other movie rental stores like Blockbuster, The Movie Gallery and Hollywood Video closed previously.

Showtime Video USA at 3502 Dell Range Blvd. opened in 2003. On Thursday, a sign on the front door told customers about the closing.

“We are all sorry to be leaving you all. We have enjoyed serving the Cheyenne community,” it read in part.

Thursday was the last day to rent a movie there.

The store will stay open, though, to sell its extensive collection of movies. The closing date is not known, but it could be in October.

Showtime offered a feast for hungry movie fans. It stocked 14,000

DVDs and 7,000 VHS tapes.

Marroquin helped opened the Cheyenne store in 2003.

“There are a lot of good friends and good acquaintances” made with customers, she added.

Marroquin is not sure why the store is closing. She said she thinks the change in how people rent videos – like using Redbox and renting online and on demand – played a part.

Owner Shannon Wood could not be reached Thursday or Friday for comment.

Changes in the way people rent movies hastened the end of the other movie rental stores in Cheyenne and across the country.

“We’re seeing a lot of the brick-and-mortar stores closing their doors,” said Sean Bersell, vice president of public affairs for Entertainment Merchants Association.

Closures occur for a variety of reasons, he said Friday from his office in Los Angeles.

“The macro trend here is that the video rental business is moving rapidly from a pure brick-and-mortar to a more diversified set of delivery systems,” he said.

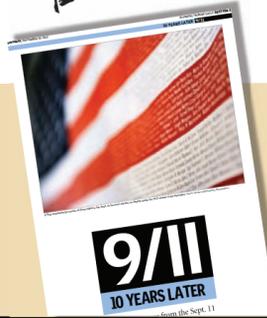
Video rental has always been about convenience and value, Bersell said.

“The rentals remain an important part of the overall video business,” Bersell said. “What is changing is where people are renting.”

People now rent from subscriptions services – like Netflix – where movies come through the mail. Consumers also rent at kiosks like Redbox that

**SHOWTIME VIDEO USA AT 3502 DELL RANGE BLVD., WILL SELL ITS EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF 14,000 DVDS AND 7,000 VHS TAPES BEFORE CLOSING ITS DOORS.**

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## SEPT. 11 SPECIAL SECTION INSIDE

# A CHANGED AMERICA



## SEPT. 11 HAS MADE AN INDELIBLE IMPACT ON THE AMERICAN PSYCHE

By David Goldstein  
McClatchy Newspapers

The day began in crystalline sunlight and endlessly blue skies, but soon whipsawed into a decade of war, economic meltdown and deep political division.

Ten years after Islamic terrorists hijacked passenger jets and crashed them into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, the America that emerged from the smoke and rubble was in some ways a very different country.

How different?

First, a story: It’s said that when President Richard Nixon made his groundbreaking visit to Communist China in 1972, he asked Premier Zhou Enlai what he thought about the French Revolution.

It’s unclear if Zhou thought Nixon was asking about the political upheaval of 1789 or the Paris student demonstrations just four years earlier. In any case, he replied: “Too soon to tell.”

It might be too soon to fully understand

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## Hurricane blows away N.J. casinos' revenues

Hurricane Irene took a historic chunk of the Atlantic City casinos' revenue last month: The nearly 20 percent decline was the biggest monthly plunge in the 33-year history of the nation's second-largest gambling market.

The storm forced the city's 11 casinos to close for three days, causing an estimated \$45 million worth of lost business during what would have been one of the busiest weekends of the year. The year-over-year numbers also were hurt by the fact that there was one fewer Sunday this August compared with August 2010.

The \$278.8 million the gambling halls took in was down 19.8 percent.

## Hair extension business riles feathers of animal-rights group

A Boulder, Colo., company that sells popular feather hair extensions faces a legal challenge from an animal-rights group.

The Daily Camera newspaper reports Friday that People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals filed a false-advertising complaint against the company Fine Featherheads. The company's website says the feathers used for the hair accessories are from “cage-free” roosters that are “treated ethically.”

## Restaurant sues over “carcass removal” phone book listing

A Montana restaurant listed in the phone book under “Animal Carcass Removal” became the butt of a Jay Leno joke earlier this year, but it's no laughing matter to the owner now suing the publishing company over the business he's lost.

Hunter Lacey says in his lawsuit that business at his Bar 3 Bar-B-Q restaurants in Bozeman and nearby Belgrade has dropped off since the Dex Media Inc. listing and that his brand and reputation have gone down the tubes.

The listing first appeared in 2009 in the yellow pages of Dex's telephone book under the “Animal Carcass Removal” section.

**Weather**  
Records: 87 (1998)  
32 (1929)

**Avg:**  
74  
46

**7149**

Mostly sunny,  
mild and very nice.  
Staying dry

**Colorado Lottery**

Cash 5: 12, 20, 21, 23, 27  
Mega Millions: 7, 12, 19, 23, 31, 45

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