



The 4th Annual Ride for Freedom, Freedom to Ride (Sober) Motorcycle Ride participants gather at Pappy and Harriet's in Pioneer Town, Calif., May 18.

Combat Center hosts 4th Annual Freedom to Ride

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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The 4th Annual Ride for Freedom, Freedom to Ride (Sober) Motorcycle Ride took place aboard the Combat Center, on May 18. The event was held in an effort to spread awareness for safe and sober riding.

The ride began in front of the Protestant Chapel aboard the Combat Center, where a safety brief and prayer was conducted by Bill Smith, base drug demand reductionist prior to riding.

"One of the reasons we do this is to take a long, sober drive to go out and have a good time," Smith said. "It gives new riders a chance to ride safely in a pack and show them how to navigate the area. It's like 101 Days of Summer—except sober!"

The riders convoyed to Pappy and Harriet's in Pioneertown, Calif. where they enjoyed lunch together.

Carleen Dickson, alcohol prevention specialist, has had a large part in the organization of the event for the

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Bill Smith, Combat Center drug demand reductionist, gets participants of the 4th Annual Ride for Freedom, Freedom to Ride (Sober) Motorcycle Ride ready to return to the installation after having lunch at Pappy and Harriet's in Pioneer Town, Calif., May 18.

ITX 3-18: HMH-464 Conducts Aerial Transport

PHOTOS BY CPL. KOBY SAUNDERS



Marines with 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 7th Marine Regiment board a CH-53E Super Stallion during Integrated Training Exercise 3-18 aboard the Combat Center, May 18. ITX is a large-scale, combined-arms training exercise intended to produce combat-ready forces capable of operating as an integrated Marine Air Ground Task Force.



Lance Cpl. Anthony Ramos, with 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 7th Marine Regiment, prepares a CH-53E Super Stallion for take-off during Integrated Training Exercise 3-18 aboard the Combat Center, May 18.



Marines with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 464 observe CH-53E Super Stallions during Integrated Training Exercise 3-18 aboard the Combat Center, April 27.



Marines with 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 7th Marine Regiment board a CH-53E Super Stallion during Integrated Training Exercise 3-18 aboard the Combat Center, May 18.

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Marine Corps' Top Shot

Every week, thousands of fans cast their votes for the best photograph posted on the Corps' Facebook page. This week's top shot comes from Lance Cpl. Angel D. Travis.



Marines with Black Sea Rotational Force 18.1 advance to their objective during a patrolling exercise (PEX) at U.S. Army base Nova Selo Forward Operating Site, Bulgaria, May 10. PEX enhances platoon readiness and increases the ability to conduct patrols at the squad level.



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‘Grubstake Days’ kick off today

YUCCA VALLEY - When this desert community celebrates its 23rd annual Grubstake Days, beginning today and continuing through Memorial Day weekend, the top attraction of the three-day program will be the parade, kicking off at 10:30 tomorrow morning.

Starting at the Yucca Valley Post Office, the parade boasts a huge number of participants,

including the Force Troops Band.

For sports-minded fans, the weekend of fun offers a golf tournament at the Blue Skies Country Club's 18-hole course, the Yucca Valley Ebonite Regional Professional Bowler's Association open tournament, scheduled at Yucca Bowl Lanes, and a rodeo

at Jellystone Park, in Yucca Valley.

Square dances will be featured tonight and tomorrow at the high school here, and the local Elks Lodge is sponsoring a public dance tomorrow night.

The theater-minded can choose between "Oliver" at the Joshua Tree Cabaret Theater and "Grubstake

Gladys In The Yukon" in Yucca Valley.

Desert artists will exhibit their works in an art show to be held at Clark Art Center in the Ideal Mall tomorrow, and on Sunday, visitors may tour Hi-Desert gardens.

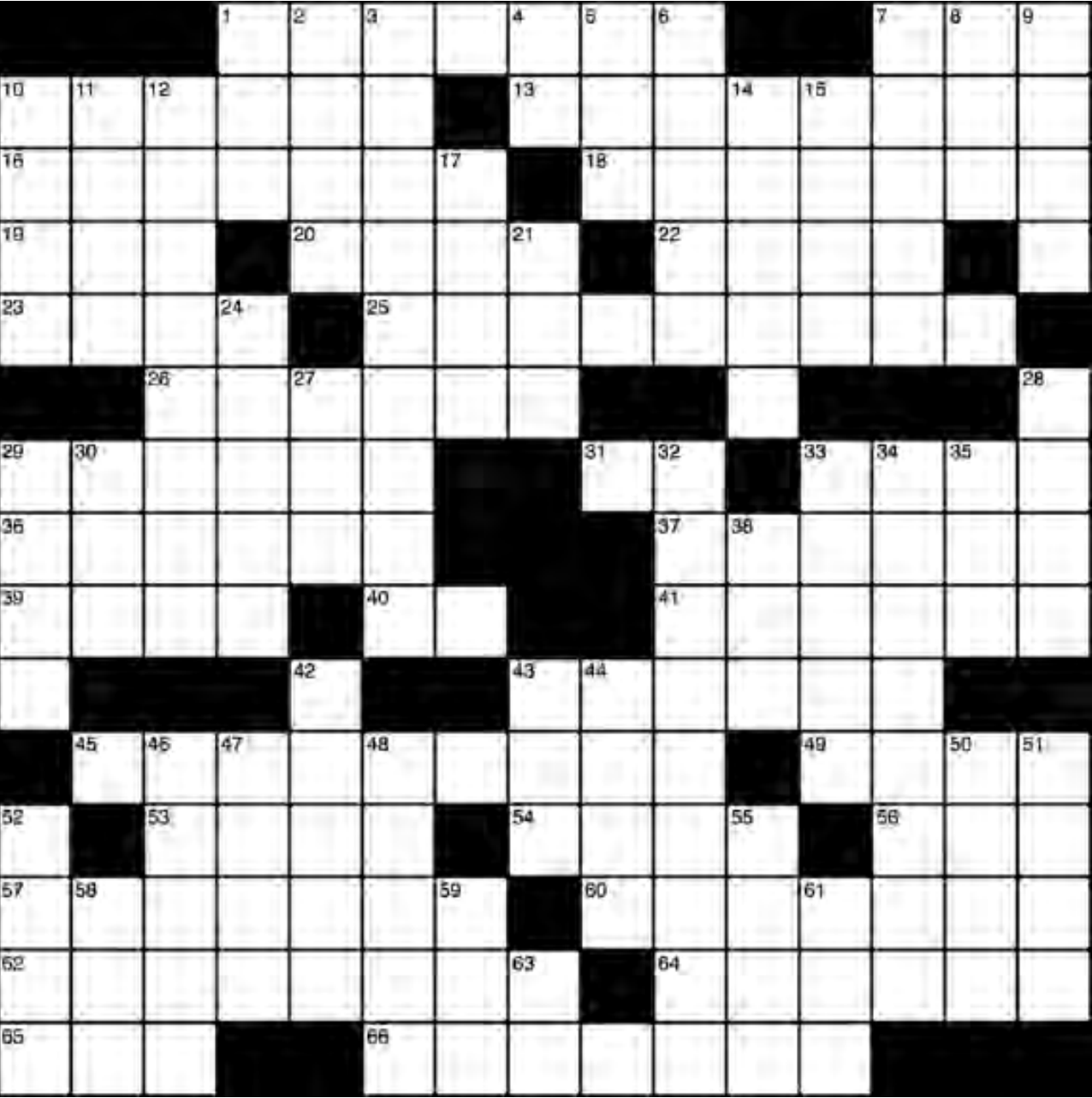
Tomorrow morning from 7 to 11, the Lions Club will host a breakfast at Callahan's Restaurant.

Other Grubstake Days activ-

ities include a Beard Contest, and the announcement of the new 1973 Honorary Sheriff of Yucca Valley. There will be a carnival with rides and booths behind the Alamo Market, open all three days from 10 a.m. to midnight.

Yucca Valley's 23rd annual Grubstake Days promises to be a weekend of fun in the Hi-Desert.

CROSSWORD



- Across**
1. Short piece of drapery placed across the top of a bed frame.
7. Clear tables at a restaurant.
10. Distensible membranous sac containing liquid or gas.
13. Sudden violent happening.
16. Force by which any body is driven.
18. Outer portion of any place.
19. Be and remain in a particular state.
20. Get by acting quickly and smartly.
22. Remove.
23. Use acid to cut into a surface.
25. Single-humped camel.
26. Scorching with heat.
29. Wide street.
31. 16th letter of the Greek alphabet.
33. Two items of the same kind.
36. Mythical female beings who enticed sailors to their deaths with a seductive song.
37. Farm machine that gathers a food crop from the fields.
39. Not difficult.
40. Conforming to truth.
41. Annul an existing law.
43. Someone who works on a ship.
45. Rich, soft, creamy French cheese.
49. Comprehensive Japanese word for "diety" meaning "above."
53. Supernatural power believed to be certain persons.
54. Less than average tide occurring at the first and third quarters of the moon.
- Down**
1. Compete for something.
2. Book in the New Testament.
3. Washer woman.
4. Used to express refusal.
5. Small, wide-mouthed container used for drinking.
6. Musical composition featuring a particular technique.
7. White heath of southern Europe, the woody root of which is used in making tobacco pipes.
8. Put to a purpose.
9. Short projection.
10. Disgusting.
11. Discharge.
12. Things that cause worry.
14. Something braided.
15. Yoke.
17. Long, lightweight rectangle of fine cloth that becomes a normal dress.
21. Man of such superior qualities that he seems like a diety to others.
24. Sweet, yellow liquid produced by bees.
27. Allow a line to feed freely.
28. Feathered barb.
29. Direction of the sea.
30. By way of.
32. Easily annoyed.
33. Aquatic Central and South American opossum.
34. Performed surgery on.
35. Large New Zealand parrot.
38. Nickname for a New Englander.
42. Marvel Comics supervillain.
44. Total range in which a taxon may be found.
46. Spiritless.
47. Man.
48. Sleight of hand.
50. Form of the possessive case of "I" used as a predicate adjective.
51. Cooled by means of ice.
52. Magical power.
55. Structure extending out into the water from the shore.
58. Abbreviation for representative.
59. _ Ming, tallest player in the NBA.
61. Danish for "shred."
63. Acronym for Dollar Amount of Insurance.

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3rd LAR Marine awarded Navy and Marine Corps Medal



Lance Cpl. Tucker Watson-Veal, scout, 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, accepts his award citation for the Navy and Marine Corps Medal during a ceremony at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field aboard the Combat Center, Thursday. Watson-Veal was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal after rescuing a drowning person from rapid currents while on leave in 2016.



Lance Cpl. Tucker Watson-Veal, scout, 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, stands before Lt. Col. John S. Kinitz, commanding officer, 3rd LAR, and Sgt. Maj. Luis M. Ortega, sergeant major, 3rd LAR, during a ceremony at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field aboard the Combat Center, Thursday.



Lt. Col. John S. Kinitz, commanding officer, 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, awards Lance Cpl. Tucker Watson-Veal, scout, 3rd LAR the Navy and Marine Corps Medal during a ceremony at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field aboard the Combat Center, Thursday.

Sgt. Maj. Luis M. Ortega, sergeant major, 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, addresses the battalion after an award ceremony for Lance Cpl. Tucker Watson-Veal, scout, 3rd LAR, who was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field aboard the Combat Center, Thursday.



Lance Cpl. Tucker Watson-Veal, scout, 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, stands next to Lt. Col. John S. Kinitz, commanding officer, 3rd LAR, as he addresses the battalion after a ceremony at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field aboard the Combat Center, Thursday.



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Parade of ships

Photos by Lance Cpl. Heather Atherton



Marines and sailors with Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Fleet Week New York man the rails of USS Arlington (LPD 24) to commemorate the beginning of Fleet Week New York, Wednesday.



Lance Cpl. Raul Melchor with Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Fleet Week New York mans the rails of USS Arlington (LPD 24) to commemorate the beginning of Fleet Week New York, Wednesday. Fleet Week NYC is an opportunity for the American public to meet their Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard teams and experience America's sea services.



Marines and sailors with Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Fleet Week New York man the rails of USS Arlington (LPD 24) to commemorate the beginning of Fleet Week New York, Wednesday.



Marines and sailors with the Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Fleet Week New York render honors as they pass Freedom Tower, One World Trade Center, aboard USS Arlington (LPD 24) to commemorate the beginning of Fleet Week New York, Wednesday.



Marines and sailors with Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Fleet Week New York salute the Statue of Liberty from the deck of USS Arlington (LPD 24) to commemorate the beginning of Fleet Week New York, Wednesday.

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It happens from time to time; a Marine returns from unit physical training only to realize they left their wallet or ID at the track. What should they do when they return to find their item missing?

Fortunately, the Provost Marshal's Office offers a Lost and Found program for Combat Center personnel, residents and guests who have lost an important item or are trying to return valuable property to its owner.

It is important for person-

nel to know that the Lost and Found is here and they can drop off missing valuables with the Desk Sergeant. Those same items can be retrieved from the Physical Security department. For those turning in items, the Desk Sergeant is present 24/7 in bldg. 1407. For those looking to reclaim a lost object, Physical Security is available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The majority of items turned into our office are credit/debit cards, driver licenses, wallets,

meal cards and even room keys. Occasionally, items such as jewelry and electronics are turned into our office, but may be damaged or even inoperable. Additionally, Marine Corps Community Services and the Commissary turns over Lost and Found items on a monthly basis.

If you see something missing and don't know what to do with it, please turn it into the Desk Sergeant. Items that will not be accepted are the following: clothing, disposable

objects, and anything considered to be of no value. Weapons and knives are turned into the Criminal Investigation Division for screening and then are disposed of properly.

The process for claiming an item(s) simply requires the owner to describe in detail any distinguishing markings or features. Showing a picture ID or marking the item with a name and contact information can accelerate the process for reclaiming property.

For more information on the PMO's Lost and Found program and services, contact the Physical Security Office at 760-830-4561 or 760-830-5457.

*Note: Any Common Access Cards (CAC) that are turned in are immediately submitted to the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) office in bldg. 1551. Any items that are not reclaimed within 45 days of receipt will be disposed of properly, so be sure to contact us as soon as possible.

Where is it?

Who has it?

How do I get it back?



Have you seen it?

Where did I lose it?

I really need it!

Provost Marshal's Office talks about crime prevention

The Provost Marshal's Office would like to remind all its residents to properly secure their vehicles, residences, and workspaces. If you are a victim of theft or see any suspicious activity in your area, please notify the Provost Marshal's Office at 760-830-6800.

To help avoid vehicle thefts, here are some examples of items to not leave in your vehicle: purse, jewelry, medication, money, iPods or other electronic devices and keys.

The Physical Security Department has Child Identification Kits to record your children's fingerprints. If you would like a Child Identification Kit, please contact the Physical Security Department at 760-830-5457.

According to Combat Center Order 1630.6a, the introduction, possession, or use of any firearm, weapon, ammunition, explosive, pyrotechnic, or chemical agent is prohibited aboard base unless

specifically authorized.

Weapons may be permitted on base if they are registered with PMO. The term weapon includes firearms, air guns, BB guns, knives with a blade longer than 4 inches, martial arts weapons, and bows and arrows. The weapon does not need to be present in order to register it aboard base however, documentation depicting ownership is required.

To register a weapon, visit the Visitor Center at bldg. 901 or call 760-830-6794. Weapons can be registered anytime Monday - Friday from 5:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Appointments can be scheduled Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. For any Command Access Card holders, you can request SharePoint access to register online at <http://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff/G7-Mission-Assurance/Provost-Marshall/Vehicle-Registration/>.



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Sgt. Maj. Kasal passes on the sword of office

STORY BY SGT. TIMOTHY VALERO

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - Marines, sailors and guests gathered for the relief and appointment ceremony of Sgt. Maj. Bradley Kasal and Sgt. Maj. James Porterfield on the parade field aboard Camp Pendleton, May 18.

Kasal, who was appointed I Marine Expeditionary Force Sergeant Major in 2015, relinquished the sword of office to Porterfield, whose previous billet was sergeant major of 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.

“It is critical to have a great turnover because, as Marines, we want to hand it over in better condition— everything from our gear, our weapons, our facilities and most importantly our people,” Kasal said. “The better turn over I can do to set my replacement, Sgt. Maj. Porterfield, up for success, it will help those Marines and sailors who are the backbone of what we do every day here at I MEF.”

The position of sergeant major is important to ensuring good order and discipline in the Marines of the command while serving as a leader and an advi-

sor to the commander.

“One of the most important things the sergeant major brings to the table is to be the advocate for all of the 53,000 Marines and sailors within the MEF,” Kasal said. “While the Marines are out there doing their jobs of training and preparing to fight our nation’s enemy, they need me to be the one advocating for policies that might affect them and helping contribute to training and readiness, so the Marines can concentrate on their job.”

Porterfield said he is honored to hold his position and knows his experiences have prepared him to be the voice and advocate of the Marines and sailors of I MEF.

“Throughout my career I have had diverse opportunities and billets which helped shape me for who I am today along with some exceptional mentors and guidance throughout my time,” Porterfield said. “All of these [experiences] coming together over the 29 years has been my secret to success.”

With his years of experience, Porterfield looks forward to leading the Marines and sailors of I MEF into the future.



CPL. JACOB FARBO
Lt. Gen. Lewis Craparotta, left, the I Marine Expeditionary Force commanding general, and Sgt. Maj. Bradley Kasal, the outgoing I Marine Expeditionary Force sergeant major, embrace following the conclusion of a relief and appointment ceremony aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 18. Sgt. Maj. James Porterfield replaced Kasal as I MEF sergeant major. Kasal served as the I MEF sergeant major since 2015 and is retiring from the Marine Corps after 34 years of service.

“I am both honored and humbled to continue to lead the legacy of I MEF,” Porterfield said. “Throughout our history I MEF has been the warfighting organization that our country and nation has leaned on.”

Porterfield wants the Marines and sailors to remember the commitment they made to the Marine Corps as he takes his position as I MEF sergeant major.

“I want all the Marines and sailors to continue to live up to our core values of honor, courage and commitment,” Porterfield said. “More importantly, to take care of each other both on and off duty and not just have a bystander mentality, because we need to make sure we truly protect what we have earned.”

As Kasal relinquishes the sword of office to Porterfield

and prepares to retire, he leaves a message for the Marines and sailors of I MEF.

“I want every Marine and sailor to understand they enlisted for a reason and a purpose,” Kasal said. “That purpose was to do something better, to swear to support and defend the constitution, and to be a part of something greater. I ask the Marines and sailors to always be proud of that.”



CPL. JACOB FARBO
Sgt. Maj. Bradley Kasal, the outgoing I Marine Expeditionary Force sergeant major, salutes Lt. Gen. Lewis Craparotta, the I MEF commanding general, before relinquishing the sword of office during a relief and appointment ceremony aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 18.



LANCE CPL. CLARE MCINTIRE
Lt. Gen. Lewis Craparotta, center, the I Marine Expeditionary Force commanding general, awards Sgt. Maj. Bradley Kasal, the outgoing I MEF sergeant major, the Legion of Merit during a relief and appointment ceremony aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 18.



CPL. JACOB FARBO
The color guard marches forward for the playing of the national anthem during the I Marine Expeditionary Force sergeant major relief and appointment ceremony aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 18. Sgt. Maj. James Porterfield replaced Sgt. Maj. Bradley Kasal as I MEF sergeant major.



LANCE CPL. CLARE MCINTIRE
Sgt. Maj. Bradley Kasal, the outgoing I Marine Expeditionary Force sergeant major, salutes during the playing of the national anthem during a relief and appointment ceremony aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 18.

Navy Capt. Dwight Horn, center, the I Marine Expeditionary Force chaplain, gives the opening invocation during the I MEF sergeant major relief and appointment ceremony aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 18.



Sgt. Maj. Bradley Kasal, the outgoing I Marine Expeditionary Force sergeant major, gives remarks during a relief and appointment ceremony aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 18.

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Friday — May 25
5:00 p.m. — Thor: Ragnarok (Free Admission), PG -13
8:00 p.m. — Avengers: Infinity War (3-D), PG-13
11:30 p.m. — American Sniper (Free Admission), R

Saturday — May 26
10:00 a.m. — Mulan (Free Admission), G
12:00 p.m. — Rampage, PG-13
2:30 p.m. — Blockers, R
5:00 p.m. — Truth or Dare, PG-13
7:10 p.m. — I Feel Pretty, PG-13
9:30 p.m. — Super Troopers 2, R
11:30 p.m. — Hacksaw Ridge (Free Admission), R

Sunday — May 27
12:30 p.m. — Super Troopers 2, R
3:00 p.m. — Avengers: Infinity War (3-D), PG-13
6:30 p.m. — Traffik, R
8:30 p.m. — Truth or Dare, PG-13

Monday — May 28
11:30 a.m. — Avengers: Infinity War (3-D), PG-13
3:00 p.m. — 13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi (Free Admission), R
6:00 p.m. — Dunkirk (Free Admission), PG-13

Tuesday — May 29
6:30 p.m. — I Feel Pretty, PG-13

Wednesday — May 30
6:30 p.m. — Blockers (Last Showing), R

Thursday — May 31
6:30 p.m. — Rampage (Last Showing), PG-13

Friday — June 1
5:00 p.m. — Avengers: Infinity War, PG-13
8:30 p.m. — Traffik, R
10:40 p.m. — Super Troopers 2, R

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