

'Avengers: Infinity War'

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The movie that has been in the making for over 10 years is now in theaters: "Avengers: Infinity War." Marvel Studios and Disney have produced 18 previous Marvel films to develop the storyline and characters for each of the superheroes. After two earlier Avengers movies, all the Marvel characters come together in one epic film.

All the Avengers and their allies must be willing to sacrifice everything to stop Thanos from destroying half of the universe. The movie is co-directed by Joe and Anthony Russo, who previously directed Marvel's "Captain America" franchise. This is the type of movie that has so many surprises that cannot be discussed in a review. When you see the movie, do not talk about it to anyone who has not seen it. As with most Marvel movies, except for "Captain America," the special effects are over the top and the battle scenes are larger-than-life. The movie was made for an estimated budget of \$300 to \$400 million dollars, but with the box office success of the other 18 Marvel movies this is not much of a risk for Disney Studios. "Avengers: Infinity War" is predicted to make over \$1.2 billion worldwide.

Mickey Mouse is laughing all the way to the bank with Goofy and the seven dwarfs pushing the wheelbarrows full of money.

The star-studded cast (Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Zoe Saldana, Scarlett Johansson, Don Cheadle, etc.) and all the action in the film, will make you feel like you did when you attended your first smorgasbord. There is so much to see and consume, you can't possibly take it all in. This is a movie that you will want to see more than once. It has been a long time since I could hear a pin drop at the end of a movie. "The Sixth Sense" (1999) was that film. As with all other Marvel movies, stay for the end credits to finish before leaving the theater, for there is one more scene. That is the only spoiler alert I will share with you.

Disney is marketing the movie as "The End of the End" but it is really the "End of the Beginning."

"Avengers: Infinity War" is rated PG-13 for intense sequences of sci-fi violence and action throughout, language and some crude references. The total running time is 2 hours and 29 minutes.

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<p>May 4</p> <p>SUSPENSE!</p> <p>A surprise special guest.</p> <p>Come to find out!</p>	<p>May 11</p> <p>If music be the food of love?</p> <p>DREW PRICE-JOHNSON can explain it. His knowledge and talent will inspire you.</p>
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It's May, it's May, the month of "Yes, you may" - Songwriters, Lerner and Loewe

Lafayette Rotary Club

Step in on a Thursday and join us for our lunch meeting.

Thursday at noon Oakwood Athletic Club, 4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette.

<p>May 3:</p> <p>Niroop Srivatsa:</p> <p>Planning & Building Director</p> <p>What's Happening in Town</p>	<p>May 10:</p> <p>Thomas Fuller:</p> <p>SF Bay Area Bureau Chief</p> <p>for the New York Times</p>
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How to Generate Leads from your Website - 6 to 7:30 p.m. on May 9 at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Homework Center. Your website is the center of all marketing efforts, and should communicate how you serve your customers. Registrants can submit their website to Thomas Petty (thomaspetty.com/contact-us) for possible selection for mini-review during class. Register at <http://www.lafayettechamber.org/workshops/>.

"How to Talk with your Kids About Race" - a panel discussion from 7 to 9 p.m. on May 9 at the Community Hall of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center will be hosted by Pacific Coast Psychiatric Associates. Tickets are available at www.pcpasf.com/events and seating is limited. Everyone is welcome and snacks will be provided.

The 2018 Moraga Community Faire and Car Show will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 12 at the town's Rheem Valley Shopping Center - offering a wonderful opportunity for a "family fun day." Kid's Zone activities include pony rides, climbing wall, bounce house and basketball shoots. Grab a quick lunch at the food trucks, relax with a glass of local wine or beer and check out the over 70 amazing classic cars. Introduce yourself to over 50 local artists, business and organizations. Live entertainment will be presented all afternoon from the Saint Mary's Jazz Band to local Battle of the Bands winners. For more information, visit www.moragachamber.org/faire.

Lafayette Hiking Group Chinatown and Oakland murals hike meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 12. Meet inside the Lafayette BART station at 9:30 a.m. - bring Clipper Card and lunch money. Visit Oakland's Chinatown, and see a range of murals in Oakland's Chinatown and Downtown/Uptown. We will take BART to Lake Merritt station, and return from 19th Street BART. Visit Oakland's Chinatown, and see a range of murals in Oakland's Chinatown and Downtown/Uptown. Questions? Email LafayetteHiking@comcast.net.

Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church in conjunction with the American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 12. To register: redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code "MVPC". 10 Moraga Valley Ln., Moraga. (925) 376-4800; mvpctoday.org.

Taste of Lafayette from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 15 begins at the Bank of the West building with more than 20 restaurants participating for the stroll. A hosted wine and beer reception starts at 5:30 p.m. and the "stroll" begins at 6:30 p.m. when ticket holders head out at their own pace with friends to stop at any or all of the participating restaurants for sampling. Tickets available at www.lafayettechamber.org.

Lafayette Juniors 19th Annual Kitchen Tour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 19. Tour six beautiful Lafayette homes for a great cause, with masterfully designed unique, elegant, and awe-inspiring kitchens. The Tour benefits No One Left Behind, Girls Inc., City Slicker Farms, White Pony Express and Contra Costa Crisis

Center. Tickets are \$50 (\$45 tax deductible), box lunch available for \$15. Purchase tickets at www.lafayettejuniors.org or Premier Kitchens in Lafayette.

Dogtown Downtown, from 9:30 a.m. to noon on May 19 at Lafayette Plaza Park. The event starts in the Lafayette Library and Learning Center outdoor pavilion with Downward-Dog Yoga followed by a Police Escorted Doggie Parade from the Lafayette Library and Learning Center up Golden Gate Way to Lafayette Plaza at 10 a.m. At the Plaza enjoy demonstrations, exhibits, marketing and swag. Contests include Looks Most Like Owner; Best Costume; and Best Team Trick, (register your pet for the contests at the Library Plaza beginning at 9 a.m.). Dogs must be social, friendly and on leash at all times. <http://www.lafayettechamber.org/events/dogtown-downtown/>

Come celebrate diversity and promote our unity at Soul Food Lamorinda from 2 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 20 at the Intercultural Center at Saint Mary's College. Soul Food Lamorinda is a free Baha'i-inspired program that combines an audio-visual presentation with readings from various faiths, philosophers and leaders, allowing us to reflect on inspiring themes and reminding us of the oneness of humanity. This month's program, "Planet Dreams" will explore the unity and diversity of the human family, and how this can be celebrated and encouraged through a collective vision. Free. For more info: www.meetup.com/Soul-Food-Lamorinda/

Lafayette Chamber is having a mixer 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23 at Premier Kitchens

3373 Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette. Free to members and those interested on becoming a member.

The City of Orinda is hosting a Pan-Asian Arts Festival this Memorial Day weekend, May 26 and 27 at the Orinda Community Center and Orinda Library. The two-day celebration, part of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, is free of charge and features programs for all ages. The festivities include a Chinese lion dance, Asian art exhibits, Bollywood dancing, Japanese animated films, Henna hand painting, Gamelan dance, food trucks and Mochi-making. More information and a full schedule of events is available at <http://friendsoftheorindalibrary.org/2018/04/03/pan-asian-arts-festival/>

Wine Tasting to Benefit Family Builders from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on May 31 at Wine Thieves - 3401 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Cost: \$40. Ticket Purchase: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-builders-wine-tasting-benefit-tickets-44393389824>

SENIORS

Sons in Retirement Lamorinda Branch 174 lunch meeting at 11 a.m. on May 9 at Holy Trinity Culture Center 1700 School Street, Moraga, will feature guest speaker Giorgio Tavecchio (The Raiders's kicker. A Campolindo and Cal graduate. Local boy makes good). For attendance and membership info, call Tyler at (925) 963-5741 or visit www.branch174.sirinc2.org.

The 19th annual Three-quarter Century Club luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16 at the

Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. Orinda residents 75 years and over will enjoy guest speaker Dr. Walter Bortz, Stanford Gerontologist, speaking about enjoying a higher quality of life while aging. For reservations contact John Fazel, runmnts@prodigy.net; (925) 324-207.

Contra Costa County Community Warning System - How to Receive Emergency Notifications by Vincent Martinez, Senior Emergency Planning Coordinator from 10:30 a.m. to noon on May 24 in the Cedar Room, Lafayette Community Center. Contra Costa's Community Warning System (CWS) is an all-hazards integrated system designed to warn and inform residents about an emergency or disaster and the protective action residents need to take to stay safe. Learn about the various methods of notification and how to register to receive them. Free.

GARDEN

The Lafayette Garden Club will hold its first garden tour in many years from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at a series of five unique, private gardens in Lamorinda. The tour, "Artful Gardens," also will include a pop-up market and a plant sale. The tour can give you good ideas of what you might want to do in your garden, to learn about new plants, and to have a fun day out with friends and family. The pop-up market, will offer a wide selection from local artisans featuring jewelry, ceramics, botanical art and specialty food items. The plant sale will include specimens propagated by club members. Tickets cost \$40, or \$35 each when four or more are purchased. lafayettegardenclub.com.

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