

Harry Potter Madness Strikes Double

Massive lineup of wizard-related events

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With "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" grossing almost \$45 million in a single day last week, Harry Potter mania could be said to be in full swing. The film's midnight release set a record for a Wednesday premiere and was the fifth-largest opening day in movie history overall.

This movie madness sets the stage for strike two: the release of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hal-

lowes," author J.K. Rowling's wildly anticipated final book in her series of seven.

Sales for "The Deathly Hallows" are 17 percent ahead of the pre-orders for the previous book released two summers ago. The series has sold more than 325 million copies since the first volume, "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone," was quietly published in 1997.

Much of Bloomsbury's profit in recent years has come from the series, so the publisher is under pressure to find new sources of revenue as this major piece of its empire draws to a close. The company has capitalized on the success of Harry Potter movies, computer games and other products in years without a new release by is-



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Harry Potter fans line up at Lloyd Cinemas last week for the midnight release of "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix." Many fans of the series of books and movies dressed up for a costume contest at the theater.

suing paperback editions or translations.

Bloomsbury intends to extend that strategy with a paperback edition a year from now, but in the meantime fans can participate fully in Pottermania with several events happening this weekend at independent bookstores throughout Portland:

In Other Words Bookstore, 8 N.E. Killingsworth St., hosts a book-release party Friday from 8 p.m. to

midnight. Rock and Roll Camp for Girls bands will play for a \$5 suggested donation.

Broadway Books, 1714 N.E. Broadway St., hosts a midnight book-release party beginning Friday, July 20 at 11 p.m., featuring games, trivia, fortune telling, photos and sorting into Hogwarts School's four houses.

Festivities will be held on Friday at 10 p.m. at **Powell's City of Books**,

Powell's on Hawthorne and **Powell's Books** at Cedar Hills Crossing. Books will be available at precisely one minute past midnight.

Annie Blooms Book's, 7834 S.W. Capitol Hwy., will celebrate the midnight release beginning at 10 p.m. on Friday with a costume runway, fairground games like ring toss and horseshoes, a trivia contest and an area for displaying your Harry Potter art.

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Dear Deanna!

I was at the movies and saw my friend's fiancée with another man. I understand that people have trust and free reign in their relationships but this wasn't normal. She was holding his hand and acting as if they were in love. I've been asked to be the best man in their wedding and now I'm stuck in this situation. I don't know if I should tell him she may be cheating or should I mind my business and bow out of the wedding. What should I do? --*Ex Best Man; Paoli, PA*

Dear Best Man:

You should go ahead and spill the beans so that you and others can possibly save some money. If you spend money on attire for the wedding and the bride is already cheating, they'll be headed for divorce soon. With true friendship comes loyalty and you should do what a woman would do. Call your friend or take him to lunch and tell him what you saw. Your conscience will be clear and he has the opportunity to make a decision and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

My friends are out of control. I'm afraid to be with them because they are getting bad reputations. We were at a house party and they had sex with a group of guys. The next day gossip was so bad

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in our town that our families we're fighting because of rumors. I didn't do anything at the party but now that my name is out there, I cut the friends loose. They're mad at me and call me a traitor. How do I handle this because they're my friends and I miss them? --*Anonymous; Tampa, FL*

Dear Anonymous:

The decision you make depends on what you want in life. If you want to be viewed as having loose morals, no class and a bad reputation, your current friends can make that happen. Your friends and lifestyle are a direct reflection of your character which will affect your employment and all of your relationships. If you want a good life with decency and respect keep the current friends at arms length, find some new ones and call it a day.

Dear Deanna!

I'm a newlywed and I feel depressed now that I'm finally married. It seems as if the excitement

is gone and my husband is different than when he was a boyfriend. He always tells me that he gave me what I wanted and to move on to something else. The dates, gifts and spontaneous things have disappeared and it feels like I got a lot of work in return. Is this normal for a new bride or am I setting my expectations too high? --*Sad New Bride; Oklahoma City, OK*

Dear New Bride:

You wanted to be married when you wanted to be married and your boyfriend went along with your demands to make you happy. Instead of pressuring him, you should've let things flow and allowed him to get comfortable with the idea before taking the leap. You can renew the spark in your relationship by taking the lead with creativity, a lot of love and focus on goals and the future. Keep your husband involved and you'll see him coming around slowly but surely.

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Health Care in the Park

The local community is invited to Irving Park at Northeast Seventh and Fremont Street on Saturday, July 21 from noon to 5 p.m. to take part in Community Health Care in the Park.

Vital health screenings and information will be provided by various community partners. More than 50 health care practitioners will be providing vital health screenings to community members like: dental ex-

ams, asthma screening, ear and eye exams, prenatal care screening, immunizations, diabetes and high blood pressure screenings.

The event will also include community speakers, music and refreshments. Sponsors include a diverse group of local and national organizations.

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