Harry Potter Madness Strikes Double

Massive lineup of wizardrelated events

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most \$45 million in a single day last quietly published in 1997. week, Harry Potter mania could be

history overall.

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 With "Harry Potter and the Or-since the first volume, "Harry Potter der of the Phoenix" grossing al- and the Philosopher's Stone," was

Much of Bloomsbury's profit in said to be in full swing. The film's recent years has come from the midnight release set a record for a series, so the publisher is under Wednesday premiere and was the pressure to find new sources of fifth-largest opening day in movie revenue as this major piece of its empire draws to a close. The com-This movie madness sets the pany has capitalized on the sucstage for strike two: the release of cess of Harry Potter movies, com-"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hal- puter games and other products in lows,"author J.K. Rowling's wildly years without a new release by is-

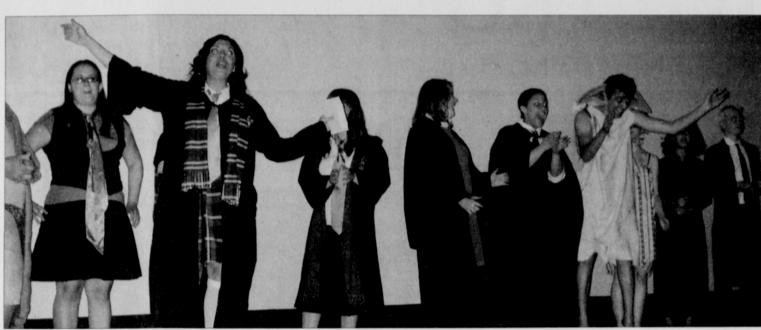


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Harry Potter fans line up at Lloyd Cinemas last week for the midnight release of "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix." Many fans of the series of books and movies dressed up for a costume contest at the theater.

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

In Other Words Bookstore, 8 School's four houses. N.E. Killingsworth St., hosts a bookrelease party Friday from 8 p.m. to at 10 p.m. at Powell's City of Books,

Girls bands will play for a \$5 suggested donation.

Broadway Books, 1714 N.E. precisely one minute past midnight. Broadway St., hosts a midnight fans can participate fully in book-release party beginning Fri- Capitol Hwy, will celebrate the midday, July 20 at 11 p.m., featuring games, trivia, fortune telling, photos and sorting into Hogwarts

Festivities will be held on Friday

suing paperback editions or trans- midnight. Rock and Roll Camp for Powell's on Hawthorne and Powell's Books at Cedar Hills Crossing. Books will be available at

> Annie Blooms Book's, 7834 S.W. night 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 Pot-

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 fighting because of rumors. I be cheating or should I mind my didn't do anything at the party business and bow out of the wedding. What should I do? -- Ex I cut the friends loose. They're 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. Dear Anonymous: should do what a woman would lunch and tell him what you saw. 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.

Ask Deanna!

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in our town that our families we're but now that my name is out there, 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

If you spend money on attire for The decision you make depends the wedding and the bride is al- on what you want in life. If you ready cheating, they'll be headed want to be viewed as having loose for divorce soon. With true morals, no class and a bad repufriendship comes loyalty and you tation, your current friends can make that happen. Your friends do. Call your friend or take him to and lifestyle are a direct reflection of your character which will Your conscience will be clear and affect your employment and all of he has the opportunity to make a 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!

We were at a house party and I'm a newlywed and I feel dethey had sex with a group of guys. pressed now that I'm finally mar-The next day gossip was so bad ried. 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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