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Holiday Season Dates!

2014 Oct. 4 Eid al Adha • Oct. 23 Diwali • Oct. 24 Islamic New Year • Oct. 31 Samhain • Nov. 27 Thanksgiving • Dec. 8 Bodhi Day • Dec. 16 Hannukkah • Dec. 21 Winter Solstice • Dec. 25 Christmas • Dec. 26-Jan. 1 Kwanzaa

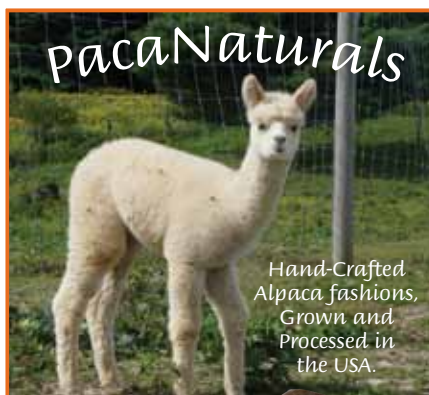
2015 Jan. 1 New Year's Day • Jan. 5 Mahayana New Year • Jan. 6 Epiphany • Jan. 14 Makar Sankranti • Feb. 17 Mardi Gras • Feb. 19 Chinese New Year • Feb. 19 Persian New Year • Apr. 5 Easter • Apr. 3-11 Passover • Apr. 13 Thai New Year • Apr. 13 Cambodian New Year



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Nov. 29 **The Nutcracker**

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Merrill Auditorium, Portland.
mainestateballet.org

Nov. 28 **Bright Moment**

Friday, Nov. 28, 5:30 pm. Let the joyous season begin! The annual Lighting of the Tree in Monument Square. portlandmaine.com

Nov. 28 **A Christmas Carol**

Thru Dec. 24
Rediscover your own spirit as this timeless Dickens tale comes alive at Portland Stage Company, 25 Forest Ave., Nov. 28-Dec. 24. portlandstage.org

Dec. 4 **The Nutcracker**

Atlantic Ballet Company
Dec. 4-7, Camden Opera House
p2pdance.com

Dec. 6 **Children's Museum & Theatre**

7, 12 & 13
Gingerbread Decorating Workshops: Dec. 6, 7, 12 & 13; theatre presentation of *Beatrix Potter's Christmas*: Dec. 12-21. Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine, 142 Free St., Portland. 828-1234, kitetails.org

Dec. 5 **Lighting Up**

Friday, Dec. 5, 6:30 pm. Lighting of the copper beech tree festivities at the Portland Museum of Art, Congress Square. portlandmuseum.org

Dec. 11 **Merry Me!**

Thursday, Dec. 11, 5-10 pm. Merry Madness invades Downtown Portland with food, drink, and shopping, starting at the Portland Regency Hotel. portlandmaine.com

Dec. 12 **The Nutcracker**

Bossov Ballet, Dec. 12-14
Waterville Opera House
bossovballet@mci-school.org

Dec. 12
thru 14

Dec. 13, 14, 17 **The Victorian Nutcracker**

Portland Ballet, Dec. 13 & 14, Westbrook Performing Arts Ctr. Dec. 17, Merrill Auditorium, Portland 772-9671, portlandballet.org

Dec. 12 **Magic Time**

The Portland Symphony Orchestra's Magic of Christmas, Dec. 12-14; 19-21. Merrill Auditorium, Portland portlandsymphony.org



FROM TOP: MAINE STATE BALLET "THE NUTCRACKER" PHOTO BY C.C. CHURCH; KURIER; COURTESY SADDLEBACK; DYLAN QUINN; MORGUE FILES



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Saturday, Dec. 13. Sponsor a wreath for a veteran's grave and honor those who serve. wreathscrossamerica.org



Dec. 31

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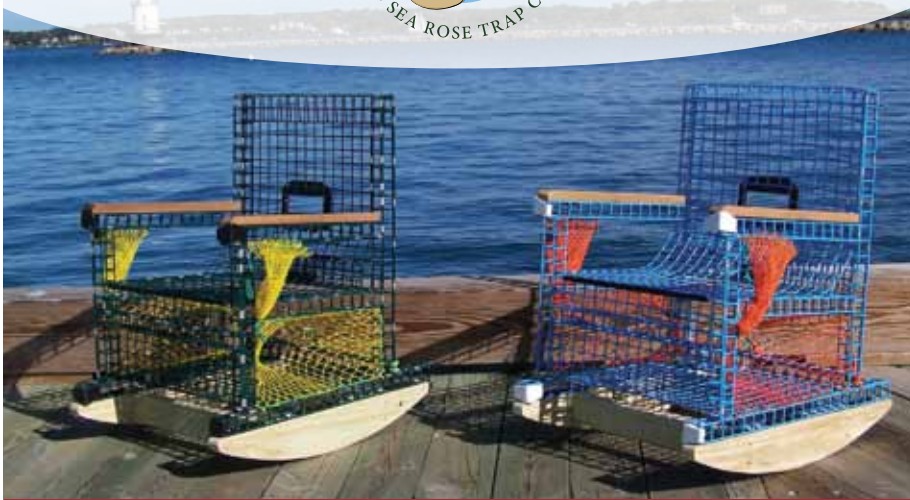


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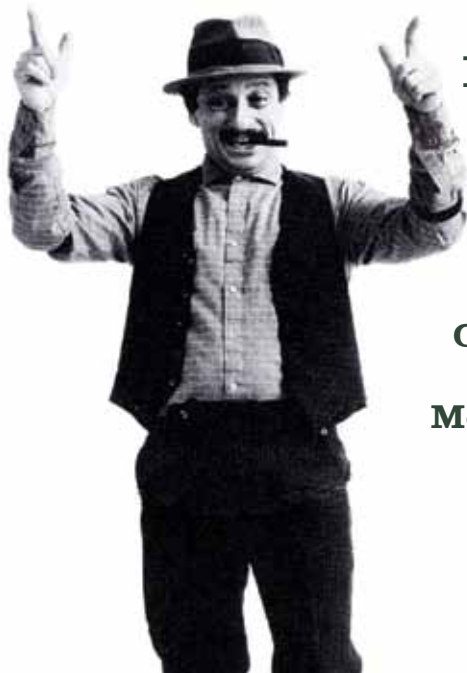
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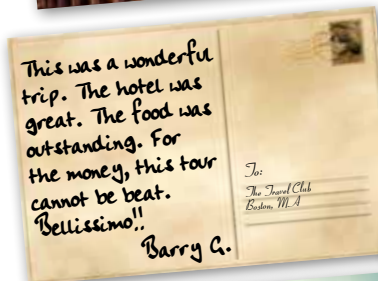
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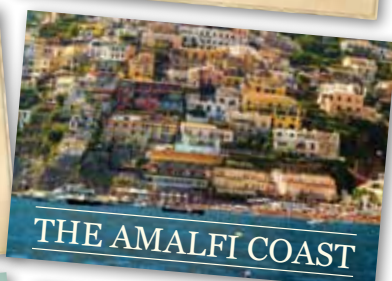


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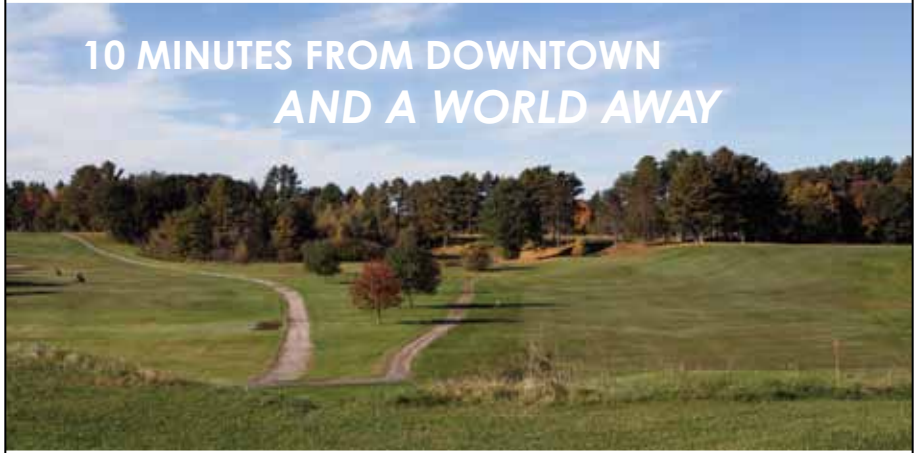


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