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Oct. 26	Eid-al-Adha (Muslim)
Nov. 1	Samhain (Druid New Year)
Nov. 13	Diwali (Hindu)
Nov. 15	Islamic New Year
Dec. 8	Bodhi Day (Buddhist)
Dec. 8-16	Hanukkah (Jewish)
Dec. 21	Winter Solstice
Dec. 25	Christmas (Christian)
Dec. 26-Jan. 1	Kwanzaa

2013

Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Jan. 6	Epiphany (Christian)
Jan. 14	Makar Sankranti (Hindu)
Jan. 27-30	Mahayana New Year (Buddhist)
Feb. 10	Chinese New Year
Feb. 14	Nirvana Day (Buddhist)
Feb. 12	Mardi Gras (Christian)
Mar. 20	Persian New Year
Apr. 13-17	Thai New Year
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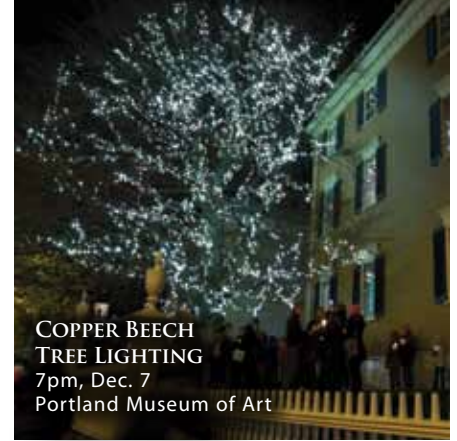
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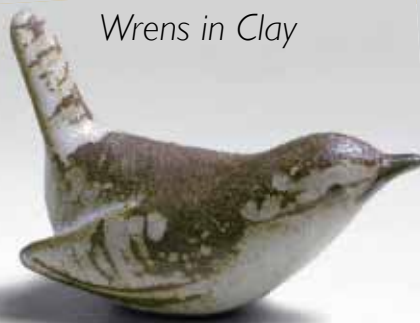
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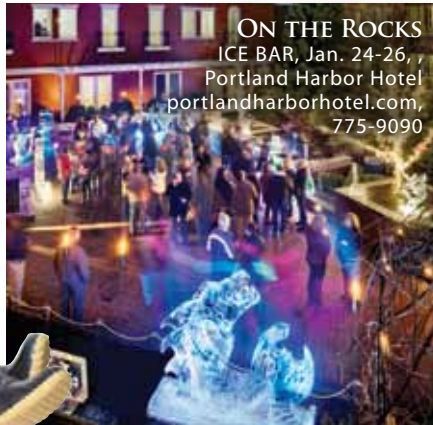
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