

“Every war when it comes, or before it comes, is represented not as a war but as an act of self-defense against a homicidal maniac. In our time political speech and writing are largely the defense of the indefensible. But if thought corrupts language, language can also corrupt thought. All the war-propaganda, all the screaming and lies and hatred, comes invariably from people who are not fighting. Political language...is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable, and to give an appearance of solidarity to pure wind. War against a foreign country only happens when the moneyed classes think they are going to profit from it. Nationalism is power hunger tempered by self-deception. War is peace. Freedom is slavery. Ignorance is strength.

We have now sunk to a depth at which restatement of the obvious is the first duty of intelligent men. If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear. In times of universal deceit, telling the truth will be a revolutionary act.”

George Orwell. Facing Unpleasant Facts: Narrative Essays, 1986



Spring

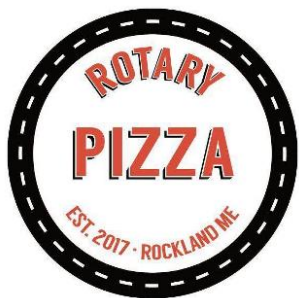
To what purpose, April, do you return again?  
 Beauty is not enough.  
 You can no longer quiet me with the redness  
 Of little leaves opening stickily.  
 I know what I know.  
 The sun is hot on my neck as I observe  
 The spikes of the crocus.  
 The smell of the earth is good.  
 It is apparent that there is no death.  
 But what does that signify?  
 Not only under ground are the brains of men  
 Eaten by maggots.  
 Life in itself  
 Is nothing,  
 An empty cup, a flight of uncarpeted stairs.  
 It is not enough that yearly, down this hill,  
 April  
 Comes like an idiot, babbling and strewing flowers.  
 - Edna St. Vincent Millay, 2nd April -

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- Saturday Apr.21:11:30pm "Something Is Always Left" Poetry reading by Betsy Headley. Rockland Public Library.
- Saturday Apr.21-22 9am "Earth Day Events" Georges River Land Trust, invites the public to take part in a weekend of clean up activities. Rockland harbor trail, and waterfront. Maine Coastal Islands National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters 9 Water St. Rockland. 11:00am back to Maine Coastal Islands for a talk by Abigail Barrows and barbecue for volunteers. Wiggins meat market, Rockland Dunkin' Donuts and Rock City Coffee.
- Sunday Apr.22 3-5:30pm "Earth Day Film" Good Turn Coop presents a free film and panel discussion about food systems. Strand Theatre, Rockland. donation
- Monday Apr.23 11am Adult Drawing Classes with Catinka Knoth Rockland Public Library.
- Wednesday Apr. 25 5-6pm "Rockland Metro Radio Show" WRFR 93.3 fm The Guest will be Nick Westervelt he will discuss medical marijuana, legislation in Maine, and his plans to bring a medical marijuana business to downtown Rockland.
- Thursday Apr.26 2pm "Restoring Endangered Seabirds" Susie Meadows will give a talk on ways to help restore the seabirds here on the Maine coast. Maine Coastal Islands NWR Visitor Center 9 Water St. Rockland. 594-0600 ex.5 donation
- Thursday Apr.26 5-9pm "Midcoast Chess Club" Burger King Rockland FMI: 975-2433 fcollemer@gmail.com
- Thursday Apr.26 6pm "Make-Shift Coffee House" Theme, talking across the national political divide. Live music, free food, coffee and space for lively discussion. Rockland Public Library
- Thursday Apr.26 7pm U.S. Air Force Jazz Ensemble "Airmen of Note" Free but tickets must be obtained in advance by going to the Air Force Bands website. [www.music.af.mil](http://www.music.af.mil)

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