



# The Buzz

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## Metro Show on WRFR



Republicans: nap time is over. Get up and join a lively conversation next Wednesday, April 21st on WRFR's weekly radio and television Metro show, broadcast live over the radio on 93.3 FM over Maine Coast TV cable channel 7, and online at WRFR.org.

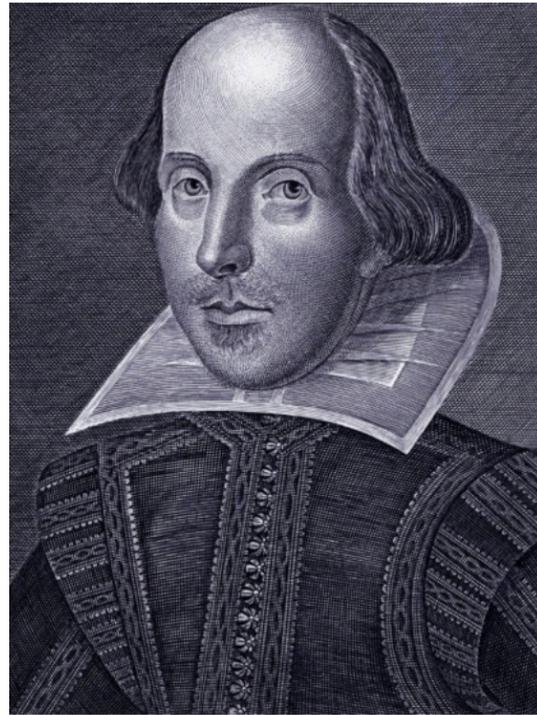
Our topic this week: "Where have all the Republicans gone," a talk about the turmoil and division within the Republican party which has led to the hostile takeover of our State and Federal government by the Democratic party, who, enjoying their new found independence, are like kids in a candy store, spending money like "drunken sailors" and adding more government programs without the need to even ask for permission. (—editor's question: from whom?)

My guest for this week's Metro show will be former US congressman Dave Emery. Dave first served as a representative in the Maine house and then went on to serve three terms in the US house of representatives. A lifelong Republican, and local boy, Dave will share his insights of a party in transition.

"What impact did Trump have on the Republican party?" and "What changes are stirring within". These questions and many more next Wednesday from 5 to 6 early evening broadcast live over WRFR 93.3 FM and over Maine Coast TV local channel 7. Join us. And please share your comments and questions by writing to [Mainecoasttv@gmail.com](mailto:Mainecoasttv@gmail.com).

I will be your host  
Steve Carroll

P.S. Democrats are also welcome



## Virtual performance by the Rockland Shakespeare Society

The Rockland Public Library presents a reading from the Rockland Shakespeare Society, Thursday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m., on Zoom. This event is free and open to all. The Rockland Shakespeare Society will present scenes from *The Merchant of Venice*, one of Shakespeare's best-known plays. The society has been engaged in an in-depth study of this fascinating play and looks forward to presenting key scenes to the audience. The members participating are: Jim Trolles, Joseph Coté, Peter Conant, Lisa Goodridge, Mary Alice Bird, and John Bird. Directed by Carole Leporati. Each year, beginning in September, the Society explores a tragedy or drama and then moves on to a study of one of Shakespeare's comedies or problem plays. Study of each play involves a reading of the play over a five meeting schedule, a scholarly paper relating to each act delivered by a member of the group, and lively discussions of topics relating to the play. For further information, contact Marianne Boretz at [mboretz@gmail.com](mailto:mboretz@gmail.com). New members welcome. For a link to the Zoom event, please email [elewis@rocklandmaine.gov](mailto:elewis@rocklandmaine.gov) by 4 p.m. on April 29 and identify the event you are interested in attending in the subject line.

The choice isn't living or dying  
it's about laughing or crying



I got dem covid blues  
from my runny nose  
down to my blue toed shoes

covid blues, can't seem  
to lose them covid blues  
(the refrain repeats)

can't taste can't smell  
gonna die but what the 'ell  
(refrain)

Got the sanitizer got the mask  
But the UK strain is surging fast  
(refrain)

Pfizer Moderna and J and J  
get the jabs then pray and pray  
(refrain)

Up from Brazil another bummer  
Jes might be its got my numma  
(refrain)

By Glen Birbeck

## WRFR is community radio in Rockland.

We have been broadcasting 24/7 since Valentines Day 2002.

We are all volunteers, proving that people can work together if the spirit is right. We are open to everyone and invite you to join us in giving voice to the life and creativity of our Rockland-Camden area.

## Are You a Morning Person?

We are seeking DJs to provide Midcoast commuters some original radio between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. You have a choice of producing your show live in the studio or remotely from home.

## or a Night Owl?

We could use overnight (Midnight - 6 a.m.) programming as well! Please note that overnight programming must be pre-recorded out of respect for our residential neighbors.

## or Whatever?

Check out our schedule at [wrfr.org](http://wrfr.org). Any time that is scheduled "World in Song" is open for your new show!

Email [programming@wrfr.org](mailto:programming@wrfr.org) for details.



## Vintage Country

Tuesday 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Hosted by "Grampy" Keith Alley.  
A great solid 3 hours of country music the way you remember!



## The Classical Music Show

Sunday 7-9 a.m.  
Join Spike Hyssong every Sunday morning and enjoy his vast collection of classical music.

## Knox County Broadcast

Mondays 9 - 11 p.m.  
Tune in for a unique selection of new and modern indie-alternative. The KCB is the official underground frequency for all you local misfits!





### Aldermere Farm Calf Unveiling May 8

ROCKPORT – Saturday, May 8th Aldermere Farm, a preserve of Maine Coast Heritage Trust, will open its barnyard to introduce the newest members of Aldermere’s Belted Galloway herd. Small tours will be held at the top of every hour from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the barnyard at 20 Russell Ave in Rockport. Visitors will get a behind-the-scenes peek at the farm operations, meet the spring Belted Galloway calves, and see Aldermere’s 4-H club in action.

In keeping with health officials’ recommendations, face masks are required, and space is limited so appropriate social distancing can be maintained. Attendees must also wear closed-toe shoes to walk around the barnyard.

Admission is free. Pre-registration is required and is available online until May 3rd at [aldermere.org/cud](http://aldermere.org/cud). For more information: [aldermere@mcht.org](mailto:aldermere@mcht.org), (207) 236-2739.

### Let America Be America Again

I am the poor white, fooled and pushed apart,  
I am the Negro bearing slavery’s scar,  
I am the Red man driven from the land,  
I am the immigrant clutching the hope I seek —  
And finding the same old stupid plan  
O dog eat dog, or might crush the weak.

O, yes,  
I say it plain,  
America never was America to me  
And yet I swear this oath—  
America will be!

Langston Hughes, 1938



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The end of the week’s lovely warm spring weather brings out walkers, dog-walkers, joggers, strollers, cyclists, skateboarders, roller skaters, amblers and nature lovers.

And even a young woman in hospital scrubs. People want to feel the sun’s caress.

Working on the scrub grass in our lawn, I could hear Latin Hip Hop played by the Latino crew at the shipyard down the street. The banging of metal-on-metal made perfect percussive beats in the music’s background.

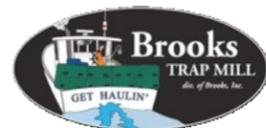
Saturday was a perfect spring day with clear blue skies and the sun’s warmth. We made the short trip to the Owls Head Lighthouse State Park and wended our way down to the beach. Along the path we saw any number of uprooted spruce trees felled by winter winds that would make nice bear dens. (Of course, there aren’t any bears in Owls Head.) There were a few people already roaming the beach keeping their distances and wearing masks. The view was like looking into infinity.

I’ve been thinking about personal losses from the pandemic. Simple things are dinners and the movies at local restaurants and The Strand; shopping on Main Street; browsing in bookstores; getting ice cream at Dorman’s; chatting with neighbors or strangers; spontaneous coffee with relatives and friends; road trips to anywhere; cooking dinner for relatives and friends. Bigger losses are feeling safe to go just about anywhere; not seeing relatives and friends in-person for over a year, hugging and kissing them; feeling afraid to get anywhere near other people while grocery shopping, doing essential errands; feeling the future is even more uncertain; trying to tamp down my frustration and anger at people who refuse vaccines.

My losses cannot in any way compare to those who have lost loved ones to Covid. It is even shameful that I would even voice any complaints.

The small, everyday things I notice: A dead crab on our side porch that must have been dropped by a seagull; making up a new recipe for mushroom soup using three kinds of mushrooms, sautéed onions & garlic, mushroom stock, left over mashed potatoes for thickening, cubed ham, salt, pepper, thyme and cardamom and served with Home Kitchen Café’s Bakery French bread. The simple satisfaction of baking chocolate chip cookies. Rubbing the muzzle of our old cat while he purrs and drools in pleasure. Discovering pliers make opening milk & juice cartons so easy.

Went to get take-away lunches at Clan MacLaren’s and discovered owner Jackie’s latest creative addition to the restaurant: Ten foot branches decorated with dyed Easter eggs that cover one long wall. Jackie has used Covidtime to expand her art and share it with her community. This is a great place to get tasty generous sandwiches and Stephanie’s home made soups. In warm weather there is outdoor dining.



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