

# NO SCENE ZINE



SPECIAL  
GUEST:  
Toonies  
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B-SIDE  
JULY TIMES  
SPACEBAR

Welcome to No Scene - where all artists here!

The thought behind No Scene is like reading a grant uncomfortable hug from someone you like but you're not one of those hugging people, so it's always just really awkward and you feel guilty that it's awkward.

It's cool if people find comfort in labels and identifying with certain sectors of society. In fact, it must be a huge relief to find your posse of people who you can share all your dreams and fears without ever feeling an overpowering anxiety to the point where you are just thinking about how you can fake a sickness to get out of this situation instead of just living in what's actually happening.

At NoScene we try our best to remove narrow labels and just plop out what's in our head on the pages. It could be about cats and their jobs in society or an op-ed about why Nutella is overrated. Whatever it is, we want to create a place where satirical, silly or sometimes serious ideas can grow. And maybe we connect with another person who really likes doing 1,000 piece puzzles while listening to German Goth music. That's really the ultimate goal.

## Letter to the Editor

RETIRED HIGH SCHOOL JOURNALIST  
SEEKING NEW HOME FOR EPHEMERAL  
MUSINGS.

WANTED: SMALL, INDEPENDENT PUBLICATION  
ACCEPTING LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

MUST: BE WILLING TO ENTERTAIN  
VAGUE SELF-PROMOTION OF OBSCURE  
WRITING CAREER.

MUST: BE WILLING TO ACCEPT A  
BLURRING OF THE LINE BETWEEN  
LETTER TO THE EDITOR AND QUASI-  
AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL ESSAY.

PREFER: PUBLICATION THAT RANGES  
FROM EXCLUSIVELY CAT-CENTRIC TO  
SOMEWHAT CAT-ADJACENT.

— BARRY SMITH

We want to hear from humans AND cats.

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**CATS  
IN THE  
WILD**



## Cat BFF


She passed away a month ago. My best friend. I don't mean that lightly. Not at all. You can say "cat relationships are meaningless" all day, and I'll just politely ignore you. We were each other's purpose. Every adventure, every heartbreak, every nervous new beginning, Snickers was there to bring me back down. To let me know the most important thing in the world was that we cared about each other.

Each day home, I looked forward to seeing her greet me at the door, meowing and rubbing up on the corners of the entryways. Over 13 years she made me laugh, shared in my excitement, comforted me, and always knew to gently sit next to me if I was crying. She was all of the things a person would describe in their best friend. She was ambivalent to any visitors and would make a silent statement by sitting next to me if guests were at the apartment.

The vet was always pleasantly surprised when I would bring her in for chemo or a checkup because her attitude and brightness in her face was so radiant for a cat fighting cancer and the side effects that follow. I was proud of my friend for being so brave and tough. I hoped I could be like her. When she got very sick, I would move her bed so she could be wherever I was.



since she didn't have a lot of strength. I ensured she had extra towels and blankets to keep warm because she'd lost so much weight. At the end, she barely ate for weeks, but she would still sit next to me and purr. I would cry, she would purr. I wasn't as brave as her, I was her best friend and greatest happiness. Over toys, over food, over the fat birds sitting on the window sill, I was her favorite and she was mine. It was a friendship so incredibly pure. Humans would mess that shit up, but a girl and her cat? That's magic.

She never wanted to give up. I had to give up for her. I don't think I was wrong. I would have been selfish to keep her. I just wonder how long a heart can break. Where does that spirit of friendship, ~~go~~ that magic, go when friends are apart? Maybe that friendship found some other girl who stumbled upon a cat at the humane society. I hope someone has it. It's just too precious to just float away. 

## ★ ★ ★ 2020 ★ ★ ★ Cat Voting Guide

THE 2020 ELECTION HAS MORE OPTIONS THAN VARIETIES OF GREENIE'S™.  
TAKE THE QUIZ TO FIND OUT WHAT CANDIDATE HAS YOUR ISSUES IN MIND.

### 1. WHAT IS YOUR STANCE ON SPAY + NEUTERING?

- A. IT'S A CAT'S PERSONAL CHOICE
- B. IT SHOULD BE MANDATORY FOR OUTDOOR CATS
- C. IF THIS INVOLVES GETTING IN THAT CARRIER, I WANT NO PART IN THIS.

### 2. SHOULD CATNIP BE LEGAL?

- A. LEGAL CATNIP AGE SHOULD BE 1 YEAR OLD.
- B. I DON'T CARE JUST PLEASE OPEN THE BACK DOOR SO I CAN DO OUTSIDE AND SIT IN THE GARDEN.
- C. THE QUESTION SHOULD BE HOW DO WE GET STRONGER NIP HERE IN THE STATES? THIS US STUFF ISN'T CUTTING IT.

### 3. WHERE SHOULD TAX BREAKS BE OCCURRING IN THIS COUNTRY?

- A. TO PEOPLE WITH LOW HANGING BIRD FEEDERS.
- B. TO PEOPLE ACTUALLY PUT OUT BREAKFAST AND DINNER ON TIME.
- C. TO PEOPLE WHO LEAVE CARDBOARD BOXES OUT CONTINUALLY.



#### 4. WHAT IS YOUR CAT TOY PREFERENCE?

- A. FEATHER ON A STICK
- B. CATNIP MOUSE
- C. BALL WITH BELLS

#### 5. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CAT FOOD?

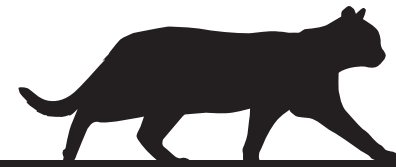
- A. WET
- B. DRY
- C. WHATEVER IS ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER. IS THAT OLIVE OIL?

#### 6. WHAT TYPE OF LITTER DO YOU PREFER?

- A. CLUMPING
- B. NON-CLUMPING
- C. THE PEOPLE'S TOILET



**MOSTLY A'S: ELIZABETH WARREN**  
**MOSTLY B'S: JOE BIDEN**  
**MOSTLY C'S: BERNIE SANDERS**  
**MOSTLY UNSATISFIED WITH THE LACK OF CAT REPRESENTATION IN POLITICS: SOCKS CLINTON**



## ODE TO Working Cat

LITTER

she                      licks her paw                      clean  
the                      litter                      remains filthy  
but her                      coat                      glistens



## The neuter

I once met a cat named Jumper  
He was too much of a humper  
Which was strange for a cat  
What's up with that?  
As a result, he was neutered which only  
Made him plumper.

Scott Lucas of Local H brings his self-deprecating ways with him on the third Local H album after hitting it "big" with As Good As Dead in 1996. It's in every 90s alternative loving kid's CD stash, but the real question is, do cats love it?

Cat: "It's kinda loud sometimes."



Cat inspired tunes (sorry, no "Cat Scratch Fever" or "Eye of the Tiger." Figured you listened to that enough...)

LISTEN TO THE **NO SCENE ISSUE #1** PLAYLIST  
ON SPOTIFY AT: **NO-SCENE.COM/PLAYLIST**

## Carl Perkins - Put Your Cat Clothes On

Stone Temple Pilots - Seven Caged  
Tiger

Yeah Yeah Yeahs - Gold Lion

## Aseop Rock - Cat Food

# Nada Surf - Meow Meow Lullaby

Tigers Jaw - Plane vs. Tank vs.  
Submarine

## Nine Inch Nails - The Hand That Feeds

## Korn - Freak on a Leash

Arctic Monkeys - I Want It All

Bjork - Play Dead

Local-H - "Cha!" Said the Kitty

## Cat Power - The Greatest

Arnold McCuller - Nowhere to Run -  
From "The Warriors" Soundtrack

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH  
TOONCES THE DRIVING CAT



FEATURED PERFORMER ON  
SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

**Interviewer:** Toonces, let's clear the air, you were just acting on SNL, right? You can actually drive a car?

**Toonces:** (munching on a blade of grass) Of course. Even though I enjoyed those skits, I have gotten a lot of backlash from the cat driving community that I gave driving cats a bad name. It was all in fun. Everyone knows cats are typically very responsible drivers. Do you know how many accidents in 2019 were attributed to a cat driving?

**Interviewer:** I have no idea.

Toonces: ZERO! There were absolutely not accidents from a cat driving a car last year.

Interviewer: Where did your career take you after SNL?



**Toonces:** Eh, I got a ton of offers for commercials. BMW was after me hard. But I wanted to start a family. I have 45 children now. Some in show business, some in other successful careers. I'm proud of them all. Except Striker. God damn that boy just won't listen. Wants to live on the street. Likes living on the street, he says ... I don't get it, I don't get it. (Toonces just walks away at this point and the interview basically ends. The interviewer chased after him, but he slipped into a crevice under the porch.)



# BUTTERNUT MAC + "CHEESE" (PLZ)

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| 1/4 CUP RAW CASHEWS                             | 1/2 CUP NUTRITIONAL YEAST               |
| 1 BUTTERNUT (PEELED,<br>SEEDED + CUT IN CHUNKS) | 5 TSP SOY SAUCE                         |
| 3 CLOVES OF GARLIC                              | 2 CUPS PLAIN UNSWEETENED<br>ALMOND MILK |
| 3 TSP OLIVE OIL                                 | 12 OZ. PASTA COOKED AL DENTE            |
| 3/4 TSP ONION POWDER                            | 1/2 CUP PANKO BREAD CRUMBS              |
| 1/2 TSP TURMERIC                                | 2 TBSP VEGAN BUTTER                     |
| 1/2 TSP MUSTARD POWDER                          | 2 TBSP CHOPPED SAGE                     |
| 1/2 TSP BLACK PEPPER                            |   |

1. SOAK CASHEWS OVERNIGHT OR ABOUT 6 HRS
2. PREHEAT OVEN AT 400° TOSS BUTTERNUT + GARLIC W/ OLIVE OIL, SALT + PEPPER ON A BAKING SHEET.
3. ROAST UNTIL TENDER, ABOUT 40-15H MINUTES. FLIP ONCE OR TWICE WHILE ROASTING.
4. ONCE COOLED, PEEL GARLIC AND ADD TO BLENDER W/ SQUASH, DRAINED CASHEWS, SPICES, YEAST, SOY + 1 CUP OF MILK. BLEND WHILE ADDING REST OF MILK UNTIL SUPER SMOOTH. YOU CAN MAKE AHEAD AT THIS POINT.
5. MIX TOGETHER PASTA + SAUCE - POUR INTO LARGE GREASED BAKING DISH.
6. MELT BUTTER AND MIXED BREAD CRUMBS, SAGE, SALT, PEPPER, + SPREAD ON MAC AND CHEESE. BAKE AT 350° ABOUT 25 MINUTES.



## THE SASSY CLASSIES



# PAPER KITTEN!

Cut out your own  
lucky asshole to  
either have him  
smoking naked  
or acting like  
RUN DMC!  
or even  
party  
with  
Jaco!



(we are not responsible if your  
cat cannot stand after you cut him out)