

Provo & Orem's Anarchist Collective

Tough Bird

#2



FLY TOGETHER

FIGHT TOGETHER

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Issue #2. It's been a rough year thus as the United States has passed laws that restrict the freedoms of our friends and communities. It's time to stand with our trans comrades and let the fascist influence know that we intend to defend those we love, and that our friends deserve to be who they are. Building community, educating, and establishing security networks is more important than ever.

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Educate Fully
Accept Radically

& start a thousand grassroots fires



TO BURN A MYTH

by Salty

The cultural myth of America is steeped in violence against minority communities. From manifest destiny to the latest witch hunt for a new cultural scapegoat in our trans friends and family, hatred is engrained in the American psyche as a deep scar that poisons our neighborhoods and preys on the gullible. Our communities are under attack, and the culprit isn't easy to parse. It's an interconnected system of capitalistic influence, American myth, bad faith actors grifting our neighbors into believing nonsense, and banal placation from Democrats.

We need to radically accept those around us, and educate wherever we can. To resist is to teach. To teach is to build a capacity for explaining the same concepts over and over, to patiently and kindly help those that may be confused. This is imperative, because the system doesn't teach the story of minorities, manifest destiny is presented as a good, and the next witch hunt is always around the corner. Fundamentally the American myth needs to change, and it needs to burn from a thousand grassroots fires that **we start**. We must clear up the massive misconception that America as it is works for everybody.

It doesn't, and we don't have to make the same mistakes again, and again, and again because the books are whitewashed. We need to spread fast. We need to evangelize truth in the face of supplement fueled lies. We need to smash education in the lips cursing CRT. We need to radically accept those in our communities who wish to join us, and we need to set the American myth alight. We must work to shift those around us to pull everything towards real liberty, and justice for our communities. **True justice for all.**

URGENT CALL TO ACTION



CONFRONTING THE THREAT AGAINST TRANS PEOPLE

Florida and the Ominous Shadow Over Utah

by Provo-cation

We are at a critical juncture where the rights and safety of transgender individuals face severe and relentless attacks. The recent wave of anti-LGBTQ+ legislation in Florida serves as a chilling reminder that revolution and resistance are urgently needed. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis' new bills clearly aim squarely at the LGBTQ+ community, and trans folks in particular. These bills in Florida blatantly target transgender individuals, posing a grave threat to their rights, safety, and overall well-being.

The new legislation casts a dark shadow, sparking deep concerns about discrimination and censorship. House Bill 1069 serves to extend the already controversial “don't say gay” law to include a “don't say trans” limitation in discussions on gender, while Senate Bill 254 callously prohibits critical gender-affirming care. House Bill 1521 imposes cruel restrictions on bathroom access for trans folks, and House Bill 1423 imposes undeserved limitations on drag shows. The newly signed Senate Bill 1580, “Protections of Medical Conscience”, dubbed the ‘Let Them Die Act’, allows medical professionals to refuse treatment, endangering the lives of marginalized communities. As we bear witness to the systematic devaluation and attack against trans people, these discriminatory bills embody the stages of genocide as outlined by Gregory H. Stanton, the president of Genocide Watch, plunging trans communities into a state of terror and marginalization.

“There is evil in this world, and we face it here today,” said DeSantis, in

a comment that echoes the divisive tactics used by fear-instilling fascist regimes of the past. This horrifying reality is prompting me to apply Stanton's stages of genocide to the anti-LGBTQ+ legislation in Florida, emphasizing the urgent need for resistance. Stanton's framework of genocidal acts includes classification, symbolization, dehumanization, organization, polarization, preparation, extermination, and denial. To learn more about Stanton's work, visit www.genocide-watch.com.

As a deeply concerned resident of Utah, I am profoundly disturbed by the governance of Florida Governor DeSantis. The conservative climate in Utah fills me with apprehension. The lives of our trans siblings teeter on the edge of uncertainty, compelling me to respond with a resolute and unyielding call to action. When we look closer, the actions in Florida mirror the dark stages of genocide. Here's a heartbreaking walk-through of these stages as they play out:

Classification:

Trans individuals in Florida are distinctly classified by these bills. They're singled out, separated from the general populace based on their gender identity.

Symbolization:

By giving symbolic labels to trans people, this new legislation creates boundaries around their identities and expression. By dictating who can use what bathroom or who can receive gender-affirming healthcare, they implicitly mark trans individuals, setting them apart from the cisgender population.

Dehumanization:

These bills employ dehumanizing rhetoric, demonizing trans people

and setting the stage for further violations of their rights.

Organization:

The efforts of organized homophobic and anti-trans militia groups that mobilize against trans people highlight the deliberate assault on trans rights. This pattern is mirrored in Utah as we've witnessed these groups right in our own backyard, showing that the threat extends beyond state borders.

Polarization:

Polarization exacerbates divisions and fosters a hostile environment. Those organized militia groups promote a divisive ideology characterized by homophobia, transphobia, xenophobia and white nationalism. Their ideologies attempt to create a sense of "us versus them" and promote hostility towards marginalized communities.

Preparation:

Florida's bills prepare the ground for further harm to trans communities. Denial of healthcare options and service restrictions compromise the safety and well-being of trans people.

Extermination:

The "Protections of Medical Conscience" bill is one example of the chilling manifestation of the seventh stage of genocide—the extermination of targeted groups. By providing legal protection for medical professionals to deny life-saving care, this legislation places the lives of marginalized communities, including trans individuals, in immediate danger.

In the spirit of solidarity, supporting ground organizations that provide critical services and support for trans individuals in crisis is

essential. We must advocate for policy changes, raise awareness, and create safe spaces of affirmation, care, and protection. By forming deep connections and alliances, we dismantle the divisions that seek to keep us separate.

To our trans siblings in Utah, we stand beside you. Your strength, resilience, and beauty fuel our burning rage.

Side by side, we march, defiant and unafraid, as we confront the genocidal forces that seek to extinguish your light. We break free from the chains of violence, discrimination, and erasure, envisioning a future where every trans individual thrives unapologetically.

As we step into the month of June, let's reclaim the radical origins of Pride. Born from the flames of a protest, Pride represents a rebellious act against a system that sought to crush people's spirits. This Pride month, we seize the opportunity to amplify our fierce call for justice and upheaval.

Together, let's tear down the walls that confine us and foster a resilient and united community that celebrates the rich diversity of every individual and nurtures an environment where authenticity and genuine love for one another can flourish.

**STONEWALL
WAS A REBELLION**



TERRORISTS

by *Provo-cation*





"The shooter is trans"

Conservatives rant

As if this would represent

The reality of trans rage

Taking part in the gun debate

The picture they try to paint

Against trans and people of color

While ignoring the real numbers

We all know they're the dumb ones

Manipulated by propaganda

White straight cis men disseminate the horror

Time and time again they're abhorrent

It's infuriating they're so ignorant

Not just that but they're malicious

Their discourse is predictable

It's despicable

Every time

They protect their terrorists with lies

When they're constantly the ones

Committing these crimes

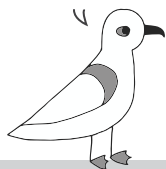
Look how the statistics point out to white supremacy

Every single time it's the same but they dismiss it

I'm so tired of this bullshit they try to feed us

Conservative law makers are the killers

Hey, Magpie? I don't like it when you say I'm wrong about things.



Why is that?



I guess it makes me feel uncomfortable.



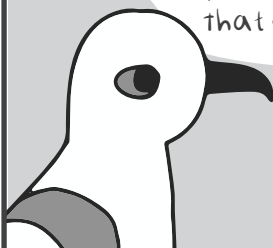
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I MADE YOU
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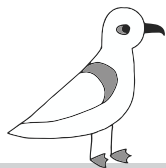
BUT DISCOMFORT
ISN'T INHERENTLY
BAD. SOMETIMES,
IT'S YOUR BRAIN
ASKING YOU TO
RESOLVE ANY
POSSIBLE
CONTRADICTIONS IN
THE WAY YOU THINK.



So you'd be totally fine if I tell you that you're wrong?



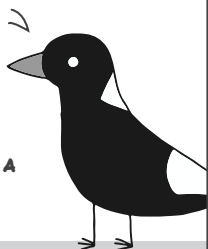
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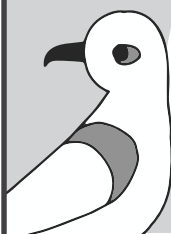
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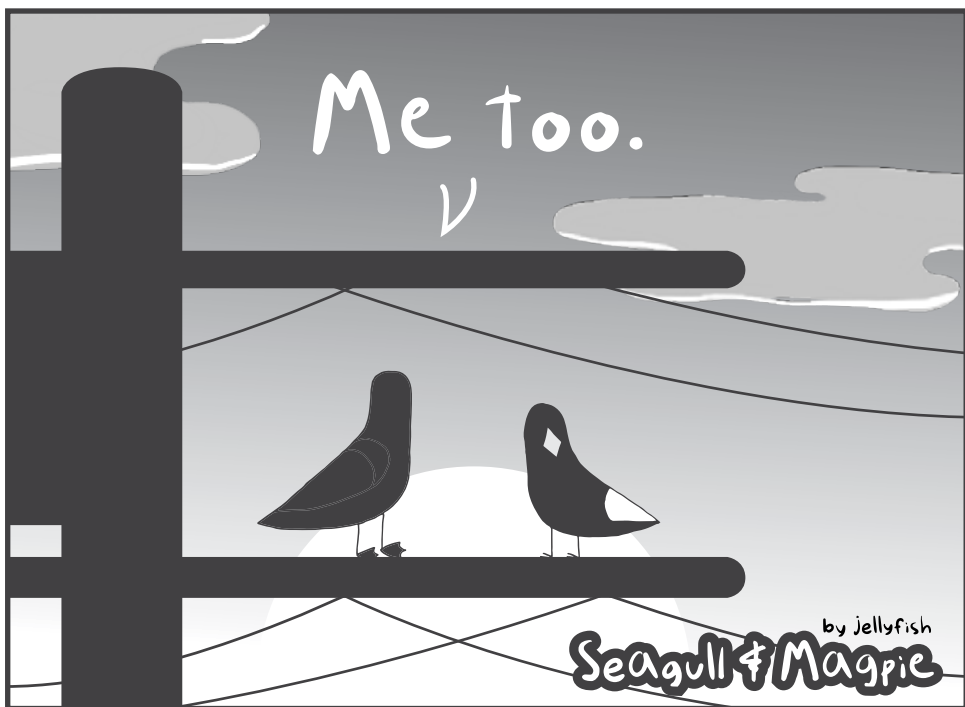
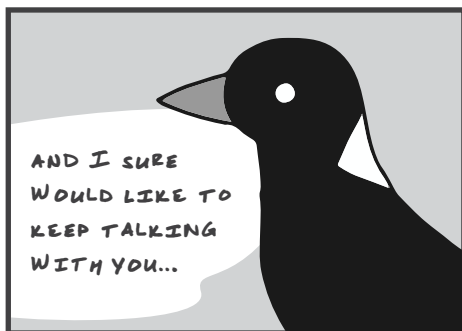
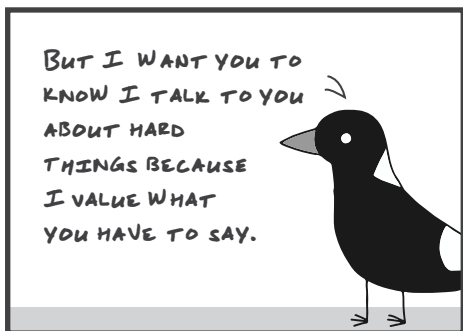
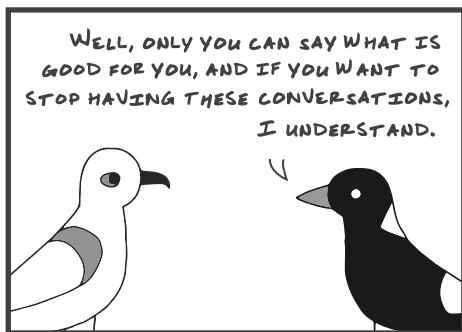
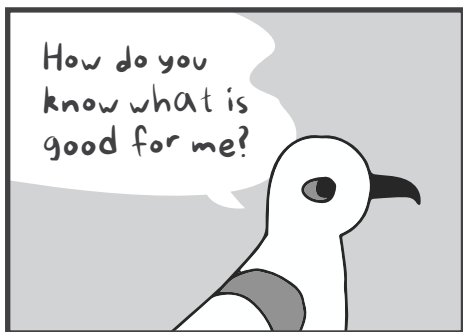


BUT THROUGH ALL
THAT WORK I
LEARNED HOW TO
ENGAGE WITH
NEW IDEAS,
EVALUATE THEM
ON THEIR OWN
MERIT, AND FIND A
NEW TRUTH



That's
a very rational
approach and all,
but you're basically
saying that
making me feel
uncomfortable is
good for me.







by P.B. Christensen

**Where is heaven to be found?
In clouds above or on the ground?
Where can treasures lie safe and sound?
Saith the Lord, "Give to the poor!"**

**"My coin lies not in vaults of iron
Nor can the skies keep out the fire.
My kingdom doth spurn the base Empire."
Saith the Lord, "Hurt not the poor!"**

**The Devil doth reign, with violence and might,
Through baron, and priest, and king's delight;
A festering wound it is in God's sight.
Saith the Lord, "I'm with the poor!"**

**"I bind up their wounds with oil and wine.
Power and praise, and profit; decry!
Satan, like lightning, doth fall from the sky."
Saith the Lord, "bless'd are the poor!"**

**The world will know woe, their riches shall fade.
Where misers have sown, the peasant shall graze.
A house built on stone shall stomach the waves.
Saith the Lord, "Side with the poor!"**

**"In enclaves of care, my Kingdom is built.
Where burdens are shared, my Reign is instilled.
But piety's lair did not as I willed."
Saith the Lord, "They're cast from the poor!"**

**So on in the cause, compassion pursue,
Til just are the laws and laws they are few.
With angels' applause, these words shall ring true.
Saith the Lord, "Long reign the poor!"**



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A Tragedy
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THE DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD OF THE DOUBLE-COATED DOG

by LadyFingers

It's hard to watch members of our family struggle in the heat. It's normal to want to ease their suffering in any way possible. But what seems to be the most obvious solution has unforeseen consequences. Double-coated dogs have two layers of fur: the soft and dense undercoat which grows faster and shorter and the topcoat which is long and usually less dense. But on top of helping the dog stay warm in the winter did you know that the undercoat helps keep them cool in the summer?

Think of the undercoat as insulation, we don't just use insulation in our house during the winter to keep the warmth in. We also use it in the summer to keep the heat out while the AC is blasting inside. Think of the dogs panting as the AC. If you suddenly take away the insulation in summer, it's going to run the AC much harder and longer to maintain an appropriate temperature. It is for this reason and many others that it is important to not shave double-coated dogs unless they meet very specific circumstances.

Some of the most common breeds which have double coats are the German Shephard, Great Pyranese, Pomeranian, Corgis, Chow-Chows, and even Retrievers. You can check your dog's breed description online to find out if it's listed as having a double coat if you don't already know. You can also ask your vet at your next visit.

While shaving a double-coated dog may seem like it would cause less shedding it actually doesn't because shedding is the release of the fur from follicles on the skin, and shaving only shortens the hair; it doesn't remove it. Shaving can also lead to issues such as razor burns, hot spots, irritated skin, and a condition called shave shock which is caused by the clippers getting too hot, in the blink of an eye it can cause trauma to the top coat preventing it from growing back correctly. Even if you have the best groomer in the world, they do not have heat vision and won't notice right away that their equipment has overheated. Even after leaving the groomers your dog is at additional risk of issues like sunburn and skin cancer.

So what can we do to make them comfortable in the heat and prevent matting or fur compaction? First, it's always recommended to brush your dog daily. I don't mean a full brush every single day but try to focus on specific parts of the body over the week. Secondly, monthly baths with de-shedding shampoo. Unlike with humans, you may need to do more than one shampoo and/or conditioning during bath time to have the best results, this can be laborious and painful. I highly recommend using a quality conditioner because it can help prevent matting between baths. Exposing your dog to this at a young age can mean all the difference in making it tolerable to you both. Third, it is very important to not let your double-coated dog air dry.

They will rub their head and body across any surface they can to get the water out of their fur, but they are also causing compaction of the fur by creating tighter and tighter knots close to the skin. Pat them dry with a towel, don't rub them. Then use a hand-held blow dryer to get air to the skin which will prevent compaction, it will also help pull some of the released undercoat toward the end of the hair it is

already knotted around. This will make brushing out your dog at the end much easier. Compacted fur will lead to a lack of airflow and cause pulling on the skin that will cause additional irritation as well as dry patches of skin or fungal infection if it remains too moist after getting wet. Fourth, look into purchasing an undercoat rake for dogs or an EquiGroomer, these two kinds of brushes work wonders on pulling undercoat fur out, reducing shed. Just be careful to not over brush while using these tools.

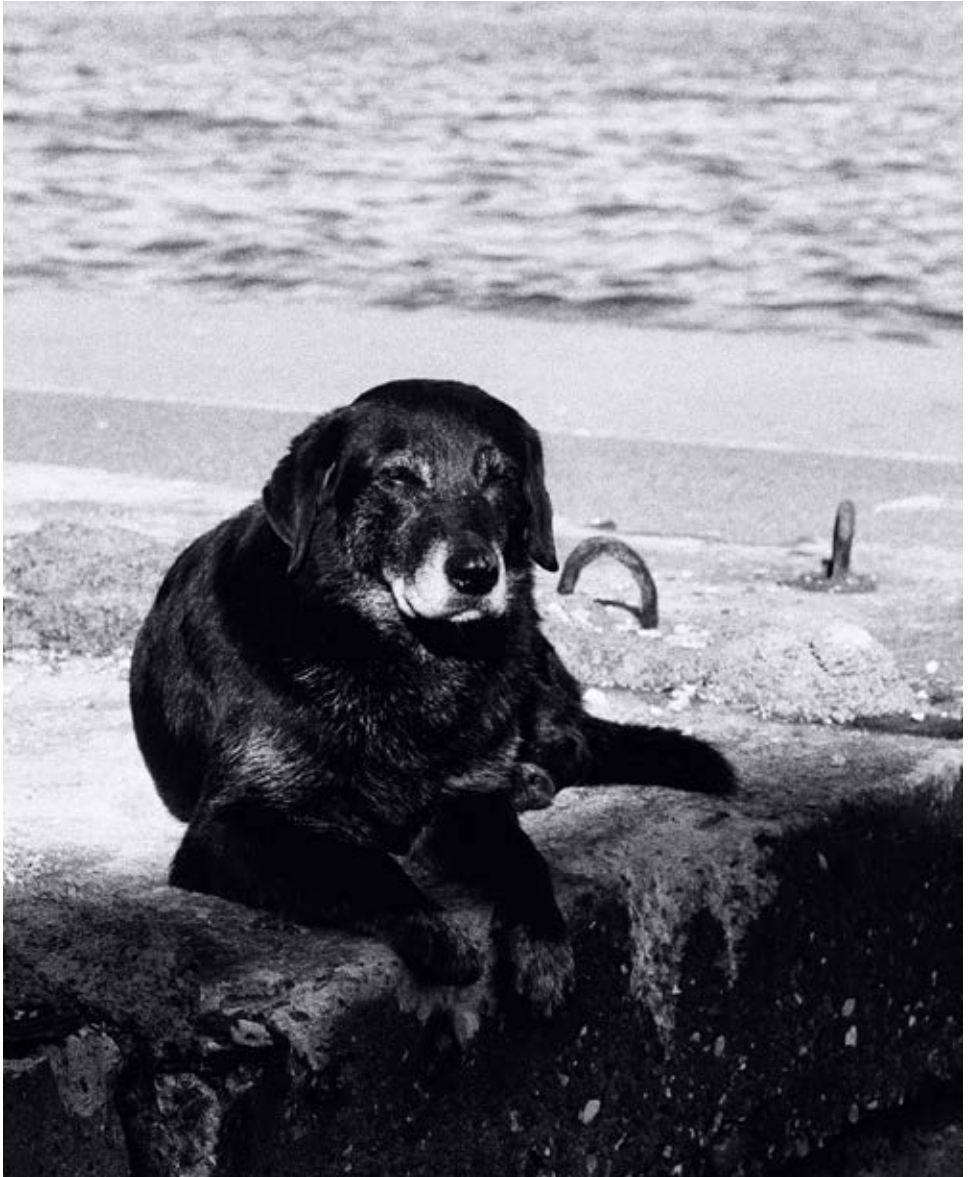
Regular appointments with a groomer may be costly, but if you aren't up to the labor of this task it is best to have them do it, for dog's sake! They can also do a blowout on your dog's fur which uses a high-velocity blow dryer, making them look ridiculously fluffy after their grooming appointment.

Some exceptions to the no-shaving rule include

1. It's an outdoor dog. Still do not shave your dog's undercoat. Instead, it is recommended to shave away fur in the belly/inguinal area and avoid the area over the ribs. This will allow a better transfer of heat when your dog lays down on a cold surface. This area of the dog's body does not have a lot of dense undercoat and minimizes the risk of the issues mentioned above.
2. The pet is too matted or uncomfortable to be bathed and brushed out. As the dog gets older the quality of the fur will decrease leaving them at higher risk of getting matted easily, and as they suffer old age brushing regularly might be painful. In these conditions improving their comfort is the top priority. But be mindful of the risk of sunburn, a shirt can help reduce the risk.

3. Your dog is a swimmer. It could become difficult to stay on top of all these steps to prevent matting if your dog regularly goes for swims.

Dogs are our best friends. They are a part of our families and mean the world to us. We owe it to them to repay their love with the best care we can offer.



THINGS WE LIKE

BookWorm

- Good Omens (book, also show) by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett
- Born Against, an album by Amigo the Devil
- Fallout 4, the video game
- Tell Me Why, a cinematic video game
- Torchwood season 1 episode 6, Countrycide

Salty

- S/T album by Blame God
- Doesthedogdie.com, a great resource for crowdsourced trigger warnings for movies
- Protesting that fucking idiot Ron Desantis at UVU
- The pit at Death Grips in SLC
- The Walking Dead Comics (so much better than the show)

Jellyfish

- Moshing to Mannequin Pussy live
- Herb garden propagations
- Afternoon tea
- Poetry by gendersauce on Instagram
- Monster of the Week, a TTRPG

Auntie Anarchy

- I'm Thinking of Ending Things, Movie by Charlie Kaufman
- Heavener, Album by Invent Animate
- What a Plant Knows, book by Daniel Chamovitz
- Naissance, video game (on steam for free) by Limasse Five
- @alexandrakacha, Instagram photographer with a focus on queer, bdsm, and bodies all over the spectrum

DesDemonical

- OFF (video game) by Mortis Ghost
- Moonlight Sonata (guitar cover) by Marcin
- Kill Six Billion Demons (webcomic) by Abbadon
- Uzumaki (Manga) by Junji Ito
- Frankenstein (novel) by Mary Shelley

Boykisser

- Order McDonald
- Charge they Phone
- Twerk
- Be Bisexual
- Eat Hot CHip and Lie

**Thank you a million times over to everyone
who contributed to this issue.**

**Between service projects and the RRFM I'm so proud of what
we're putting together in the valley, and extremely proud to
know so many beautiful, talented, and awesome people.**

**If you'd like to contribute for the next issue, let Salty know on
Discord. It's seriously appreciated.**

**Keep fighting. Keep on living. Take care of yourself and your
friends. I believe that even though the USA is in a rough place
that we can support each other and fight back. We are so
much stronger as a collective than any of those individualist
fucks. In the end, countries are just lines drawn in the sand.**

**So much love,
-Salty**

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Really really
FREE MARKET

FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

**Bring skills, food to share, gently used
clothing and anything else to share freely
with the community.**

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NO GODS - ONLY DUMPSTER SCONES

NO MASTERS - JUST HALF-SANDWICHES

**Like Underground or Local Music?
Community Events?
Want to meet us?**

**Check out our Internet Radio,
Instagram or Discord.**

