

***Meanwhile...***

THE  
BOXED  
SET

## FOREWORD

If the so-called experts had told us, 15 years ago, that some day we'd see a retrospective of all nine issues of *Meanwhile...*, heck, there wouldn't have been enough blood to go around. Well, times change. And although all none of those experts have lived to see the day, their wildest forecast has come to pass. You now hold in your funny little hands *Meanwhile... The Boxed Set*.

In reviewing these issues-gone-by, you'll get a time-lapse view of *MW's* evolution from a scathing, take-no-prisoners political sheet to an out-of-touch repository of oddball gags and useless lists.

So join us as we participate in whatever happens next. You'll be glad later.

*The Editors*

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# Memorable **Meanwhile...** moments

## 1992

Hoping to imitate the success of *Meanwhile...*, a sleazy rip-off publication, a daily calling itself *Erstwhile!*, begins to seek an audience. Filled with typographical errors, misinformation and bad jokes, it last less than three days. Among its features: a regular "cool nicknames for terminal diseases" list, "Totally Mixed Up Sports Scores," and an incomprehensible "Eliminate the Giraffe" game.



## 1993

Harper's editor Paul Tough goes on National Public Radio's "Talk of the Nation" and reads a portion of a *Meanwhile...* report on hockey-fight videotapes (from issue number 5). Within moments we begin to receive calls and letters from bright NPR listeners whom you might think would be sharp enough not to miss the point entirely:

Yo — 2/2/93  
 N.P. radio turned me  
 on to your zeczn. Please  
 send me a subscription  
 and bill —  
 Also id like to know  
 how to get a tape  
 of all hockey fights, etc.  
 Great idea all around!  
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**MOON**  
 CUSTOM WOODWORK  
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DEAR SIRS:

I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE  
 A COPY OF THE PROWING FIGHT  
 VIDEO, VINTAGE '69-'80.  
 PLEASE SEND ME INFO  
 & PRICING ON THIS & OTHER  
 HOCKEY-RELATED VIDEOS.

THANK YOU,  
 Judy Wild

# 1994

The ill-fated teen magazine *Tell* decides to put Marky Mark on its cover and reprint *Meanwhile*'s "High School Nicknames Through History" inside. Against our advice, they give readers *Meanwhile*'s mailing address. Another mailbag of strange fan letters comes our way:

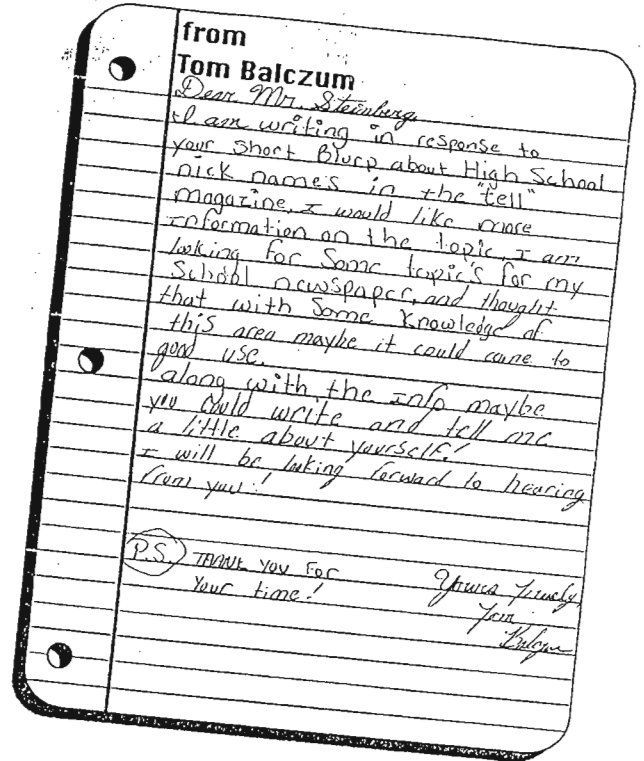
# found

out there

high-school  
NICK-NAMES  
through  
history

Samson	"Sam-bone"
William the Conqueror	"Conks," "Conky"
Nero	"Neroid"
Jesus	"J.C.," "Geez"
Henry VIII	"8-ball," "8-dog," "Hank"
Claude Monet	"C-Money"
Pope Pius III	"Pie-eye," "Threeppeat"
Dostoyevsky	"Dusty," "Skeezer"
Franz Kafka	"Vitamin K"
Emperor Hirohito	"Hitman"
Mohandas Gandhi	"Mogus"

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# 1995

*Meanwhile* garners four coveted "Jeremy Awards."

# 1996

On the verge of extinction, *Meanwhile* gets a new life as a weekly "online cyber-zine." Creators Steve and Don look forward to a future in which they can proudly tell their grandchildren that they logged "a lot of hits" in their day.

The Hub - Meanwhile

# MEANWHILE

THE MEAT OF MEANWHILE

- A man who divorces a beautiful woman in order to become a monk.
- Nursing-home residents who mysteriously know NIN is Trent Reznor
- A man who looks

Click here to send someone a mild electrical shock

Submit Your Own Episode

Weekly Tournament

- Meanwhile Sack
- Meanwhile Archive
- MeanwhileLand
- Submit Your Own Epi

"People are at war in foreign countries as we speak. That's why they call it 'March Madness.'"

OUR DAYS ARE NUMBERED

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