

Consortio Interruptus Twixt
Questions by M. M. Cheyne

1. Due to a rain-out, this team, not the Yankees, was the very first team to play with uniform numbers on the back of their jerseys. In 1938, two of its catchers caught baseballs dropped from the 708-foot Terminal Tower. Its star first baseman left the team in 1941 after suffering debilitating migraine headaches, a year after this team's "Crybabies" got manager Ossie Vitt fired. Its ace threw a no-hitter that season on opening day. This team signed the first modern American League black player, Larry Doby. For 10 points, name this baseball team which has Chief Wahoo as its logo.

ANSWER: Cleveland Indians

2. The French journalist Paul Guihard was killed at this university. Its official speed limit is 18 miles per hour. A coach here said "They'll have to take me out of here in a pine box" in 1998 shortly before leaving it to coach elsewhere. That coach was Tommy Tuberville. Alfred Hume gave legislators a tour of it to prevent efforts by Theodore Bilbo to move this university's campus. This campus was home to a mini war sparked by Ross Barnett's refusal to accept integration efforts. For 10 points, name this university integrated by James Meredith and the alma mater of Archie Manning.

ANSWER: University of Mississippi [or Ole Miss]

3. A YouTube clip shows Tony Horton crawling on all fours after Steve Hamilton successfully performs this action. This action was named by Maurice Van Robays, and Vin Scully called it the "soap bubble" when performed by Vicente Padilla. During the 1946 All-Star Game, Rip Sewell's attempts to perform it resulted in a massive Ted Williams home run. In *Baseball Bugs*, Bugs Bunny retires the entire side in one at-bat using this type of pitch. For 10 points, name this very, very low speed junk pitch with an unusual name.

ANSWER: throwing an Eephus pitch

4. This man was hit with a steel briefcase by Steve McMichael at the 1997 Slamboree. This man was courted by Ray Rhodes, who took him to Red Lobster to dine on catfish. After sitting out the 1999 season, he ended his career with an unspectacular final year with the Carolina Panthers. He reportedly was jokingly persuaded to sign with a team when his coach left a message on an answering machine saying "This is God." This man unfortunately gave a 1998 speech before a state legislature where he talked about the diverse gifts of various races while using many racial stereotypes. For 10 points, name this legendary Eagles and Packers player, a man nicknamed "the Minister of Defense."

ANSWER: Reggie White

5. The winning side of this event had a pitcher who led the National League in wins and who would, four years, later, falsely claim to have been abducted by gangsters during a pennant race. That player was Flint Rhem. Prior to Game 4, a player reportedly promised ailing Johnny Sylvester that he would hit a home run for him. In Game 7,

the losing side's star player was tagged out trying to steal second to end this series, while earlier in the game, a hung-over Grover Cleveland Alexander came out of relief to get out of a bases loaded jam. For 10 points, name this event in which the St. Louis Cardinals defeated the New York Yankees to win the world title a year prior to the Murderer's Row Yankees team winning it all.

ANSWER: **1926 World Series**

6. As a child, this man was driven to school by his neighbor, Samuel Beckett. George Allen was unsuccessful in attempts to sign him for the Washington Redskins, and he played the horned god Dagoth in the film *Conan the Destroyer*. This man's image was turned into the OBEY figure by Shepard Fairey, who created stickers reading this man "has a posse." This "Greatest Drunk on Earth" reportedly once consumed 119 beers in six hours. He fought Hulk Hogan at WrestleMania III. For 10 points, name this "Eighth Wonder of the World," a big French wrestler who played Fezzik in *The Princess Bride*.

ANSWER: **Andre the Giant** [or Andre Rene **Roussimoff**]

7. In a 1970 game, this player was thrown out at every base on the field, including home plate. After once saying that Frank Thomas needed to get "en fuego," Steve Lyons told this man "I still can't find my wallet," joking that he didn't want to sit next to this person. As a manager, he was once effectively traded for Randy Winn, and he was the very first player to come to bat in Royals history. In an Aquafina commercial, this man tells an umpire "say hello to the missus" when pretending to have an argument with him, which parodies his famous June 2007 meltdown at Wrigley Field. For 10 points, name this perpetually old former manager of the Reds and Mariners.

ANSWER: Lou **Piniella**

8. This man insists that a friend of his is not "white" but "clear." During a game of golf, he muses that "we weren't in any emotional state to putt." While wearing an umbrella hat, he tells Stan Podalak to close the lens cap on his camera and point it away. He is dropped off by a teamster prior to a scene where he insists "I don't play defense." This man ends one film by tearfully saying "that could have been me" while talking to Larry Bird, and he is confused for Dan Aykroyd by Mr. Swackhammer. He emerges from nowhere to be the fifth player on the Toon Squad. For 10 points, name this actor who plays himself in the movie *Space Jam*.

ANSWER: Bill **Murray**

9. Conspiracy theorists note that Wikipedia was edited fourteen hours before this event was publicly revealed, while even more insane conspiracy theorists believe it was all a scheme orchestrated by Kevin Sullivan. A longstanding rumor stated one person involved had "Fragile X syndrome" which led to domestic problems. During a roast of Flavor Flav that same year, Jimmy Kimmel referenced this event by saying the man involved was a better father than Flav. The perpetrator of this incident placed Bibles alongside his victims and then hung himself in his weight room. For 10 points, name this 2007 incident in which a wrestler murdered his wife and son and committed suicide.

ANSWER: The Chris **Benoit** double-murder/suicide

10. Jim Burt claims to have invented this practice, saying it was done out of spite, not joy, and that he insisted that Harry Carson perform it to avoid getting in trouble. Due to cheapness, it has been alleged that this practice ultimately resulted in the illness and death of coach George Allen. Dan Hampton claims to have invented it as a member of the Chicago Bears, but it first became prominent when performed with Bill Parcells. The Michigan State team chose to use confetti so as not to upset the heart condition of Mark Dantonio. For 10 points, name this practice that involves dumping colorful liquid on a winning coach.

ANSWER: The **Gatorade shower**

11. This man compared Billy Hunter to Hitler after he banned liquor on team flights. He once set pitching charts on fire in the Oakland clubhouse and was maced by a security guard after showing “threatening gestures with a closed fist.” This man claimed his team was racist for not letting him wear hair curlers on the field. He claimed that during his best known feat, he believed Richard Nixon was the home plate umpire and that he felt curiously euphoric the whole time. For 10 points, name this Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher best known for throwing a no-hitter apparently under the influence of LSD.

ANSWER: Dock **Ellis Jr.**

12. After this event, a newspaper accidentally published the editorial “A Curse of Their Own?”, wrongly anticipating the losing team would win. In describing an encounter during it, a pitcher continually asked the rhetorical question “who’s Karim Garcia?” During one game, a groundskeeper got into a brawl with Garcia and pitcher Jeff Nelson. The losing manager told his ace “Petey, I might not be here anymore” after the loss, a prediction that came true. It is best remembered for either its final game, when Grady Little left Pedro Martinez on the mound, or its game three brawl between Martinez and Don Zimmer. For 10 points, name this baseball series in which the New York Yankees defeated the Boston Red Sox on a walk-off Game 7 home run by Aaron Boone.

ANSWER: **2003 ALCS**

13. These works were almost prevented from airing due to lack of commercial clearance to use the Hancock Building. Its producer admitted dialogue had to be carefully constructed to avoid any connotation with gambling. A recent parody of these entries featured a third party announcing “great show, guys! Thanks for lunch!” In the first of these entries, a character insists “no dunks.” These works were parodied in a recent entry featuring LeBron James and Dwight Howard. In these works, characters continually say things like “off the expressway, over the river, off the billboard, nothing but net.” For 10 points, name this series of commercials in which two NBA Hall of Famers make a series of trick shots for a Big Mac.

ANSWER: The Michael **Jordan**-Larry **Bird** **McDonalds commercials**

14. Immediately prior to this event, Tom Hammond noted the quietness of the crowd. A YouTube video about it coined the catchphrase “hold my dick,” and a commentator spent more time praising Tyler Polumbus and the quarterback during it than the actual instigator. It is best remembered by me for Mike Mayock using the phrase “Get off me!” when describing its main participant stiff arming Tracy Porter. This event resulted in a small tremor at Qwest Field and resulted in the first sub-.500 NFL team winning a playoff game. For 10 points, name this January 8, 2011 event in which a Seattle Seahawks running back uncorked a 56-yard run to upset the New Orleans Saints.

ANSWER: **Beast Mode** [or Marshawn **Lynch unleashing Beast Quake**]

15. In a *Married...with Children* episode, a team is introduced “as your NBA All Stars...and” this man! He made a memorable coast to coast drive to give BYU a one point win over Notre Dame in the NCAA tournament. The youngest player to hit a homer for the Toronto Blue Jays, this man once got into a fight with Michael Jordan in a playoff game and more notoriously, was bitten by Tree Rollins in another playoff series. As head of his current team’s front office, he has traded for Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen. For 10 points, name this President of Basketball Operations for the Boston Celtics.

ANSWER: Danny **Ainge**

16. In 1957, fans voted seven out of eight starters for the All-Star Team from this one team, an action promptly vetoed by Commissioner Ford Frick. This team won a pennant under a manager whose name is given to an award given to those who “fight through adversity.” That award, the Hutch, is named for manager Fred Hutchinson. Its star player was once traded by executive Bill DeWitt, who called him an “old 30.” That deal was listed as an example of a bad trade in *Bull Durham* and involved pitcher Milt Pappas. During the Cold War, this team added the word “legs” to its name possibly to avoid connections to Communism. For 10 points, name this original team of Frank Robinson.

ANSWER: **Cincinnati Reds**

17. This man once sent a live rat to a Sacramento sportswriter after telling her that women do not belong in the clubhouse. Mike Royko, in the *Chicago Sun-Times*, wrote a comedic parody of this man’s ghostwritten column for the *Chicago Tribune*. He hit possibly the longest home run at 550 feet in Wrigley Field history. Tommy Lasorda once went on a famously obscene rant after being asked to give his opinion on this man’s performance after he hit three home runs against the Dodgers. He was the first player to hit 400 home runs without eventually being inducted into the Hall of Fame and also hit the lowest batting average for any season’s home run leader. For 10 points, name this slugger nicknamed “Kong” in a reference to King Kong.

ANSWER: Dave **Kingman**

18. At the end of this event, Jason Avant gave himself a concussion with a huge block on Zak DeOssie. Newspapers reported on this event with the headline that the losing team “DOGS IT,” which superimposed images of Michael Vick and dogs onto the

scene. After it finished, a coach angrily accosted Matt Dodge on the field. At the end of this event, a player on the winning side ran parallel to the goal line instead of crossing the end zone, possibly to run out the clock, possibly because he is a showboating gang member. Its ending prompted Tom Coughlin to throw his play sheets on the ground in anger. It was culminated by a game-winning punt return for a touchdown by DeSean Jackson. For 10 points, name this December 2010 event in which the Philadelphia Eagles rallied against the New York Giants.

ANSWER: **Miracle at the New Meadowlands**

19. This event began shortly after a Jumaine Jones inbound and resulted in a very physical foul by DeShawn Stevenson. About a year after this event, a lesser remembered incident in the same vein featured Bob Sura saying the ball “slipped” out of his hands. Paul Silas noted the embarrassment of this happening was more damaging than any fine, which was assessed anyway, while Jerry Sloan said it should have been a technical foul. It took place with about six seconds left in the game and did not actually result in an update of statistics. For 10 points, name this March 16, 2003 event when a member of the Cleveland Cavaliers desperately attempted to get a cheap triple double.

ANSWER: Ricky **Davis shooting at his own basket**

20. This event was labeled “the turning point that wasn’t” in the book *Controversy Creates Ca\$h*. This event ended when a man being handcuffed, shocked with a taser, and spraypainted by a gang led by Lex Luger. On the same broadcast as this event, an announcer sarcastically noted “That’s gonna put some butts in the seats” when describing the competition. It is best remembered as a symbol of one company’s decline in the Monday Night Wars, occurring during the same broadcast as Tony Schiavone’s revelation that Mick Foley was going to win the title on another network. For 10 points, name this January 1999 incident when the WCW World Heavyweight Champion intentionally lost to the leader of nWo Hollywood.

ANSWER: The **Fingerpoke of Doom** [or **Hogan defeating Nash**]

21. During a speech at the Wharton School of Business, this man made various untactful comments about his team’s front office. He once crashed his bike in Central Park while reading a text message from Dustin Pedroia. The son-in-law of Ralph Branca, this man lost a TBS gig after saying that the Yankees “were not around” immediately after 9/11. This man once snuck back into a dugout after being ejected while wearing a fake mustache. In his most recent managerial gig, he annoyed fans by criticizing Kevin Youkilis. For 10 points, name this man who managed the New York Mets in the Subway Series and was the disastrous replacement as Red Sox manager for Terry Francona.

ANSWER: Bobby **Valentine**

22. This man once slept on a park bench after his team won the NBA Championship. He briefly took a leave of absence from the team at one point “to clear his head” and work as a cab driver. He is the most recent player to be league MVP while not also included the All-NBA First Team. The Milwaukee Bucks unfortunately gave up

Quinn Buckner to get the final, not very good season of this man. While though to be too small to play center, he was drafted by his most famous team at the recommendation of the Hall of Famer he effectively replaced, Bill Russell. For 10 points, name this man who played center for the Boston Celtics for almost all of the 1970's.

ANSWER: Dave Cowens

23. This man owns the American League record for most consecutive games with a run batted in, a feat which was not discovered (due to an error in stats) until 39 years after his death. He almost died in 1937 after falling from a window while working on a flower box. He's not Ty Cobb, but Marvin Miller suggested this man be removed from the Hall for his membership in the KKK. He was once accused of colluding with Cobb to fix games while both men were player-managers. This man was the manager during the game when his teammate Ray Chapman was killed by a beanball. For 10 points, name this man known as "The Grey Eagle," a fantastic center fielder for both the Cleveland Indians and Boston Red Sox.

ANSWER: Tristram Speaker

24. A famous *Sports Illustrated* cover shows this man wearing a Nehru jacket with the caption "The Swinger." He retired in the middle of a season after being replaced by Chris Chambliss as part of his quest to become a pro golfer. This man's usage of a golf glove while a member of the Athletics has led to incorrect assertions that he invented the batting glove. In his only year as GM, he fired Tony La Russa as manager. This man coined such nicknames as "The Deacon," "Black Jack," and "The Big Hurt." He is best known for his catch phrases like "You can put it on the board! Yes!" after a home run. For 10 points, name this idiot, a Chicago White Sox announcer nicknamed "Hawk."

ANSWER: Ken Harrelson

25. Trasher Brothers Trailways purchased a \$300,000 bus nicknamed the "Cruiser" for the benefit of a man during this period. While it was ongoing, a bronze sculpture known as *The Spirit* was dedicated. This period began shortly after Daniel Green and Larry Martin Demery murdered a man at a highway rest area in North Carolina. Some of this period took place in Scottsdale, but it most famously took place in Birmingham. It ended with the release of the two-word press release "I'm back." A fictional account of this period ending is featured in the film *Space Jam*. For 10 points, name this period where the best player in the NBA plied his trade at another sport.

ANSWER: Michael Jordan playing baseball [or his first retirement]

26. After one team failed to perform this action, scout Hal Newhouser quit in protest. That team incorrectly believed this action would cost at least a million dollars and instead chose Phil Nevin. Dick Groch encouraged the team who did perform this action, assuring his superiors that the target would not be attending college despite offers from the University of Michigan. The team who completed this action were impressed with the Gatorade High School Player of the Year, who hailed from

Kalamazoo. For 10 points, name this action in the 1992 MLB Draft in which the New York Yankees acquired their longtime shortstop.

ANSWER: drafting Derek Jeter

27. While serving as a bench coach for the Rockies, this man abruptly quit and retired in the middle of the fifth inning in a game. This man's shouts of "No! No! No!" were confused with "Go! Go! Go!", which got Denny Doyle thrown out at the plate in a World Series. Bill Lee called him "The Gerbil" and formed "The Buffalo Heads" to mock this man while he was managing the Red Sox during the 1978 "Boston Massacre" at the hands of Bucky F. Dent. He busted out an army helmet after being hit by a foul ball in a game, and was once rumored to have a surgically implanted steel plate in his head after being hit in 1956. For 10 points, name this goofy looking old dude, a longtime coach with Joe Torre at the New York Yankees.

ANSWER: Don Zimmer

28. This man was once rumored to have been let go from one team after he stole money from Babe Ruth, who called him the "All-American Out." Recently played on film by Christopher Meloni, this man managed the Cubs the year they collapsed down the stretch against the "Miracle Mets" and he noted he didn't care if a guy "has stripes like a fuckin' zebra" in defending his new rookie, Jackie Robinson. While somewhat of a misquote, he coined the phrase "Nice guys finish last." For 10 points, name this man nicknamed "the Lip," who managed both the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants.

ANSWER: Leo Durocher

29. Jesse Levis chose not to perform this action saying "I don't have that kind of leverage," and remarked afterwards that he felt fine but "just really thirsty." A poem about it features the line "said Murphy to Mulrooney, 'we shall lose the game today.'" It led to one performer getting a standing ovation at an institution named for Shaarey Zedek. In the first notable incidence of this action, a player was honored by Edgar A. Guest's poem ending with the lines "he's true to his religion—and I honor him for that." Another instance of this action resulted in Don Drysdale legendarily telling Walter Alston "you wish I was Jewish too." For 10 points, name this action performed by both Hank Greenberg and Sandy Koufax in observance of a Jewish holiday.

ANSWER: refusing to play on Yom Kippur

30. The major participant in this incident did not appear at its follow-up, instead reportedly spending the time playing hearts at a Newark airport. In protest of it, one manager put Ron Guidry in center field and a left-hander at second base. As a result of this incident, Gaylord Perry was ejected for trying to hide a particular object in the clubhouse. The ultimate result of this event was that Don Mattingly lost a 25-game hitting streak. Dick Howser had to physically restrain one participant involved, who tried to attack Tim McClelland after the latter was advised by Billy Martin. For 10 points, name this July 24, 1983 event in which George Brett's home run at Yankee Stadium was apparently negated due to something on his bat.

ANSWER: The **Pine Tar** Game

31. This man, when asked about his accomplishments, said “I shine bright...like the sun!” He once claimed that he could “play DB, RB, QB, TE...and even a little R&B.” In some of his appearances, he was portrayed by the non-baseball player Andre Dawson. When drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs, this man was asked “Have we ever met before?” by Roger Goodell. This person was created when a man grabbed an afro wig and a fake mustache after angrily listening to a report on how rookies today were “more dominant than ever.” For 10 points, name this fictional alter ego of Deion Sanders created to participate in the 2013 NFL Combine.

ANSWER: **Leon Sandcastle**

32. A baseball pitcher with this surname had his career cut short when his finger got caught during an ill-advised attempt to win a bet that he couldn’t jump up and touch an overhead awning. A football player with this surname was the first player to reach the Super Bowl in three different decades. That man once controversially said he was “going to break” the “damn neck” of Joe DeLamielleure during an explanation about why he was reluctant to push for better retirement benefits. That man was reportedly almost ousted by a Matt Stover campaign to remove him as head of the NFLPA prior to his 2008 death. For 10 points, give the surname of NFL Hall of Famer Gene.

ANSWER: **Upshaw**

33. This stadium’s visiting locker room reportedly contained small peepholes enabling players to peep at cheerleaders getting dressed. It was home to a double-header in 1993 that did not end until 4:40 AM and was won on a walk-off hit by the team’s closer. Its most notorious section of fans was at the “700 Level.” In 1999, fans at this stadium threw batteries at J. D. Drew. In a 1990 game here, coach Buddy Ryan said the opposing side’s offense would have to be carted off in “body bags.” Fans at this stadium cheered when Michael Irvin suffered a neck injury here. For 10 points, name this stadium where the Eagles and Phillies played until 2003.

ANSWER: Philadelphia **Veterans** Stadium

34. Lou Cordileone angrily said “you’re kidding” after he was traded for this man, who was the MVP of the 0-0 Cotton Bowl played in an ice storm. This player was the first pro football player to be featured on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*. He was once photographed after throwing an interception at Pitt Stadium after being hit by John Baker. That famous photo of this man shows him helmet-less and bleeding after suffering a concussion and cracked sternum. He led the Giants to three consecutive title games (that they all lost) in the early 1960’s. For 10 points, name this quarterback whose initials stood for “Yelberton Abraham.”

ANSWER: Y.A. **Tittle**

35. In 2009, this player was in the news for allegations that he hit and choked his common-law wife, Stacey. In one playoff game, he argued with an umpire while a ball was in play, which resulted in Enrique Wilson scoring a go-ahead run against his team. In another playoff series, he deceived Lonnie Smith by appearing to start a

double play on a Terry Pendleton hit. This man eventually developed Steve Sax Disease, as demonstrated by his plunking Keith Olbermann's mother with an errant throw. Fans at the Metrodome threw hot dogs and golf balls at him during his return after he was traded for Eric Milton and Cristian Guzman. For 10 points, name this second baseman for the Yankees and Twins.

ANSWER: Chuck **Knoblauch**

36. This man, known as "Gucci," was a high school teammate of Will Bynum. He was the Big 12 Player of the Year in leading Oklahoma State to their last Final Four appearance. This man spent two nights in jail after being accused of breaking a man's left eye socket during an altercation outside a Chicago restaurant. He required ACL surgery after he landed awkwardly during an ill-advised dunk attempt after a whistle. This man, the "Grindfather," coined the phrase "Grit. Grind," with his current team, when he was added to the lineup to replace Rudy Gay and O.J. Mayo. For 10 points, name this Memphis Grizzlies swingman.

ANSWER: Tony **Allen**

37. During one episode in this conflict, Randy Gradishar was ejected after he slugged Tom Slade through his facemask. At various points in this conflict, a conference rule about "no repeats" in a certain bowl game ensured it was basically being played only for pride. In one game, a coach threw his phone on the ground and then tried to punch a cameraman who was recording it. This conflict began the season after a game when a coach said "Because I couldn't go for three" when he went for two despite having a 50-14 lead. That result led to one school hiring the former graduate assistant of the other team's coach. For 10 points, name this conflict that pitted two Big Ten teams under legendary coaches against each other from 1969 to 1978.

ANSWER: The **Ten Year** War [or **Michigan-Ohio State under Woody and Bo**]

38. Disputed plays in this game include a Cleveland Gary fumble during a 4th and 7th play in the fourth quarter, and the lack of a fumble called on a Rob Chudzinski catch. Before it started, Pee Wee Smith instigated a brawl by attacking Tony Rice. This game ended in a failed two point conversion try by Steve Walsh, which was chosen instead of an extra point to tie. It took place at South Bend between the defending national champs and the team that would win the national title that year. For 10 points, name this 1980's game between two undefeated teams coached by Lou Holtz and Jimmy Johnson, perhaps best known for its alliterative, stereotype-referencing nickname.

ANSWER: The **Catholics vs. Convicts** game [or the **1988 Notre Dame/Miami** game]

39. A famous image of this event showed Lance Easley and Derrick Rhone-Dunn making hand gestures. It resulted in SportsCenter getting its highest ratings ever. The NFL later acknowledged that pass interference should have called when Sam Shields was shoved. T.J. Lang tweeted afterwards "fuck it NFL...fine me," and threatened to go on strike, and much humor was made out of Governor Scott Walker's complaint. This event ended not with an interception awarded to M.D. Jennings but with a touchdown

given to Golden Tate. For 10 points, name this September 2012 incident at CenturyLink Field which revealed the problem with using replacement referees.
ANSWER: The **Fail Mary** [or the **Packers/Seahawks officiating controversy**]

40. In one interview, this man noted his chosen sport gave him a “dopamine rush” even bigger than playing competitive squash. Along with Darren Leow, he once helped nab a thief trying to steal his computer from the Regenstein Library. This man is apparently the author of the text “On visiting Dargah at Ajmer.” This man chanted “The Man with the Blue Guitar” to his guitar playing brother. For 10 points, name this villain, the panda-loving nemesis of Marshall Steinbaum.

ANSWER: **Shantanu Jha**