The MIT Climate Change Conversation Committee is seeking community engagement in the Conversation on Climate Change, an initiative to discuss what committee chair Roman Stocker said has the potential to be the "biggest problem [MIT] has ever contributed to solving."

In a survey of the MIT community taken last November, the committee found that MIT has a "strong interest in taking action on climate change," Stocker told The Tech. The survey, which received more than 8,000 responses, was a first step for the initiative and helped shape its next stage, an event series which kicked off Jan. 21 with a talk by Dr. Larry Linden PhD ’88.

Linden is the founder of the Linden Trust for Conservation, which is "working to promote a federal carbon tax," and he spoke about "the most efficient way to tackle climate change." He said that the current carbon dioxide emissions limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MIT attempted to limit its liability, MI...
The Charlie Hebdo shootings and Islamophobia
Dissecting France’s response to the tragedy

By Archis R. Bhandarkar

Since the attacks on the French satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo, people of all ages and beliefs have stood together to condemn the terrorists’ actions in what has proved to be an unprecedented global response. The hashtag #JeSuisCharlie quickly erupted on Twitter, trending at a peak of 6,000 tweets per minute the day following the massacre. On the Sunday after, presidents, prime ministers, and an estimated one million individuals participated in a solidarity rally that spanned the streets of Paris, all in support of Charlie Hebdo.

But can Charlie Hebdo, serving the overwhelming support it has received from the global community over the past couple of weeks? The search for moral clarity in the wake of the tragedy isn’t as easy as some have made it out to be.

For sure, the global community is right to condemn the terrorists who perpetrated the Charlie Hebdo shooting. No argument can justify the killing of 12 individuals, no matter how offended a group may be. But when we mean when we claim “Je Suis Charlie” in unison? With whom are we standing in solidarity?

A quick survey of Charlie’s portfolio raises doubts about its image as a righteous crusader for the freedom of speech. From crude, stereotyped depictions of Arabs and Africans to several drawings of the Prophet Muhammad in naked, insulting poses, Charlie Hebdo’s brand of satire is rife with racially charged and extremely insensitive undertones. A line must be drawn between satire that seeks to reveal hypocrisy and inform, and the kind of crass mockery that serves to provoke and insult.

And let’s not forget the broader context. The periodical exists in a France that has seen growing tensions between the majority-white and already marginal- ized Muslim minorities. Following a similar terrorist ban passed in 2010 by the French Senate in 2010 prohibited the use of face-covering gear like the burqa. To date the law has been upheld by the European Court of Human Rights despite continuing to infringe on some of French Muslim citizens’ rights to freely exercise their religion.

Yet the 2016 ban on burqas is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to growing Islamophobia in France. The French mosques have been subject to vandalism and graffiti. And in 2008, 148 Muslim graves in France’s biggest WWI cemetery in Arrou were desecrated with hateful slo- gans. Charlie Hebdo has often reflected and amplified this underlying racial prejudice already present in the backdrop of French society.

Tensions have only worsened since the shootings. On the day following the incident, three training grenades were thrown at Mosque de Stalinne and an explosion battered down a kebab shop in the small town of Villefranche-sur-Saône. Compare this to the response in Australia after similar shootings took place in Syd- ney in mid-December. An example for the rest of the world, thousands of Australians took to Twitter where the hashtag “#Wil- hiedowskylo” shortly started to trend in a unique show of solidarity with the Muslim community.

So the question emerges: to be Charlie Hebdo or not to be Charlie Hebdo? The ac- tions of the terrorists that took several lives that day should surely be condemned, but we must not lose ourselves to the very kind of blind hatred and bigotry that we con- demn the rest of the world for. In Sydney and Paris, the global community has seen two differ- ent outbursts of horrible acts of violence. And, it’s entirely a choice in perspective that made the difference between these two reactions. We must recognize the nu- ances that surround these tragedies and continue to exhale the “you’re either with us or against us” stance that had defined U.S. foreign policy for so long.

As President Obama remarked to the U.N. General Assembly in 2012, “The future must not belong to those who slander the prophet of Islam. Yet to be credible, those who condemn that slander must also con- demn the hate we see when we imagine Jesus Christ is desecrated, churches are de- stroyed, or the Holocaust is denied.”

It is our moral imperative to follow the path carved out by those in Sydney and un- derstand that things aren’t either white or black, that the actions of a few extremists can’t define an entire group. It’s just as simple as just as Sui Sui Charlie or je ne Suis Pas Charlie.

The Charlie Hebdo’s right to free speech must not extend to soli- darity with the callousness and indifference that has defined so many of their cartoons. Our censure for the terrorists’ actions must extend to the callousness and indifference that has defined so many of their cartoons.

Our solidarity with Charlie Hebdo must be extended to the innocent victims. Archis R. Bhandarkar is a member of the Class of 2018.

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[1479] Superbowl

I don't know much about sports, which can be culturally isolating, so it's tempting to get vocal and defensive about not following them. I care about something makes people wonderable, so not caring gives you power.

But I know the things I'm into don't always sound interesting to 100% of the people around me, and it means a lot when they sometimes try to listen anyway—and maybe even find themselves sharing some of my excitement?

So while everyone is going on about the Superbowl on Sunday, let me tell you what I'll be doing:

LISTENING! Hooray for friendship! Also eating snacks. Hooray for snacks!

RESEARCH PROBLEMS

PROBLEMS MOST ACADEMICS WISH THEY HAD

I don't have time to write papers

Because I have too much good data.

I lost my grant money

Because I didn't spend it by the end of the fiscal year.

I've run out of wall space

For all my honorary degrees.

It took forever

For the technician to fix my million dollar machine.

I had to move all my files

Because I got yet another new laptop.

My students are so good

It's hard for me to challenge them.

I don't get airline miles on this trip

Because the conference is paying for it.

I have to dress up every day

In case reporters come to interview me about my research.

I had to turn down that invite to talk in Paris

Because my paper is on embargo at Nature.

My lab

Is too crowded.

My institution

Won't give me two press releases this month.

I am too busy

To read comics on the internet.

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Saturday Stumper by Anna Stiga
Solution, page 6

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15 Unchanging
16 Close encounter
17 Most frequently used Atlantic storm name since 1969
18 Enclave or Encore
19 Retirement venue
20 Rear-axle neighbor
22 Plywood source
23 Dietary staple of Colonial America
25 They’re short on material
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27 Historical period
29 Letter to Liverpudlians
30 Under a strain
31 Traditional rebel
32 Standout
33 Stand out
35 Good Seasons freebie offering
40 Buyer of HotJobs.com in 2010
41 Not grounded?
44 Promise in writing
45 Place under water
46 Flat letters
47 See 39 Across
49 “Physician, heal thyself” book
50 Calabria, vis-à-vis Italy
51 Always going
52 Popular pizza topping in Japan
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58 Perfect
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61 They’re seen on Canadian silver dollars

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26 Autograph requests, effusive compliments, etc.
28 International Date Line crosser of 2011
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42 ABC Sports’ “Greatest Athlete of the 20th Century”
43 Tropical-country custom
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**Tonight**: Partly cloudy, with a low of 10 °F (–12 °C). Winds from the southwest at 5–8 mph.

**Tomorrow**: Mostly cloudy, with a high around 33 °F (1 °C). Winds from the southwest at 5–10 mph. Chance of snow overnight.

**Thursday**: Overcast, with a high in the upper 20s °F (–1 °C). Chance of snow.

**Friday**: Partly sunny, with a high in the upper 10s °F (–7 °C).

By Casey Hilgenbrink  
**STAFF METEOROLOGIST**

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**Situation for Noon Eastern Time, Tuesday, February 3, 2015**

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ACROSS THE POND
Cambridge blues
How basketball shaped my study-abroad experience
By Nick Prus

As the team captain of the Cambridge Blues Basketball Club pulled up to the rendezvous point in the heart of Cambridge, I and another three meter-gentlemen watched the cheeky fellow, grinning from ear to ear, and declared: “All that was left boys. Hop in.” I was fortunate enough to play for the Cambridge Blues Basketball Club during my full year abroad at King’s College, Cambridge University, and the memory of that baby blue Fiat being pushed to its physical limits is something that I will cherish forever. The only thing missing from the car was a big red nose and a flower that squirted Lucozade (we had the comically large baby blue Fiat being pushed to its physical limits is something that I will cherish for ever. The only thing missing from the car was a big red nose and a flower that squirted Lucozade (we had the comically large

We won a lot of games and lost a few as well, but those moments almost seemed secondary. We really looked forward to being a night at the Hawks’ Club, enjoying a post-game meal and catching up with any other. The Hawks’ Club, exclusive to varsity athletes, was where hearty meals were served to the heartiest of Cambridge students. A favorite of the team was the farm burger: a grilled chicken breast with a burger patty, an egg, and bacon. In between stuffing our faces in the historic living hall, we would be interacting with the rest of the athletes around Cambridge, asking them what they’d done earlier to warrant their meal. We could have fun anywhere, but somehow we all knew we’d be meeting at the Hawks’ Club at some point.

There’s plenty of opportunity for grandeur when traveling abroad. I was able to go to one of the best parties in the entire world, the St. John’s May Ball, listen to the King’s College choir, interview for a job in London, gaze on the lights of Paris, eat chestnuts in Nuremburg — you name it. But while those things are nice, they’re not what I keep going back to. I remember lifting in the weight room with my buddy and writing out some moves over the cooler. It is the little moments that make studying abroad more than tourism. When I wear my blue jacket, an award given to me for performing at the highest level for the university, I don’t think of the towering spires of Cambridge against a blue sky. What I do think of, though, is a bunch of clowns stuffed into a blue Fiat, driving into London to throw a ball through a hoop.

Let’s fall in love
Does it really take just 36 questions to be head over heels?

By Jin Lin

How hard is it to be in love with a complete stranger? According to Stony Brook University psychologist Arthur Aron, it’s as simple as a 90-minute, 36-question session. In his study, pairs of heterosexual strangers sat in the same room and asked each other a series of increasingly personal questions that fostered closeness. Several of the 33 pairs went on dates right after the experiment and one pair went to the altar six months later and invited the researchers to attend.

I don’t find the research that surprising. Each of us can find someone we’re attracted to anywhere in the world. I don’t think there is ever anything unconditionally special about someone else. There is no ‘one’ out there. There is something we choose to love.

A few days ago, I was at Next House studying with two close friends, Rachel and “Aaron.” While a few others intermittently dropped in and out of the conversation, we were the three who stayed throughout the night. I’ll confess, our experiment deviated from the study right off the bat. For starters, we were a trio rather than a pair. We didn’t go through every question. We skipped around and chose not to answer some questions that we couldn’t think of answers to. Furthermore Rachel had done some of the questions the day before and it was her idea that night to ask the questions.

We started off the night with a light question, #5: “When did you last sing to yourself?” “To someone else?” I sang yesterday in the shower,” I said. Both Aaron and Rachel said they sang in their rooms yesterday.

We then skipped to #13: “If a crystal ball could tell you the truth about yourself, your life, the future or anything else, what would you want to know?” I said I wanted to know everything about what my children were like. Rachel said she wanted the optimal prime factorization algorithm that she could crack every cryptographic code in the world. Aaron said he wanted to know what profession he would pursue. Having known the two a while, I would say their responses were in line with the people I thought they were.

We moved onto #18: “What is your most terrible memory?” Rachel went first. She said her worst memory was when she was four and on an annual family drive to Maryland to visit relatives. Along the ride, Rachel and her family decided to freshen up a bit of what I thought was the worst experience. When he was young, his mother, who was a devout Buddhist, told him he regretted starting a family rather than becoming a monk. While Aaron is now on terms with what she said, I personally didn’t think it was appropriate. However, perhaps the most memorable answer I received was when Rachel said she considered someone a friend if she could maintain a natural flowing conversation with said person after a significant time apart. Aaron said his friends were people whom he didn’t feel guilty ranting about his life to. As for me, I said friends were people more precious than romantic partners. You think more carefully about who you want to start a friendship with than who you want to go on a date with.

We called it a night after going through a few more questions. In the end, I wouldn’t have wanted any of those questions, though we did become closer to each other.
MIT Musical Theater Guild Presents

Lucky Stiff

1. Vinnie DiRuzzio (Joshua B. Scherrer '18) and Dominique Du Monaco (Allison E. Hamilos G) attempt to steal diamonds at gunpoint during a dress rehearsal of the MIT Musical Theater Guild's production of Lucky Stiff. The musical comedy follows shoe salesman Harry Witherspoon as he takes his dead uncle’s body on a tour of Monte Carlo in accordance with his will. Shows continue this Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. in La Sala De Puerto Rico on the second floor of the Student Center.

2. Harry Witherspoon (Michael A. Greshko G) sings about his life as a shoe salesman.

3. Dominique Du Monaco (Allison E. Hamilos G) performs during “Speaking French.”

4. Harry Witherspoon (Michael A. Greshko G) tries to present his dead uncle’s body (Matthew T. Iovino ’17) as alive and well to passersby.

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MIT Aeronautics and Astronautics Professor David Miller ScD ’88 and Lincoln Laboratory Director Eric D. Evans have been appointed Fellows of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA). The AIAA, as stated on its website, is “the world’s largest technical society dedicated to the global aeronautics profession.”

Nominees for the honor of Fellow must be “individuals of distinction in aeronautics or astronautics,” who have made “notable valuable contributions” to the field. Each nominee must be a board member, section chairperson, committee chairperson, or Fellow. Miller, a professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics, holds a bachelor’s degree, master’s degree, and PhD from MIT. He has been an Aeronaut professor since 2006, occasionally leading the department’s capstone course. Miller holds the NASA Group Achievement Award, a NASA Office of Aeronautics and Space Technology Commendation, and the NASA Manned Flight Awareness Team Award. He works with MIT’s Space Systems Laboratory, where he conducts research on distributed satellite systems, modular and multifunctional spacecraft, next-generation space telescopes, space-based interferometry, and active control of dynamic structures. He was Director of MIT’s Space Systems Laboratory until March 2014, when he was appointed as NASA’s Chief Technology Officer.

Evans, Lincoln Laboratory Director since 2006, received his bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees from Ohio State University. He led the Laboratory’s Air Defense Techniques Group and the Air and Missile Defense Technology Division before becoming director. Evans is responsible for the Laboratory’s “strategic direction and overall technical and administrative operations.” Under Evans, Lincoln Laboratory develops advanced technology and prototypes systems for national security needs. Evans is also the Vice Chair of the Defense Science Board, an advisor to the U.S. Strategic Command Senior Advisory Group, a member of the Massport Security Advisory Council, and President of the National Consortium for Graduate Degrees for Minority in Engineering and Science. He is an Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Fellow and a recipient of the M. Barry Carlton Award from the IEEE Aerospace and Electronics Systems Society.

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1. Students throw snow at each other in Killian Court. The storm dumped two feet of snow on Boston and forced MIT to close from early Tuesday morning until Wednesday evening.

2. A student with a helmet-mounted GoPro camera targets his friend with a snowball in Killian Court.

3. A jogger runs down the middle of Mass. Ave. during the snowstorm.

4. Heavy winter clothing was scarce among students outside of EC.

5. Nicholas W. Fine ’16 was one of several participants who found winter clothing burdensome and unnecessary.

6. A shirtless student runs away from a snow-throwing friend in the midst of the fun.

7. Casie S. Chen ’17 and others dance on top of one of the picnic tables outside EC.

8. The snowball fight moved from Killian Court to the EC Courtyard where the fun continued.

9. A laptop and speaker system were brought into the EC Courtyard for music.

10. A student stands triumphantly on a statue in Killian Court.

Snowpocalypse ’15

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Many potential jurors have connections to the marathon bombing den of proof” and “we still need to persuade the jurors, but also handhold them through the judicial process. The judge, the potential juror and the table. “Want to keep going?” he’d violated the basic principle of voir dire. “[The jurors] can tell you anything, and he be honest and truthful, but it has no legal meaning.”

One potential juror — a frank, aging old juror said yes, not even realizing that his decision “based on the facts” of the trial was not convincing. Chuckling, he asked the juror if he’d be unable to let go of his lingering feelings of guilt there, “hinting that he would be guilty” if the government didn’t prove its case like they’re just going through the motions.

Another potential juror — a well-spoken recent college gradate who studied terrorism in the Middle East — said he would make his decision “based on the facts” and might change his mind from his existing opinion that “there’s guilt there,” hinting that he would default against the defendant. Sensing a red flag, O’Toole asked if the juror would require evidence to change his current position. “I’m not a juror, not even remotely,” he’d violated the basic principle of presumed innocence.

The lawyers’ eyes darted around the table. “Want to keep going?” someone whispered. A subtle signal to the judge, and the potential juror was waved back to the table.

Another hope out the window. The one thing beyond doubt is that if the government didn’t prove its case like they’re just going through the motions.

As elaborate as their strategies may be, or their answers they think the court is looking for. In response to an abstract question from unflappable prosecutor William Weinreb, one potential juror said mechanically that sure, he’d be able to put the burden of proof on the prosecution. But Bruck didn’t buy it. Butting in, he asked the juror if he’d be unable to let go of his lingering feelings of guilt and if he’d need evidence, “I assume that he persuade him that Tsarnaev is not guilty.”

Another said three amputees were “a good rider due to the emotional impact of the bomb at the finish line,” and, from legal terms, “it will be impossible for him to handle the trial.”

If he doesn’t do his best to ferret out those jurors who are just giving the answers they think the court is looking for. “I’m not a juror, not even remotely,” he said. “It’s O’Toole’s job to examine the jurors, but also handhold them through the judicial process. The judge, the potential juror and the table. “Want to keep going?”

Bruck has reason to be skeptical. While O’Toole and the prosecution may be satisfied by the jurors simply saying they can uphold “innocent until proven guilty,” he realizes that he’s fighting an uphill battle. At one point, he аналогизировал the trial: to “to give him a glimpse of the defense’s biases are “mental exercises, a make believe,” he said on the fifth day of voir dire. “[The jurors] can tell you anything, and be honest and truthful, but it has no legal meaning.”

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New England Patriots clinch Super Bowl XLIX

Malcolm Butler’s interception thwarts Seattle’s hopes of a last-second comeback

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Tom Brady threw for 328 yards including 4 touchdown passes to 4 different receivers to lead the Patriots to an epic 28-24 victory over the reigning champions, the Seattle Seahawks. While Brady was instrumental in helping the Pats overcome a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter, the game-clinching play belonged to undoubted rookie Malcolm Butler. With 20 seconds remaining and the Seahawks a yard away from the end zone, Pete Carroll made what has been dubbed the worst call in Super Bowl history. Instead of going for Marshawn Lynch who had already run over 100 yards by then, he went for a pass play. Butler anticipated it brilliantly and with his first interception of the season gave the Pats their fourth SB in the Kraft-Belichick-Brady era. Despite an MVP-caliber performance it was by no way a display of perfection from Tom Brady as he threw two costly interceptions at the beginning of each half. Russell Wilson had his struggles too, and was held to zero completions in the first quarter. The Patriots managed to take a 14-7 lead with two minutes to go in the first half. Brandon LaFell and Rob Gronkowski scored for the Patriots while the Beast Mode got one for Seattle. But just when it seemed the Patriots would go into the locker room with a lead, Russell Wilson and the Seahawks needed to be sharp and clinical. Instead, they got a most bizarre catch from NFC Championship game hero, Jermaine Kearse. Russell Wilson went deep to Kearse, who was well covered by Butler. However, the rookie corner’s tip-off never hit the ground and Kearse juggled it but kept his concentration to get Seattle to within 5 yards and a new set of downs. Pats fans must have had that sinking feeling. It was David Tyree of the Giants who had in this very stadium at Glendale, Arizona, made a famous catch to deny them the Super Bowl in 2008. However, there was more drama left.

Lynch got the Seahawks to the one-yard line and with a timeout and two plays remaining, Pete Carroll called a pass play to the shock of everyone watching. Bill Belichick’s emphasis on situation football paid rich dividends as Butler anticipated the slant pass from Wilson from the Hawks’ formation and beat intended receiver Lockette in an interception that won the Super Bowl. Russell Wilson got off to a slow start but made timely scrambles and accurate, deep throws to get Seattle on the verge of back-to-back SB triumphs. The Beast Mode ran for over a hundred yards and looked more ominous as the game went on. Chris Matthews stepped up for the Hawks when their more heralded receivers were kept in check, but one crucial call ended their golden chance to become the first team since the New England Patriots of 2004 to win back-to-back world championships.

The Pats had a simple game plan get rid of the ball quickly, Vereen had 11 receptions, Edelman went for over 100 yards and Gronk won him match-ups to get those important first downs. It wasn’t Brady’s best performance, but once again in the times it mattered most, in the most clutch situations, he threw with pinpoint precision and rightfistedly bagged a third Super Bowl MVP.

Brady joined Montana and Bradshaw with 4 Super Bowls as a starting QB, tied Montana with 3 SB MVPs and went past Montana for most SB touchdown passes. With so much that has gone on over the past fortnight surround- ing Deflategate and Brady’s integ- rity openly called into question, what a way to silence the critics and make an almost indisputable case for being the greatest QB to ever have played the game!

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Djokovic wins the Australian Open

Serena Williams tops Sharapova

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World No. 1 Novak Djokovic clinched his fifth Australian Open title on Sunday, defeating Andy Murray 7-6 (7-5), 6-7 (4-7), 6-3, 6-8. What looked destined for a close contest got lopsided from the third set on as Andy Murray lost the plot to lose his fourth final at the Australian Open. With Roger Federer taken care of by Andreas Seppi in Round 3 and Tomas Berdych ousted Rafael Nadal in the quarter-finals, Djokovic was left to fight his emerg- ing nemesis, Stanislas Wawrinka. It took another five-setter in the semi-final between the duo but the Serb outlasted the Swiss to avenge last year’s quarter final loss.

Serena Williams defeated world No. 2, Maria Sharapova 6-3, 7-5 to clinch her sixth Australian Open ti- tle. Her latest and 19th Grand Slam triumph helped her move past Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova and claim second place in the list of most Grand Slam titles won by women in the open era. She trails Steffi Graf by three.

Sensationally this was the six-teenth consecutive time Williams has defeated Sharapova, making for one of the most lop-sided rivalries in recent history. En route to the final Williams defeated American teenager Madison Keys who had her best performance in a Grand Slam (Semi Finalist) that included a hard fought three-set victory over Venus Williams.

Martina Hingis won her first Grand Slam title in almost a de-cade when she and partner Le- ander Paes clinched the mixed doubles crown with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Kristina Mladenovic of France and Daniel Nestor of Canada. Having clinched the Australian Open Singles and Doubles titles from 1997 to 1999, her last Grand Slam triumph was also at the Australian Open, a mixed doubles title with anoth- er Indian doubles star, Mahesh Bhupathi.