

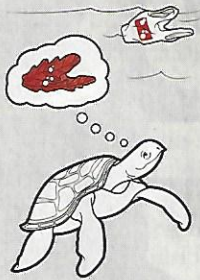
# 'This is the future from now on.'

JERRY BROWN, California governor, addressing the role of climate change in the state's ongoing wildfires; hundreds of homes were destroyed, and one woman was found dead Sept. 13



52%

Percentage of sea turtles worldwide that have eaten debris, according to a new study



33 million

Number of Americans without health insurance in 2014, down 21% from the previous year

# 'SHE PLAYED LITERALLY OUT OF HER MIND.'

SERENA WILLIAMS, tennis star, after losing the semi-final at the U.S. Open to unseeded Italian player Roberta Vinci; the loss ended Williams' bid for a calendar-year Grand Slam



**Red wine**  
The resveratrol in red wine may prevent Alzheimer's from progressing

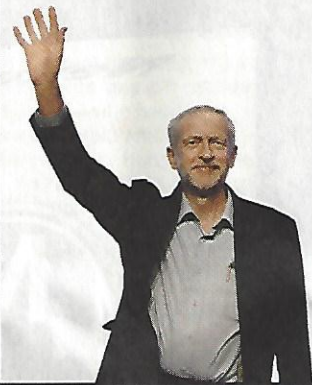


GOOD WEEK  
BAD WEEK

**Diet soda**  
Those who drink diet soda often compensate by eating unhealthy food

# 'Politics can change, and we have changed it.'

JEREMY CORBYN, far-left British lawmaker, upon being elected leader of the U.K.'s opposition Labour Party on Sept. 12; he opposes the government's austerity measures



# 'He doesn't deserve to ever have a badge and a gun again.'

JAMES BLAKE, retired tennis player, on the NYPD officer who tackled him in front of a Manhattan hotel after mistaking him for a credit-card-fraud suspect; the NYPD subsequently apologized and put the officer on desk duty.



\$278,000

Value of a diamond that was removed from a woman's large intestine during a colonoscopy, after she was accused of stealing the six-carat stone from a jewelry fair



# 'OUR ABILITIES HAVE REACHED THEIR LIMITS.'

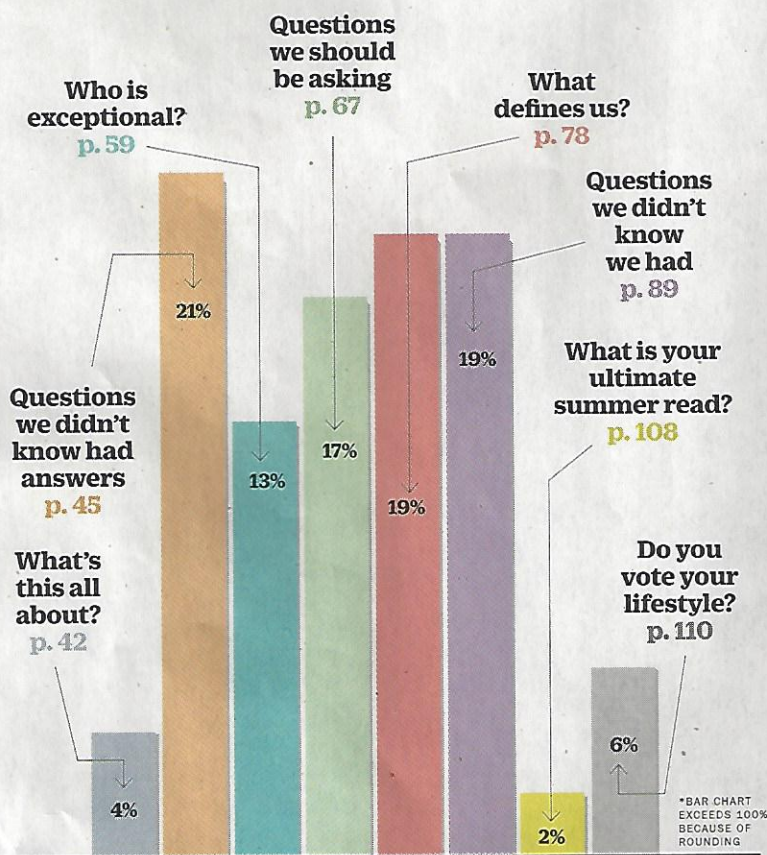
SIGMAR GABRIEL, Germany's Vice Chancellor, as the country tightened its border security in an emergency measure responding to the continued flood of migrants trying to reach Western Europe



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*'The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth.'*

POPE FRANCIS, suggesting in his encyclical on the environment that a "revolution" is needed to combat climate change



**Verizon**  
The telecom giant closed its deal to officially acquire AOL



**AT&T**  
The FCC fined it \$100 million for slowing Internet speeds for millions of customers



*'THIS CAME FROM CLEARLY A BAD PLACE, A BAD URGE INSIDE ME.'*

BRIAN WILLIAMS, explaining why he fabricated personal stories while he was the anchor of *NBC Nightly News*; Williams, who was permanently replaced by Lester Holt, will take on a new role at MSNBC

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Number of people who rode a 42-ft. (12.8 m) surfboard in Huntington Beach, Calif., setting a new world record



**'IN THIS WORLD, WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME—GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.'**

ELENA KAGAN, Supreme Court Justice, quoting a *Spider-Man* comic in a decision that Marvel does not have to pay royalties to the inventor of a *Spider-Man* toy after its patent expired



**\$1.6 BILLION**

Amount collected by airlines in the U.S. for checked bags and reservation changes in 2015's first quarter, the most since bag fees were introduced in 2008



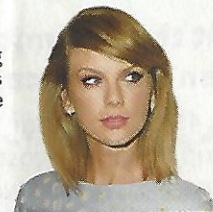
1,297

Number of new cops New York City plans to add to its force of 35,000 with murders on the rise



**'I find it to be shocking, disappointing and completely unlike this historically progressive and generous company.'**

TAYLOR SWIFT, singer, criticizing Apple for not paying artists during the three-month trial period for its new streaming music service; the company reversed its policy less than 24 hours later



**'I forgive you.'**

NADINE COLLIER, whose mother Ethel Lance was one of nine people killed in a shooting at an African-American church in Charleston, S.C., addressing suspect Dylann Roof at a bond hearing