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## FISCAL CRISIS

### Republicans Say Boehner Vows to Avert Federal Default

By ASHLEY PARKER and ANNIE LOWREY

A House Republican said that Speaker John A. Boehner has told colleagues that he was determined to pass a debt-limit increase and was willing to approve a measure with votes from both parties.

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By MICHAEL J. DE LA MERCED and VINDU GOEL 18 minutes ago

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By JIM YARDLEY and ELISABETTA POVOLEDO

The deaths of at least 111 people again underscored the dangerous, desperate efforts by many in Africa and the Middle East to reach Europe.

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The scene inside the Capitol campus was panicked as it became clear that the police were mobilizing for a security threat.

### Woman in D.C. Shooting Dies, Officials Say

By MICHAEL S. SCHMIDT, JEREMY W. PETERS and JONATHAN WEISMAN 5:17 PM ET

The Capitol was locked down for about a half-hour after officers shot and killed a woman who had been chased there in her car, law enforcement officials said.

The Lede: Video and Eyewitness Reports 4:52 PM ET

### The 5-Minute Empathy Workout: Reading Chekhov

By PAM BELLUCK 6:15 PM ET

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### Security Is Tightened for New York Marathon

By MARY PILON

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### A Rough Year for Metro-North, Star of the Rails

By MATT FLEGENHEIMER

The commuter line, one of the nation's busiest, has endured an ill-timed procession of misfortunes.

#### ART REVIEW

### The Stuff of Building and Destroying

By ROBERTA SMITH 6:01 PM ET

The New Museum's survey of Chris Burden's performances and sculptures rebalances our understanding of his art.

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#### FROM THE MAGAZINE

### Why Are There Still So Few Women in Science?

By EILEEN POLLACK

Hint: The answer has more to do with "The Big Bang Theory" than with old theories about men's so-called natural aptitude.

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### Lens: Pictures of the Day

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## The Opinion Pages

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### When Israel Stepped Back From the Brink

Firsthand testimony challenges the popular but misguided narrative that Golda Meir's government was on the verge of using nuclear weapons in 1973.

OP-ED COLUMNISTS

- Blue: Minority Rules
- Collins: Congress Breaks Bad
- Kristof: Excuses, Excuses, Excuses

PRIVATE LIVES

### Private Lives: War and Baked Beans

By ROBERT OLMSTEAD

It seems that all my life we have been bombing someone, teaching them a lesson. Every day I see how violent we truly are.



MORE IN OPINION

- Editorial: Shutdown's Costs
- Taking Note: Closing the Government to Save Face

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### Killing in China

In "A Touch of Sin," the director Jia Zhang-ke presents four violent stories.



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