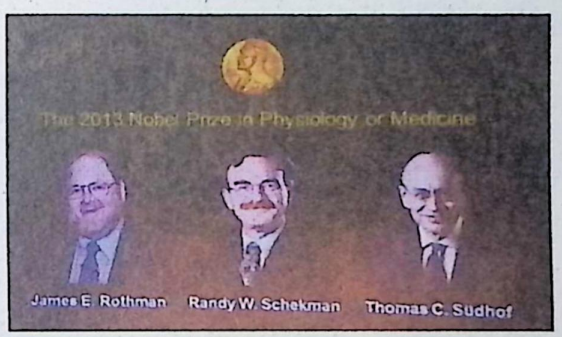


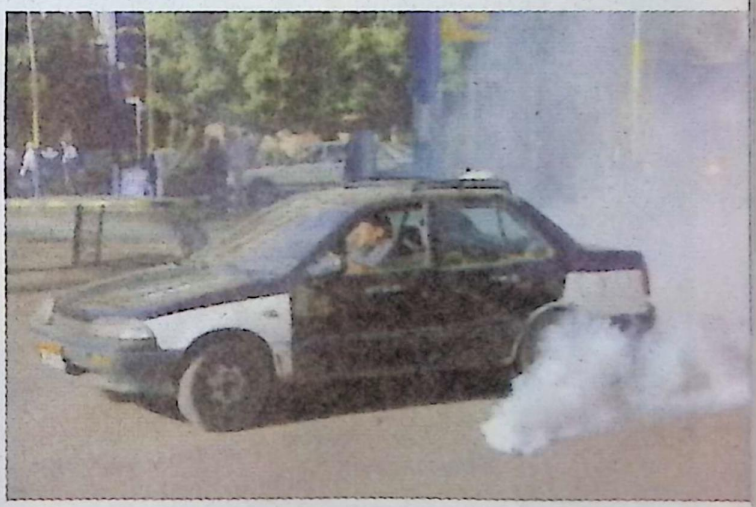
Shutdown Continues

Washington, USA: US Treasury Secretary Jack Lew warned Sunday that Congress was "playing with fire" as Republicans raised the threat of a US default if President Barack Obama refuses to negotiate on spending. The US government was forced to shut down on Tuesday for the first time in 17 years after Congress failed to pass a stopgap spending measure to fund government operations.

Nobel Medicine

Stockholm, Sweden: US duo James Rothman and Randy Schekman and German-born Thomas Suedhof won the Nobel Prize for Medicine on Monday for their groundbreaking work on how the cell organised its transport system. The laureates will receive their prize at a formal ceremony in Stockholm on December 10, the anniversary of Alfred Nobel's death in 1896.





Bloody Revolution

Cairo, Egypt: At least 50 people died in clashes as supporters of deposed President Mohamed Morsi mounted their boldest marches since troops crushed their protest camps demanding his reinstatement on Aug. 14.

2000 Lashes for Indecency

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia: A Saudi man was sentenced to 2000 lashes and 10 years in prison for dancing naked on the roof of a car and posting the video online. Another man was sentenced to seven years in prison and 1,200 lashes. Their two companions were jailed for three years and sentenced to 500 lashes each.

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