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By CLIFFORD KRAUSS, JOHN M. BRODER and JACKIE CALMES  
Obama administration officials acknowledged the possibility that tens of thousands of gallons of oil might continue pouring into the gulf until August.


**U.S. to Aid South Korea With Naval Defense Plan**  
By THOM SHANKER and DAVID E. SANGER  
Senior U.S. officials say the sinking of a South Korean warship revealed that years of spending had still left the country vulnerable to surprise attack.

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**QUOTATION OF THE DAY**

"Whether he is celibate or not, the person who views himself as a 'homosexual person,' rather than as a person called to be a spiritual father — that person should not be a priest."  
[THE REV. DAVID TOUPS](#), the director of the secretariat of clergy, consecrated life and vocations of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

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By RACHEL DONADIO

In Italy, you're nobody if your phone isn't tapped. But to rein in leaks, a contentious new law would restrict the ability to wiretap and publish the results.

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By ISABEL KERSHNER

The Israeli Navy attacked a flotilla carrying hundreds of pro-Palestinian activists and supplies for Gaza on Monday morning, news agencies reported.

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As the oil well continues to gush, officials and scientists are worrying that the environmental disaster could be compounded later this year by a natural one.

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By ROBERT PEAR

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By STEPHANIE CLIFFORD

Start-ups are pushing to see how much data consumers are willing to give up in exchange for getting a deal.

### **Sam's Club Personalizes Discounts for Buyers**

By ANDREW MARTIN

A new program from the warehouse chain offers different bargains to each member, based on their buying history.

### **Some Say European Central Bank May Be Missing Deflation Threat**

By JACK EWING

Economists are beginning to worry that deflation is a bigger threat than inflation in Europe.

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By JAMES R. OESTREICH

Highlights of the Spoleto Festival USA in Charleston, S.C., include an 18th-century opera's return to a historic theater and, as always, chamber music galore.

## ART

### **700-Hour Silent Opera Reaches Finale at MoMA**

By HOLLAND COTTER

Marina Abramovic concludes her retrospective at MoMA, where she has been sitting in the atrium in a plain

chair for seven hours a day, six days a week since March 14.

## DANCE REVIEW

### **The Wild and the Tamed**

By ALASTAIR MACAULAY

Christopher Wheeldon gave New York City Ballet a world premiere that brought many to their feet in a full-throated ovation.

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### **Tech Innovator in Japan Sets Its Sights on China**

By HIROKO TABUCHI

Softbank's most promising ventures are in China, where it has made a series of strategic investments in an array of prominent Net companies.

### **Town & Country Magazine Tries to Broaden Readership**

By STEPHANIE CLIFFORD

The magazine once covered a clearly defined world of high society, but today that can seem largely irrelevant. The new editor hopes to broaden its coverage and readership.

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The special panel named to examine the root causes of the oil spill and recommend ways to prevent future catastrophes has much ground to cover.

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The leaders of the Sept. 11 commission recently warned of gaps in homeland security. Congress and the White House must address them before our nation's luck runs out.

### **A Problem Easily Fixed**

A recent jury verdict in a major sex discrimination suit against the drug maker Novartis is a timely reminder to Congress.

### **This Promising Day**

Memorial Day is a very short season for noticing the transitions taking place, human and otherwise.

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### **The Pain Caucus**

By PAUL KRUGMAN

Less than a year into a weak recovery from the worst slump since World War II, there is a dangerous urge to stop helping the jobless and start inflicting pain.

## **The Birds and the Bees (via the Fertility Clinic)**

By ROSS DOUTHAT

Measuring the emotional toll of a freewheeling market for sperm and eggs.

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