avert /əˈvɜːt / verb

to prevent something unpleasant from happening

***Closing Ranks*:**

**QUENTIN MCDERMOTT: One of Australia's most prominent psychiatrists says that with proper specialist care, Adam Salter's eventual relapse might have been averted.**

***Thousands protest Spanish austerity laws*:**

**MATTHEW CARNEY: The Spanish parliament approved a package of $80 billion of salary cuts and tax hikes to avert a full European bailout.**

***AITI: Anxiety running high over stalled US debt talks***

**The markets still seemed to be banking on a deal being struck in time to avert calamity.**