ON AIR NOW WHYY **POLITICS** Easing Shutdown Worries, Trump Relents On **Another Major Hurdle** After walking back a demand for border wall funding, President Trump is no longer threatening to stop health care subsidies under Obamacare, as conservatives renew a bid to repeal and replace the law. Trump Administration Proposes 'Massive' Tax Overhaul And Tax Cut Plan THE TWO-WAY - NEWS BLOG **New Evidence Suggests Humans Arrived In The Americas Far Earlier Than Thought** Until now, the earliest signs of humans in the Americas dated back about 15,000 years. But new research puts people in California 130,000 years ago. Experts are wondering whether to believe it. 10 cm LATEST FROM NPR NEWS After Back-And-Forth, Ann Coulter Speech Is Off At UC Berkeley Dueling Rallies Rack Caracas After Death Toll Inches Toward 30 In Venezuela ESPN Layoffs Begin, And Some 100 Employees May Lose Jobs **FCC Chief Begins Rollback Of Net Neutrality Regulations** The High Price Of Fake Authenticity: \$425 'Muddy' Jeans Inspire Mockery MORE NEWS> LATEST NEWSCAST Listen 5:00 **CONNECT WITH NPR Podcast Directory Email Newsletters NPR on Facebook** @npr on Twitter Ron Eisenbeg/Michael Ochs Archives/Getty Images THE LOS ANGELES RIOTS, 25 YEARS ON When LA Erupted In Anger: A Look Back At The Rodney King Riots This week 25 years ago, policemen were acquitted in the savage beating of African-American Rodney King. Five days of riots, arson and looting ensued, fueled by deep-rooted tensions that persist today. 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LAW Trump's Tweets On Court Blocking 'Sanctuary City' **Order: 5 Facts To Know** President Trump has called out the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, but the recent ruling on withholding federal grants was made by a single district court judge. **President Trump's Tweets, Annotated** Federal Court In San Francisco Blocks Trump's Threat Against Sanctuary Cities THE TWO-WAY - NEWS BLOG After Back-And-Forth, Ann Coulter Speech Is Off At **UC Berkeley** It's disputed who actually cancelled the conservative commentator's appearance. The university had called it off before due to security concerns, but backtracked after she vowed to come anyway. George Kraychyk/Hulu **TELEVISION** 'Handmaid's Tale' Wants You To Feel Like 'This Could Happen Here' Elisabeth Moss and Samira Wiley star in Hulu's TV adaptation of Margaret Atwood's 1985 dystopian novel — in which fertile women become reproductive surrogates for powerful men and their barren wives. Listen · 7:59 Queue Hulu's 'The Handmaid's Tale' Is Compelling — And Chilling THE TWO-WAY - NEWS BLOG **FCC Chief Begins Rollback Of Net Neutrality** Regulations FCC Chairman Ajit Pai, a free-market proponent, wants to repeal Obama-era regulations that treat Internet service providers like utilities. "Nothing about the Internet was broken in 2015," he said. THE TWO-WAY - NEWS BLOG The High Price Of Fake Authenticity: \$425 'Muddy' **Jeans Inspire Mockery** Barracuda Straight Leg Jeans This week, the Internet discovered that Nordstrom sells premium denim with a "crackled, caked-on muddy coating" — that is, fake dirt. Former Dirty Jobs host Mike Rowe had some thoughts about that. THE TWO-WAY - NEWS BLOG ESPN Layoffs Begin, And Some 100 Employees May **Lose Jobs** The cuts have already hit some well-known names, including veteran NFL reporter Ed Werder, college football analyst Danny Kanell and college basketball reporter C.L. Brown. John Tlumacki/Boston Globe via Getty Images **GOATS AND SODA** Boston Champ Juggles Marathons, 5 Kids, Kenyan Farm The daughter of peasant farmers, Edna Kiplagat was the fastest woman in the Beantown race by nearly a minute. YOUTH RADIO With A Deported Father, California Teen Lives Life **Between Borders** Zola Cervantes knows firsthand the impact deportation can have on a family. The 17-year-old has been traveling across the border to see her father in Mexico, since he was deported six years ago. Queue Listen · 4:38 THE TWO-WAY - NEWS BLOG **Turkey Arrests More Than 1,000 In Massive Purge** Of Its Police Forces Just over a week after a vote consolidating President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's power, his government has undertaken a new nationwide operation to detain alleged supporters of last year's failed coup. NASA/JPL-Caltech THE TWO-WAY - NEWS BLOG Cassini Spacecraft Starts Weaving Between Saturn And Its Rings "Shields Up!" the Cassini craft's Twitter feed announced Wednesday. If all goes well, new images of the ringed planet will reach Earth early Thursday. THE TWO-WAY - NEWS BLOG Single White (Rhino) Male Defies Age Stereotypes, **Joins Tinder** Sudan has tender eyes, a craggy snout — and not long left to save his subspecies. So, a conservancy posted a Tinder profile for the elderly northern white rhino to raise money for fertility research. **SHOTS - HEALTH NEWS** 'Minibrains' In A Dish Shed A Little Light On Autism **And Epilepsy** Experiments with small clusters of networked brain cells are helping scientists see how real brains develop normally, and what goes awry when cells have trouble making connections. THE TWO-WAY - NEWS BLOG Mexico Can Seek Millions From U.S. In Dolphin-Safe **Tuna Dispute, WTO Says** The World Trade Organization deems U.S. labeling rules for dolphinsafe tuna are unfairly restrictive to Mexico. It says Mexico may seek \$163 million annually from the U.S. in retaliatory measures. **THE SALT Tyson Foods Promises Better Conditions And Safety For Meat Workers** KCUR 89.3 Meat-processing employs more than a half-million people. An investigation found they've got some of the most dangerous factory jobs in America and suffer from injury, low pay and lack of work breaks. Fines For Meat Industry's Safety Problems Are 'Embarrassingly Low' **MONKEY SEE** Jonathan Demme And The Simple Power Of The Close-Up Demme, who directed 36 feature films and documentaries over the course of his long and varied career, died this morning. He was a filmmaker fascinated by the pure emotional force of the human face. Jonathan Demme, Director Of 'Silence Of The Lambs,' Dies At 73 Fredrik Christiansen/Functional Ecology THE TWO-WAY - NEWS BLOG Recordings Reveal Baby Humpback Whales 'Whisper' To Their Mothers Scientists recently tracked eight baby whales using special sound and movement recorders. The sounds the babies made turned out to be far different from the eerie songs of adult male humpbacks. Listen - 2:05 Queue more stories news arts & life music back to top © 2017 npr