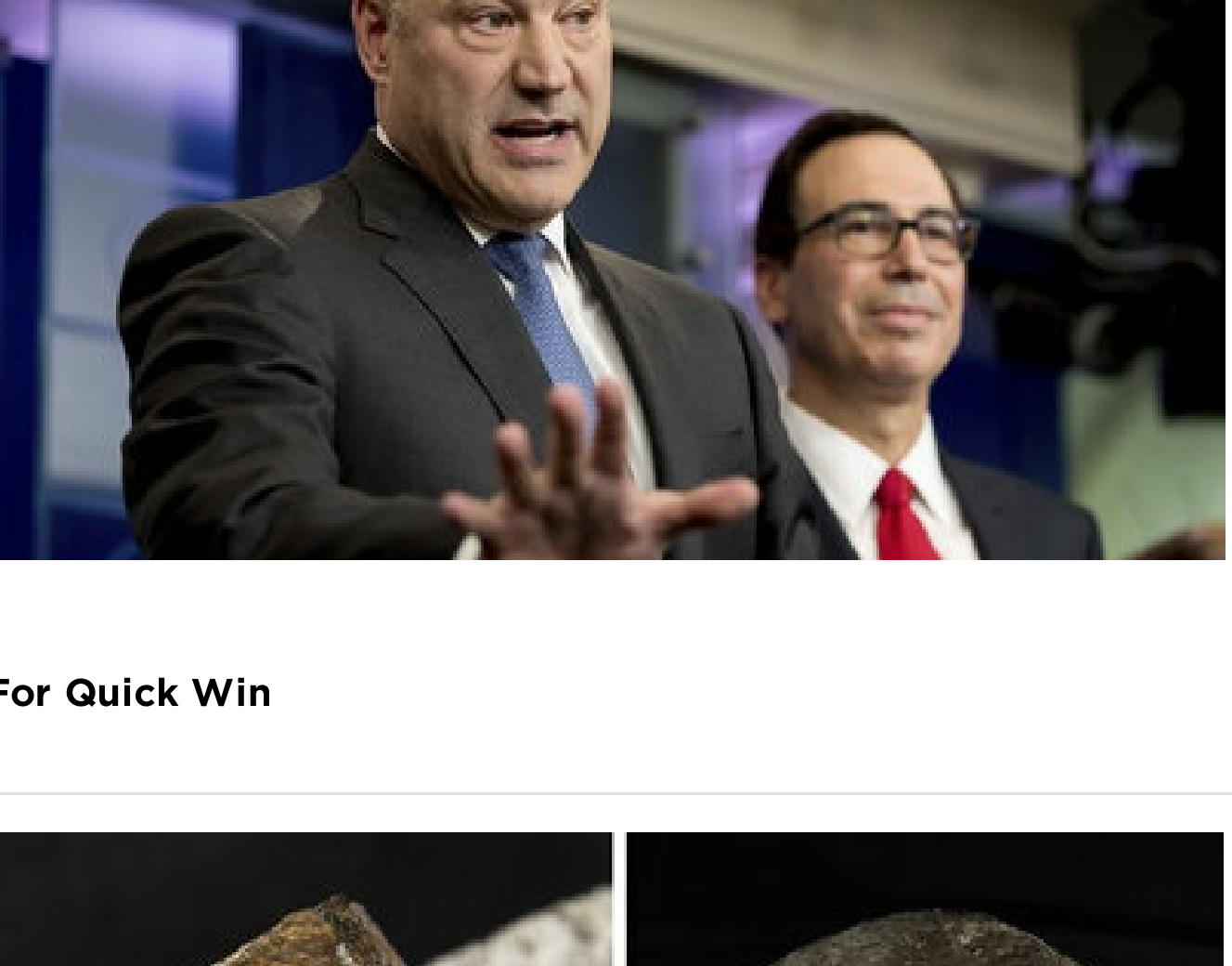


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Trump Administration Proposes 'Massive' Tax Overhaul And Tax Cut Plan

The details of the measure will be worked out in talks with Congress; the effect on the deficit is unknown.

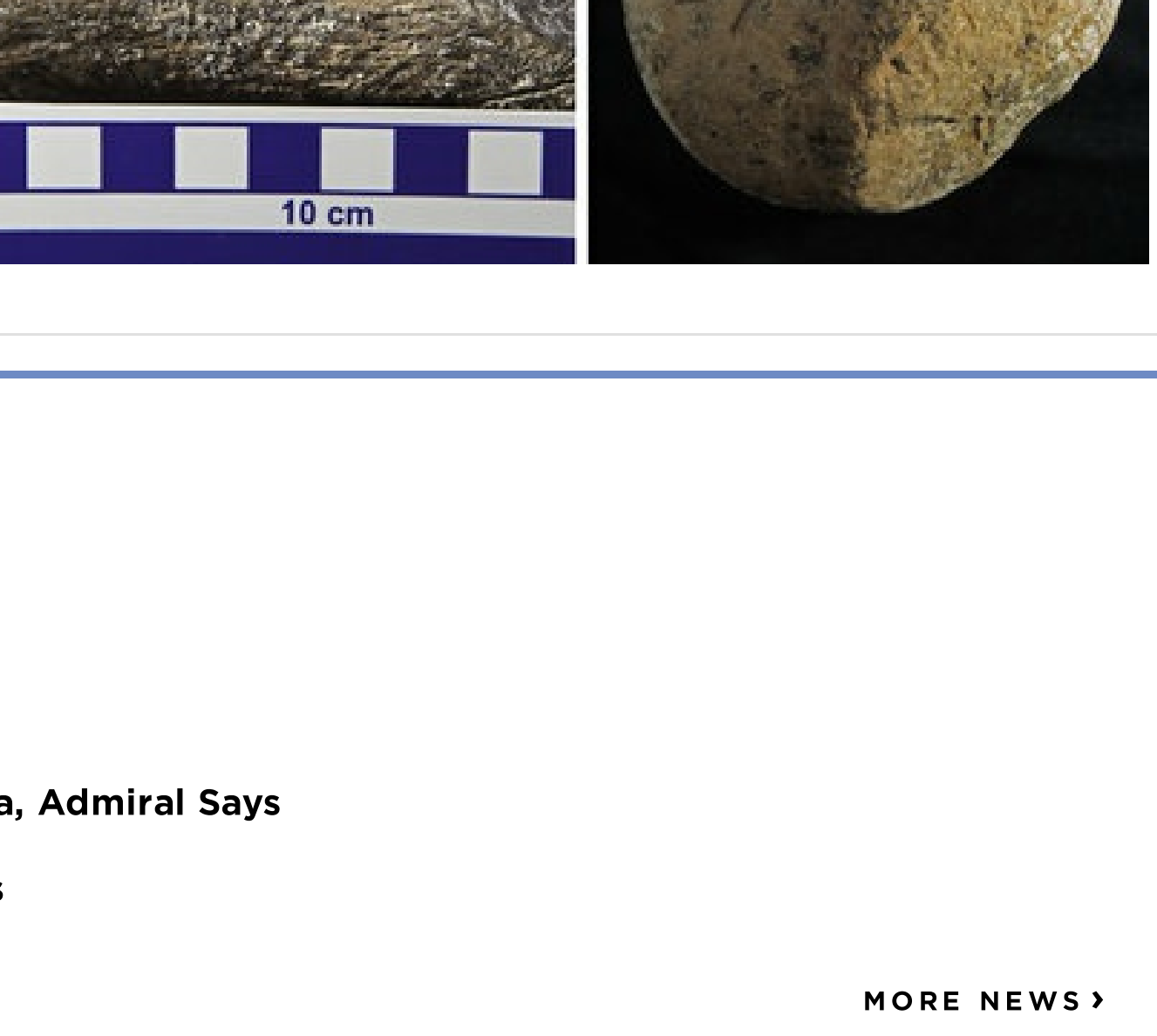


Some Tax-Cut Backers Urge Trump To Drop Full Overhaul, Go For Quick Win

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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.



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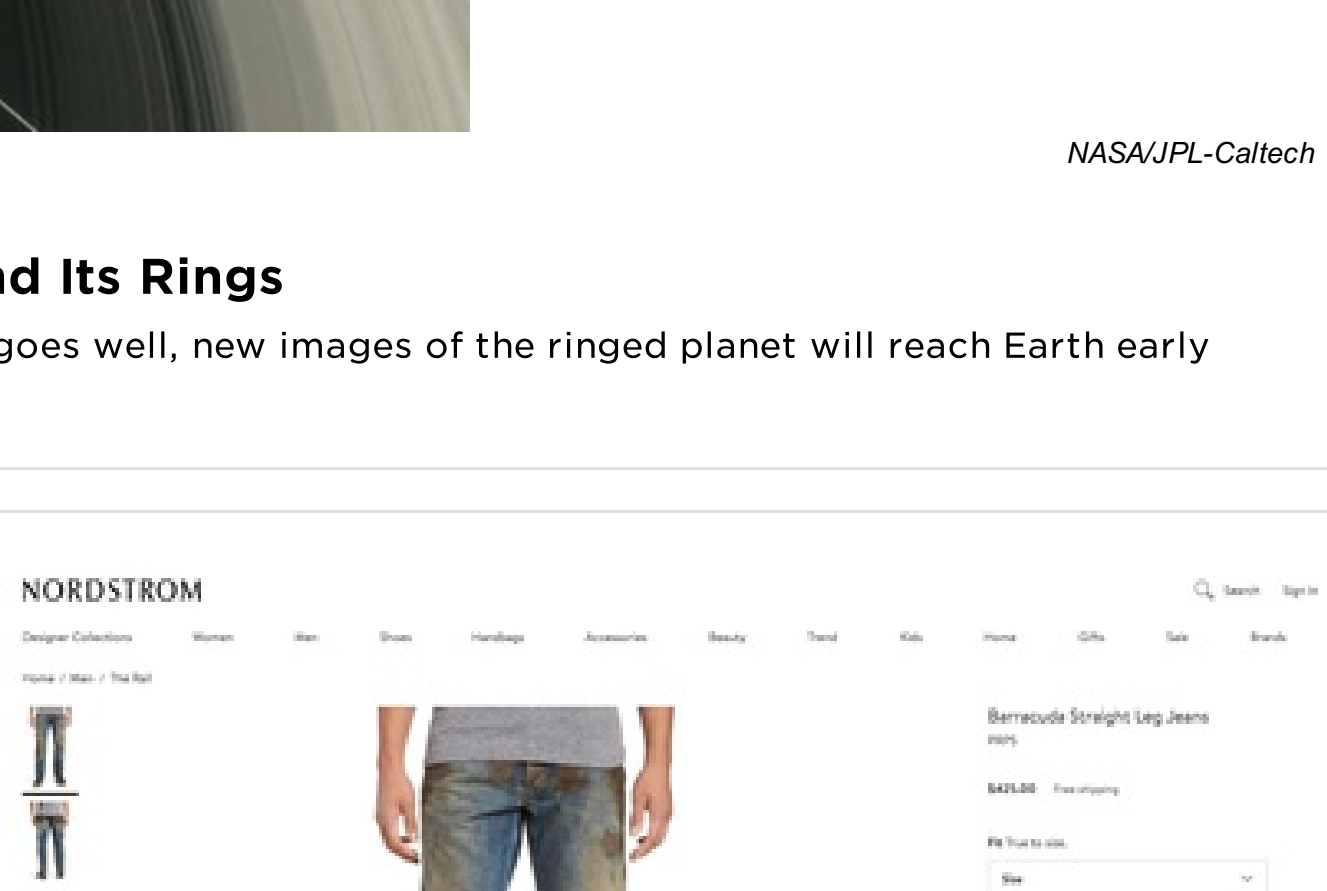
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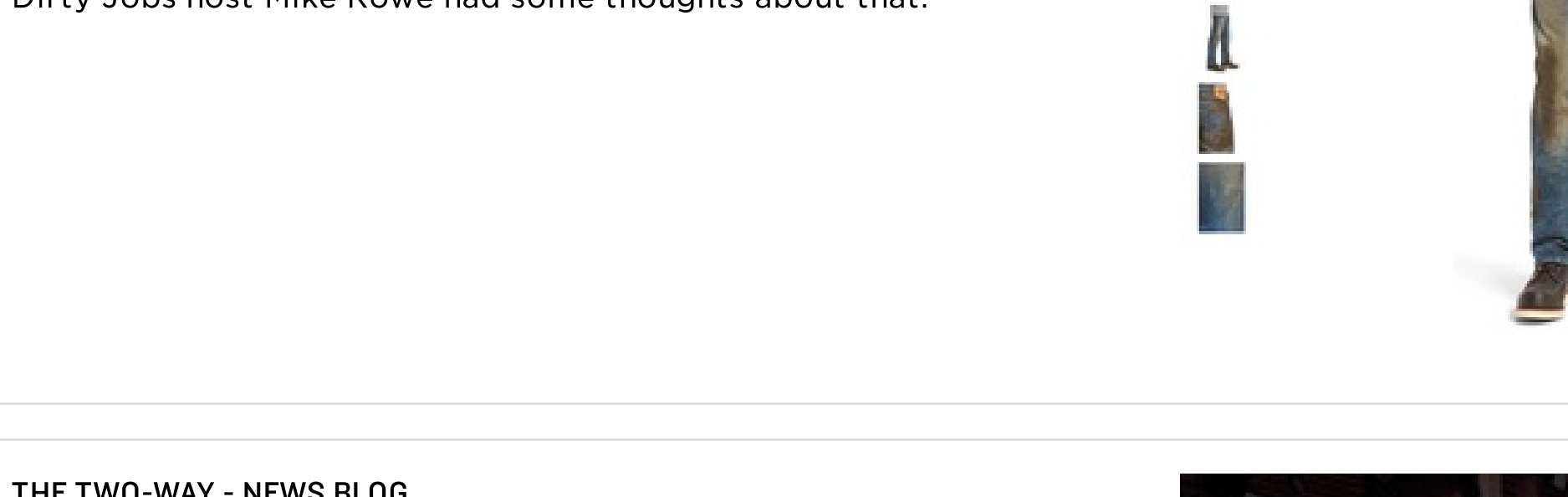
FCC Chairman Ajit Pai, a free-market proponent, wants to repeal Obama-era regulations that treat Internet service providers like utilities. "Nothing about the Internet was broken in 2015," he said.



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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.




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The High Price Of Fake Authenticity: \$425 'Muddy' Jeans Inspire Mockery

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.



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In Surprise TED Talk, Pope Francis Asks The Powerful For 'Revolution Of Tenderness'

The pontiff's message seemed to be directed at the audience in the room. "The more powerful you are," he said, "the more responsible you are to act humbly. If you don't, your power will ruin you."



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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.

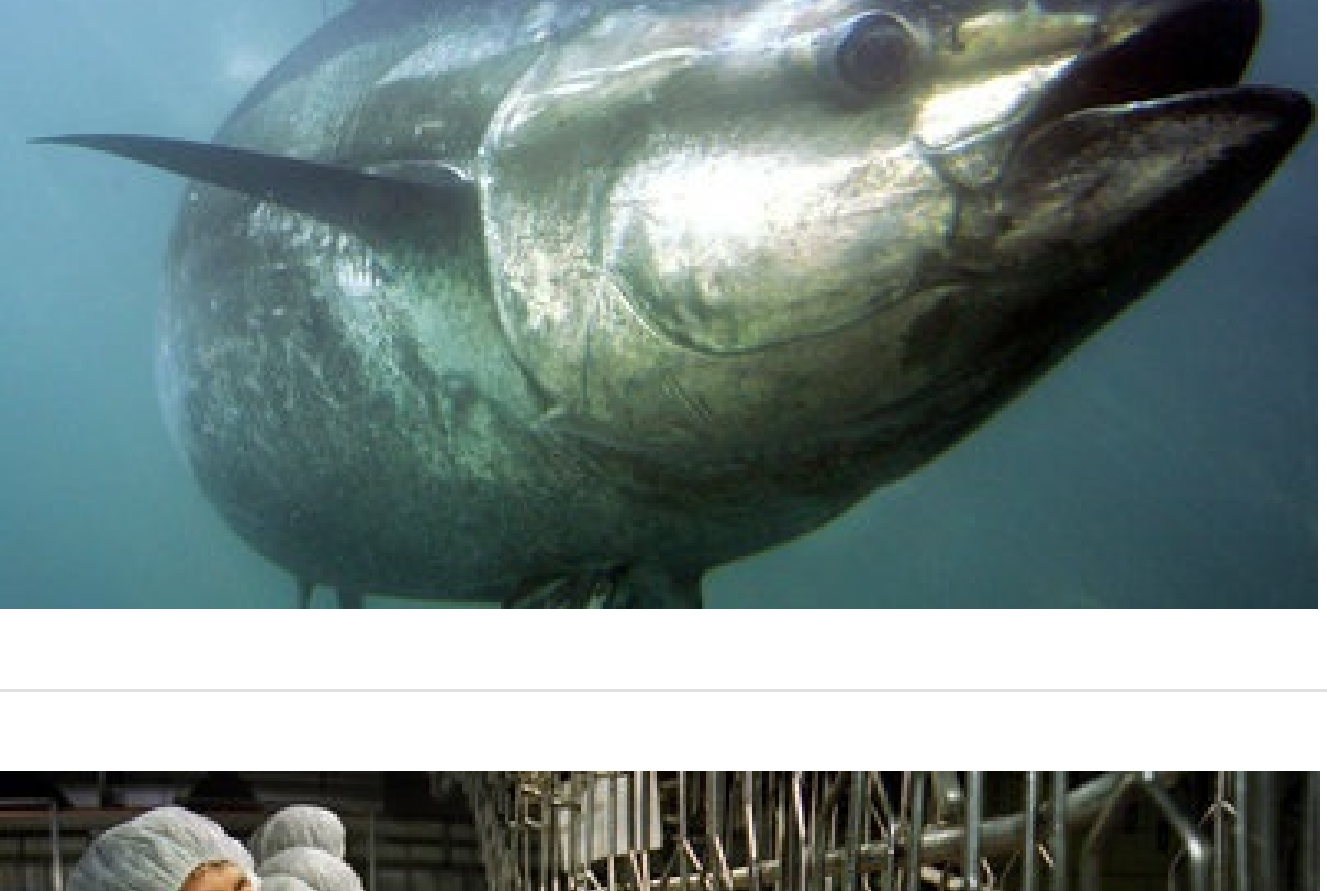
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Mexico Can Seek Millions From U.S. In Dolphin-Safe Tuna Dispute, WTO Says

The World Trade Organization deems U.S. labeling rules for dolphin-safe tuna are unfairly restrictive to Mexico. It says Mexico may seek \$163 million annually from the U.S. in retaliatory measures.

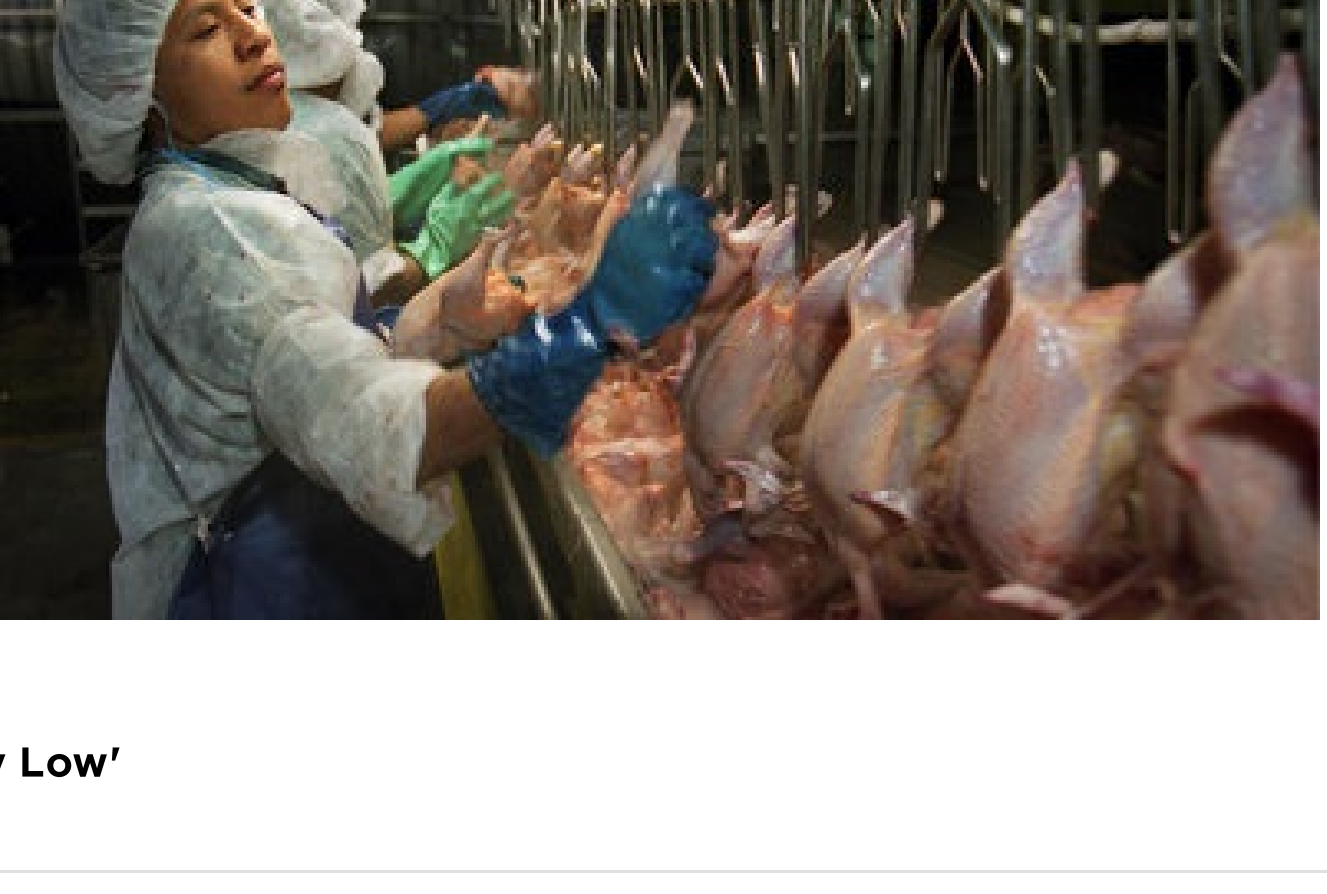


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Tyson Foods Promises Better Conditions And Safety For Meat Workers

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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.



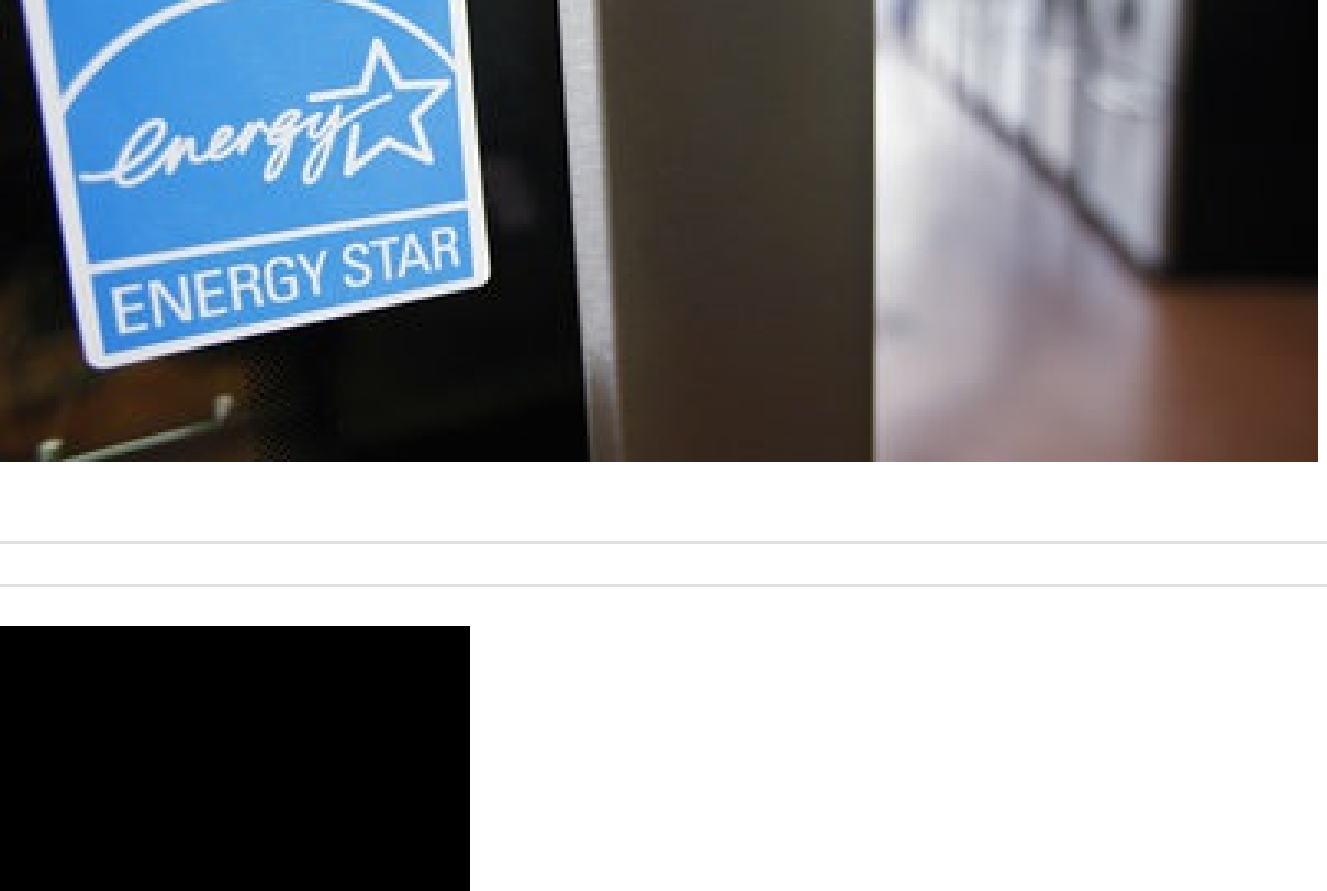
Fines For Meat Industry's Safety Problems Are 'Embarrassingly Low'

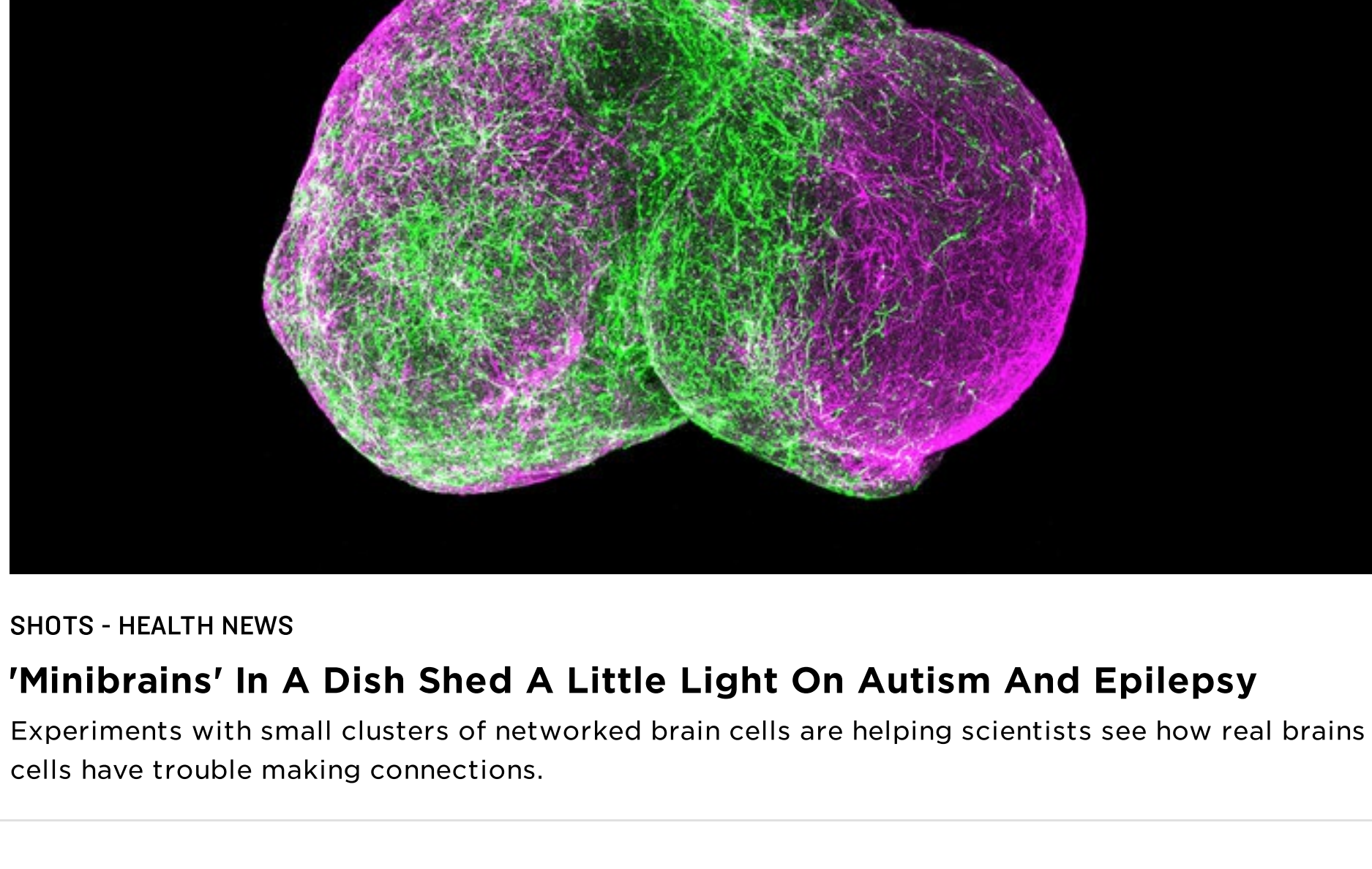
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Energy Star Program For Homes And Appliances Is On Trump's Chopping Block

CPR NEWS

Appliance makers and home builders are in Washington, D.C., to celebrate the energy efficiency program. Energy Star is among 50 EPA programs that will be eliminated under the president's budget plan.





Courtesy of Pascale Iab/Stanford University

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.

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.



PARALLELS - WORLD NEWS

In Fast-Paced China, Marathon Craze Is Off And Running (Despite A Clumsy Start)

Six years ago, China held 22 marathons; this year, more than 400 are scheduled. But it's long-distance running with Chinese characteristics, and some twists including cigarettes and fruity soap.

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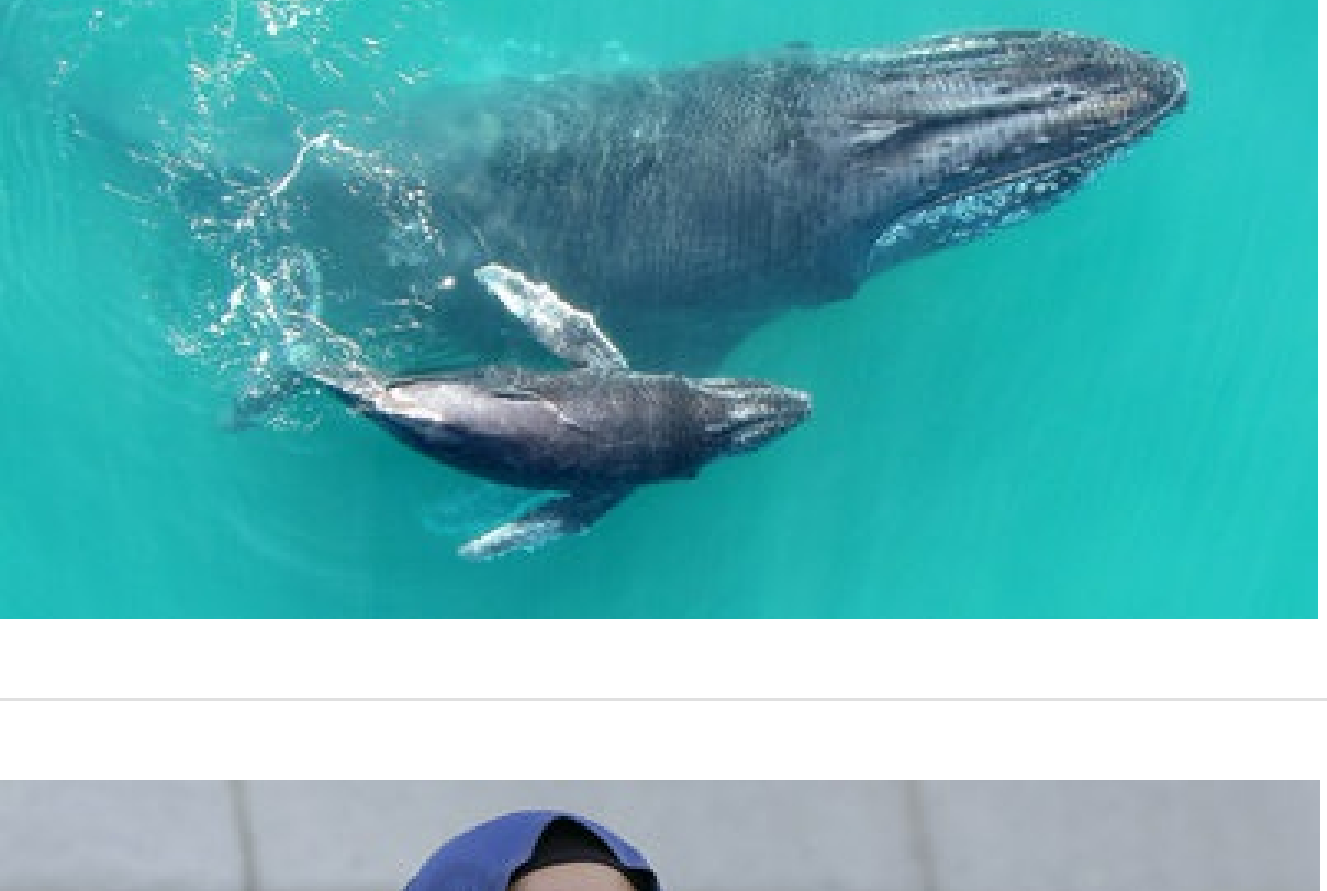
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Recordings Reveal Baby Humpback Whales 'Whisper' To Their Mothers

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.

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Federal Court In San Francisco Blocks Trump's Threat Against Sanctuary Cities

The president's immigration policies have been dealt another setback as the ruling stops the administration from penalizing sanctuary cities while a lawsuit winds through the courts.



Trump Tweet, Annotated: 'See You In The Supreme Court!'



POLITICS

Trump's Efforts To 'Drain The Swamp' Lagging Behind His Campaign Rhetoric

The phrase didn't originate with the Trump campaign. Advocates of tougher laws on political money and lobbying have used it for years.


Almost 100 Days In, 'Trumpism' Is Still Not Clearly Defined

Donald Trump: Great For Ratings, But What About Governing?

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THAAD Missile System Will Be Online Within Days In South Korea, Admiral Says

"I believe that we have to look at North Korea as if Kim Jong Un will do what he says," says Admiral Harry Harris, commander of the U.S. Pacific Command.




PARALLELS - WORLD NEWS

Portugal Basks In Post-Bailout Economic Revival

Portugal's economy has rebounded dramatically since its European Union bailout in 2011. Wages are up and unemployment down. What's surprising is that this happened only as austerity was canceled.

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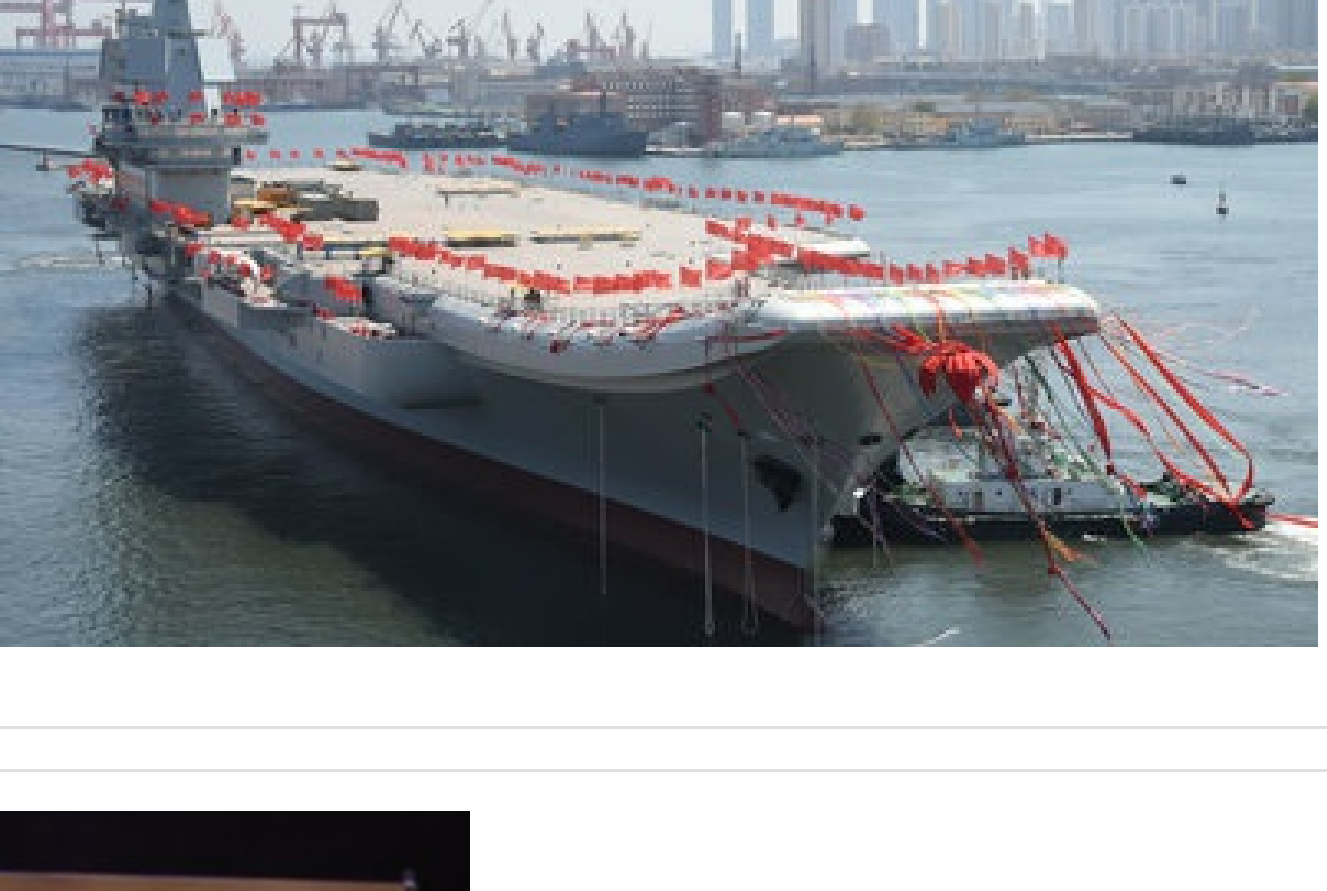
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China Celebrates Launch Of 'Homemade' Aircraft Carrier

The not-yet-named carrier is the second in China's arsenal. It took less than four years to build.





John Leguizamo, Still In Search Of John Leguizamo

As a performer, Leguizamo has mined his Latino identity through his own family and old New York neighborhoods for decades. Now a father, he struggles with what he knows and what he can teach his children about being Latino in the U.S.

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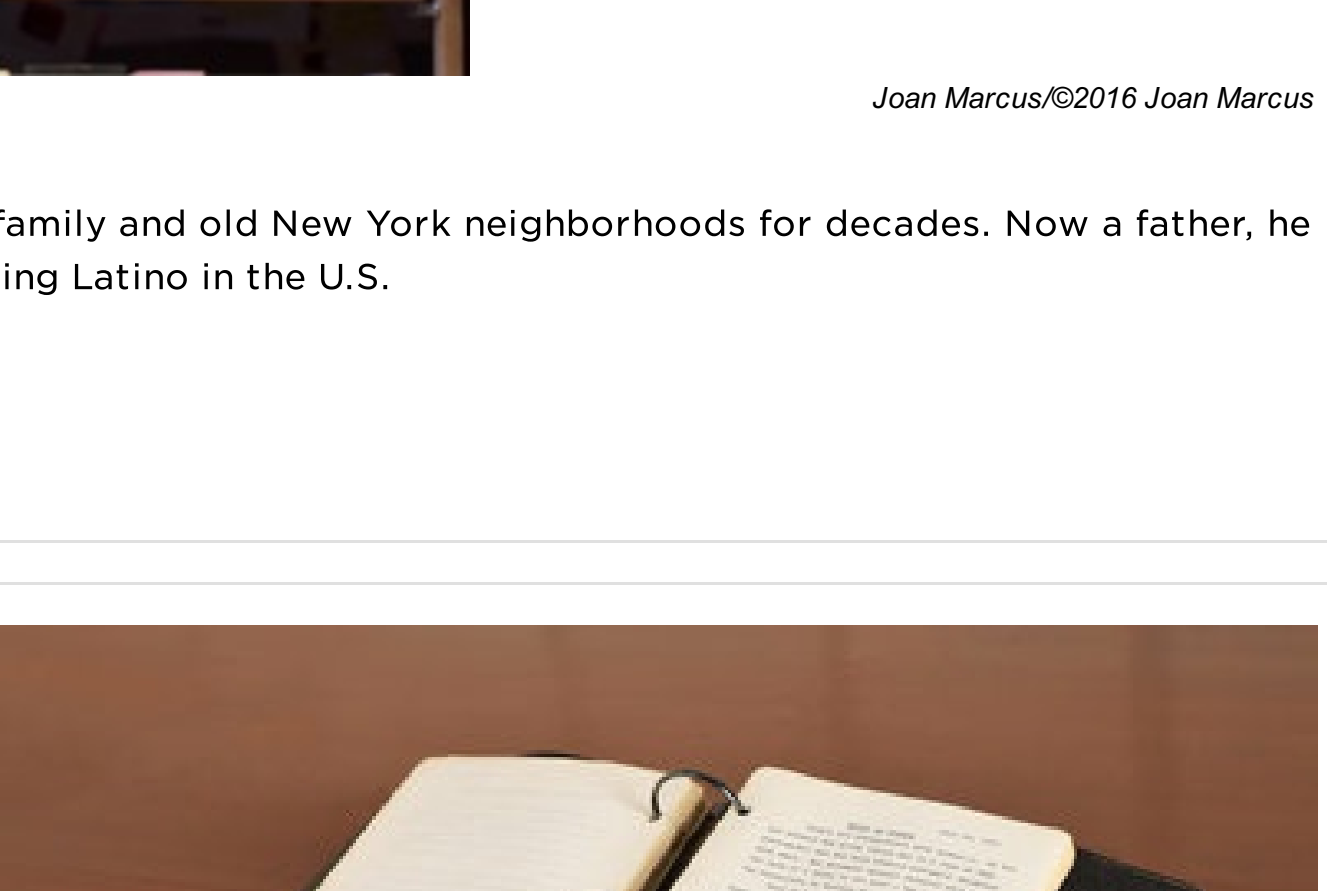
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Now You Can Own JFK's Personal Reflections On History, For A Hefty Price

NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC RADIO

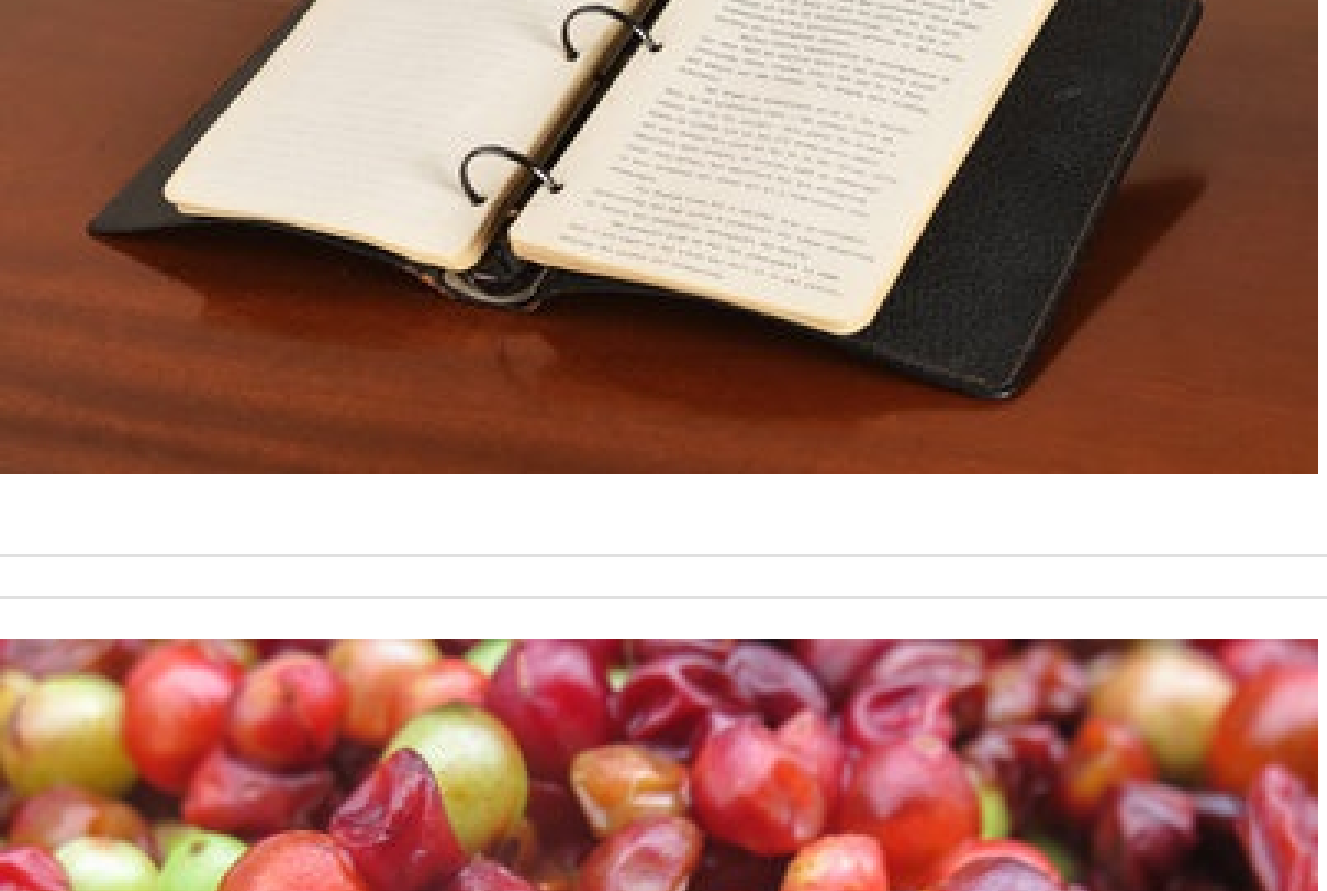
As a young journalist seven decades ago, John F. Kennedy witnessed a bombed-out Berlin and Adolf Hitler's bunker. Bidding on his diary starts Wednesday and is expected to top \$200,000 Wednesday.



THE SALT

How A Wild Berry Is Helping To Protect China's Giant Pandas And Its Countryside


Long before it became a "superfood" in the U.S., schisandra was made into soups and jam and prized as a medicinal plant. Now the berry is at the center of a dramatic new approach to conservation.

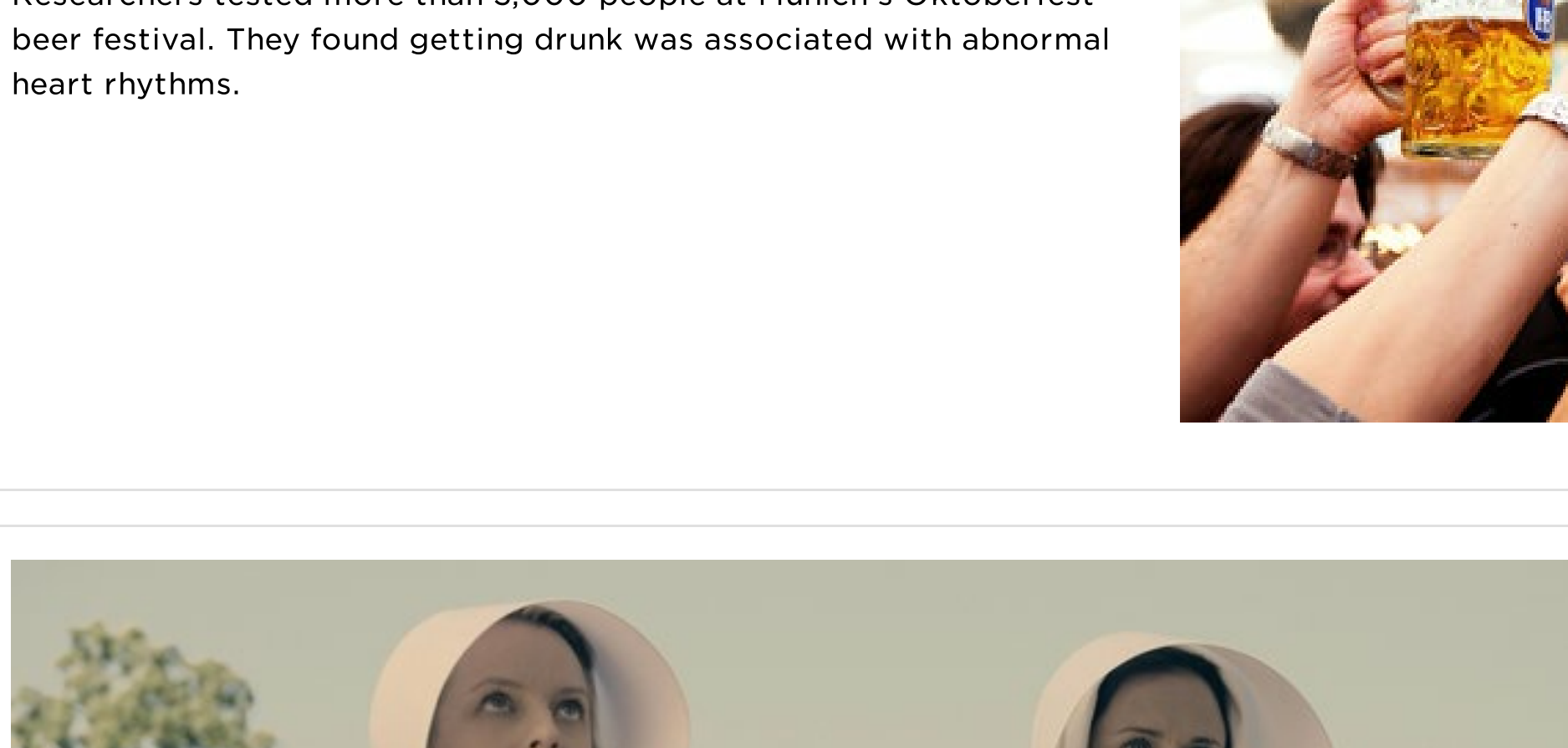


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Binge Drinkers Beware: Study Finds Link Between Alcohol And Heart Arrhythmias

Researchers tested more than 3,000 people at Munich's Oktoberfest beer festival. They found getting drunk was associated with abnormal heart rhythms.





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TELEVISION

Hulu's 'The Handmaid's Tale' Is Compelling — And Chilling

The adaptation of Margaret Atwood's dystopian 1985 novel is a horror show revealed in slow motion — and the true horror of its brutal, patriarchal future theocracy is how possible it seems today.

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