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**The weather.**

Mostly sunny with highs in the lower 40s and light winds throughout the day.  
High today ..... 41  
Low tonight ..... 27

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**Aurora forecast.**

Auroral activity will be moderate. Weather permitting, moderate displays will be visible overhead.

This information is provided by aurora forecasters at the Geophysical Institute at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. For more information about the aurora, visit <http://www.gi.alaska.edu/AuroraForecast>

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Fundraising campaign aims for goal of \$1.4 million.

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**ALASKA MATCHUP**

Nanooks start strong but come up short against Seawolves.

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**SOURDOUGH JACK:**  
"Ya know, I've been called a dinosaur from time to time."



## Dinosaur discovery



A sample of frozen bone is seen after researchers excavated it from the Liscomb Bed in the Prince Creek Formation in 2014 near Nuiqsut. Researchers at the University of Alaska Fairbanks have found a third distinct dinosaur species documented on Alaska's oil-rich North Slope. The new species is a type of hadrosaur, a duck-billed plant-eater. GREG ERICKSON/UA MUSEUM OF THE NORTH VIA AP

### Researchers find duck-billed herbivore on North Slope

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Researchers have discovered a new dinosaur on Alaska's North Slope, a duck-billed plant eater whose existence is forcing scientists to reconsider prehistoric life in the polar regions.

The 69-million-year-old dinosaur, known as *Ugrunaaluk kuukpikensis*, endured long, dark winters and cool temperatures at high latitudes. It once roamed the North Slope in herds, growing to as much as 30 feet long, researchers say.

The discovery was pieced together in recent years from a col-



Researcher Greg Erickson works in a spot of the Liscomb Bed dig site in 2013 near Nuiqsut. PAT DRUCKENMILLER/UA MUSEUM OF THE NORTH VIA AP

lection of more than 6,000 bones in storage at the University of Alaska Museum of the North.

Pat Druckenmiller,

the museum's Earth sciences curator, called it "far and away the most complete dinosaur" ever assembled from a polar region.

The discovery was revealed Tuesday in *Acta Palaeontologica Polonica*, a quarterly

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Left: A handful of dinosaur bones are seen after they were discovered at the Liscomb Bonebed on the Colville River, near Nuiqsut in 2015. PAT DRUCKENMILLER/UA MUSEUM OF THE NORTH VIA AP  
Right: University of Alaska Museum of the North Earth sciences curator Pat Druckenmiller digs for dinosaur bones along the Colville River in 2013 near Nuiqsut. GREG ERICKSON/UA MUSEUM OF THE NORTH VIA AP



## Pot business owners facing drug charges

**Staff and Wire Reports**

One of the owners of a Wasilla-based marijuana delivery business that also operates out of Fairbanks was charged with multiple drugs misconduct charges in Anchorage District Court on Friday.

Rocky Burns, 38, of Wasilla, is charged with seven counts of felony delivery of a controlled substance over one ounce and one count of misdemeanor delivery or possession of less than an ounce.

Both the Fairbanks and Wasilla offices of Discreet Deliveries,

which Burns co-owns with partner Larry Stamper, were raided by Anchorage Police last month.

According to Burns, police seized paperwork, cash and marijuana products from both locations in an ongoing effort to harass and steal from him.

Alaska voted to legalize recreational marijuana in November 2014, but the state's criminal statutes were not amended by the Legislature. Conduct not specifically outlined in the initiative remains illegal, including selling marijuana without receiving a license from the state Marijuana Control Board.

Charlo Green, the owner of the Alaska Cannabis Club in Anchorage and Michael Crites, the owner of Absolutely Chronic Delivery Co. have also been charged with several counts of felony and misdemeanor drugs misconduct for the delivery and possession of marijuana. Both businesses have also been raided in the past.

Undercover officers made multiple marijuana purchases from each business before charging them, according to the Alaska Dispatch News.

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## Usibelli to halt coal exports for rest of year

Staff Report  
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Usibelli Coal Mine plans to halt coal exports for the rest of 2015, citing a drop in global coal prices.

Aurora Energy Services, a UCM subsidiary that operates the Seward Coal Loading Facility, announced the move Tuesday in a news release. The facility will remain idle for the rest of the year because low coal prices have led to a decrease in Alaska exports, according to the release.

Alaska coal exports reached a peak in 2011, when 1.2 million tons were shipped to Chile, South Korea and Japan. Healy-based UCM is the only operating coal mine in Alaska.

Aurora Energy Services General Manager Rod Brown stated that a global oversupply of coal, as well as the strength of the U.S. dollar, has created less demand and a price drop for Alaska coal.

Coal exports have decreased each year since 2011. This year, about 150,000 tons were shipped to Japan from the Seward facility.

Company officials met with employees Tuesday to discuss the process for idling the Seward Coal Loading Facility and making an undisclosed number of layoffs. A "small crew" will remain at the facility for the rest of the winter, according to the news release.

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## One-stop community recycling program under review

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The assembly will decide Thursday whether to spend \$200,000 to lay the groundwork for a comprehensive community recycling center.

Two ordinances before the panel would create a business plan, conceptual design and cost estimate for a recycling program, collecting an array of materials from residents in the Fairbanks North Star Borough and processing them at a central location.

Borough Mayor Luke Hokpins and Assemblyman John Davies are behind the legislation, Ordinances 2015-20-1J and 1K.

"What we are going to buy with the money is a business plan," Davies said. "Recycling eventually will reduce the cost of solid waste collection. We absolutely have to have a business plan to move forward."

The assembly appropriated \$75,000 last year to update a 10-year-old recycling feasibility report.

The report indicated that recycling was more cost-effective than previously thought. The reason is Alaskans for Litter Prevention and Recycling or ALPAR, a non-profit group supported by the transportation industry that fosters recycling through reduced-rate backhauling.

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