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GOOD MORNING



The weather.

Just like yesterday — partly cloudy and a bit breezy.

High today 67
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Aurora forecast.

Auroral activity will be moderate. Weather permitting, moderate displays will be visible overhead from Barrow to Talkeetna.

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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**SOURDOUGH JACK:
"We sure do have a lot of elections nowadays."**



Measure 3 support kicks off



Crowd members react to speakers during a rally in support of raising the minimum wage at Myrtle Park on Thursday. ERIN CORNELIUSSEN/NEWS-MINER

Unions launch campaign to raise minimum wage

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"Hey hey! Ho ho! Minimum wage is far too low!" The chants of the crowd filled the air at Myrtle Thomas Park in Fairbanks on Thursday afternoon during the rally officially launching the Measure 3 campaign to raise and inflation-proof Alaska's minimum wage. Brand new signs that read "Vote Yes on 3! Raise the minimum wage" were being handed out to members of the audience, which was peppered with labor representatives from throughout Alaska as well as politicians



AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka speaks during a rally in support of raising minimum wage at Myrtle Park on Thursday. ERIN CORNELIUSSEN/NEWS-MINER

courting the support and money of the unions. In addition to state and local labor representatives, AFL-CIO's national president Richard Trum-

ka attended, congratulating the crowd on getting Measure 3 on the ballot and rally support for the months leading up to the general election.

"You've done a great, great job of getting minimum wage on the ballot, but guess what? Now we've got to make sure it gets passed," he told the crowd. "When we raise the minimum wage in Alaska every Alaskan worker is going to benefit. ... When people have money in their pockets, they can spend and when they spend, they create demand and when you create demand you put people to work."

Measure 3 would raise Alaska's minimum wage from \$7.75 to \$8.75 on Jan. 1, 2015. It would increase to \$9.75 the

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Begich: F-16s won't be moved early for F-35s

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If Eielson Air Force Base is picked for a new and larger mission, the base's existing unit won't be moved early to make space, according to U.S. Sen. Mark Begich.

Speaking in Fairbanks Thursday at a meeting at the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation, Begich said the Air Force has committed to avoid disruptive shocks to the Interior labor market if old units are moved to make room for new ones.

For the moment, both the arrival of the new F-35 jets and the departure of the base's existing F-16s are theoretical.

Earlier this month the Air Force announced that Eielson Air Force Base is the "preferred alternative" to host two squadrons of F-35 aircraft, the Air Force's newest fighter jet.

Such a move would bring 48

aircraft and about 3,000 military and civilian jobs to the North Pole area.

The planes wouldn't arrive until at least 2019. The Air Force doesn't plan to officially pick the next F-35 base until fall of 2015, although the service has confirmed that no other bases besides Eielson are being studied.

If Eielson is picked for the two new squadrons of F-35, the service would then decide whether Eielson will keep the base's existing active duty aircraft, a smaller group of F-16's.

Eielson now has 21 F-16s in its 18th Aggressor Squadron, a unit that plays the role of enemy fighters in training missions.

The Air Force previously proposed moving the 18th Aggressor Squadron to Anchorage in 2011 as a cost cutting proposal. These plans were abandoned

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North Pole police warn of vehicle break-ins

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North Pole police report a surge in property crimes during the last two weeks.

The city police department plans to have an increased presence in neighborhoods in the evenings, according to a news release Thursday. The department urged people not to store valuables in vehicles.

There has been at least one property crime a night in the city of 2,200 people for the last eight days, said Lt. Chad Rathbun, and a handful of incidents in the previous five days.

The crimes have been scattered around the town, he said. Contact staff writer Sam Friedman at 459-7545. Follow him on Twitter: @FDNMcCrime.

Serial killer Hansen dies in hospital

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ANCHORAGE — Convicted Alaska serial killer Robert Hansen, who abducted women and hunted them down in the Alaska wilderness in the 1970s as Anchorage boomed with construction of the trans-Alaska oil pipeline, died Thursday. He was 75.

Hansen died at Alaska Regional Hospital after being in declining health for the past year, Alaska Department of Corrections spokeswoman Sherrie Daigle said. Hansen had a "do not resuscitate" order on file with the agency, according to Alaska State Troopers.

Hansen was convicted in 1984 after confessing to killing 17 women, mostly dancers and prostitutes, during a 12-year span. Hansen was convicted of just four of the murders in a deal that spared him having to go to trial 17 times.

The Anchorage baker also confessed to raping another 30 women in that time.

Hansen was the subject of a 2013 film titled "The Frozen Ground," which starred Nicolas Cage as an Alaska State Trooper investigating the slayings. Actor John Cusack portrayed Hansen.

Hansen was serving a 461-year sentence in Alaska at the time of his death. He had been incarcerated at a state prison in Seward and was moved May 11, 2014, to the Anchorage Correctional Center to receive medical attention.

Hansen, who got the nickname "the Butcher Baker,"

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In this undated photo, Robert Hansen leaves court in Anchorage. Hansen, a convicted Alaska serial killer who hunted down women in the Alaska wilderness in the 1970s, died Thursday. He was 75.

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