Boning Up  Bison Bob (above) is a 36,000-year-old Ice Age steppe bison. The Idaho Museum of Natural History wants to bring his bones—and its complete collections—to the masses. Bob is part of an online repository of archaeological and fossil scans including everything from ancient Helicoprion sharks to bows and arrows. The 360° scans of these objects can be rolled, flipped, and zoomed, at better resolution than the naked eye can see. The museum’s director, Herb Maschner, calls it a move to democratize science and preserve fragile specimens. More than 15,000 bones and artifacts have already been scanned. See Bison Bob at ivil.imnh.isu.edu along with the other items.  —Johnna Rizzo

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Short-beaked common dolphin
Muskox
Walrus

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China—the world’s biggest market for illegal ivory—held a public ceremony to crush more than six tons of CONFISCATED IVORY to discourage trade.  • A SHORTAGE OF ONIONS in India, where they are a culinary staple, led to a 248 percent price increase for the vegetable in 2013.  • Archaeologists discovered that the citizens of POMPEI dined on giraffe in restaurants.  • Astronomers announced the detection of a possible THORNE-ZYTKOW OBJECT—a neutron star inside a red supergiant.

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