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Fossils from the Ancient World Come to SFO

New Airport Exhibition Features Fossils from the Collection of the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO -- Brontops and dinosaurs are in the halls of San Francisco International Airport - at *Captured in Stone: Fossils from the California Academy of Sciences*, a new exhibition located in Terminal 3.

Comprising over 200 objects, the exhibition presents an array of fossils from throughout the world. Fossils of various organisms, sizes and age are included, with examples ranging from those of long-extinct dinosaurs to still-recognized plant life. Locally discovered fossils include an approximately 10,000 year-old fossil of a *Mammuthus colombiana* found at the corner of Columbus and Pacific Streets in downtown San Francisco.

The exhibition also focuses on how fossils are collected; the process of constructing models of ancient plants and animals based on evidence found in fossils; and the information that fossils impart regarding the theory of continental drift, evolution, and animal relationships.

Captured in Stone: Fossils from the California Academy of Sciences is on view through February 5, 2006, free of charge. The exhibition is located post-security in Boarding Area F, Terminal 3. Please note that *Captured in Stone* is accessible only to passengers ticketed for travel through Terminal 3.

The San Francisco Airport Museums program was established by the Airport Commission in 1980 for the purposes of humanizing the Airport environment, providing visibility for the unique cultural life of San Francisco, and providing educational services for the traveling public. Today, the San Francisco Airport Museums features approximately twenty galleries throughout the Airport terminals displaying a rotating schedule of art, history, science, and cultural exhibitions, as well as the San Francisco Airport Commission Aviation Library and Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum, a permanent collection dedicated to the history of commercial aviation.

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