

Big news: Mammoth coming to museum

On Tuesday, fossils from a million-year-old mammoth will make their way from Moorpark to the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History.

At more than 13 feet high at the shoulders, the mammoth will dwarf the museum's bovine-size pygmy mammoth.

The move was made possible by a vote of the Moorpark City Council — and the museum's excitement about housing such a find.

Discovered by a bulldozer operator at a site north of Moorpark in March 2006, the mammoth is thought to be the first such fossil find in Moorpark. Nearly three-quarters of its bones were recovered.

A report by Mark Roeder, of the consulting firm PEA Inc. in Costa Mesa, said this species of mammoth, *M. (Terricola) mendensis*, has also been found in Centerville Beach, in Humboldt County; Livermore Gravels, in Contra Costa County; and Olivedell, in Riverside County.

The species has not been found above the Arctic Circle and appears to prefer warmer climates, according to the report.

The museum is at 2550 Puente Del Sol Road. For more information, log on to www.moorparkmammoth.com.

— Staff report

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This scale model depicts a mammoth of the species *M. (Terricola) mendensis*. Fossil remains of such a mammoth were found near Moorpark in 2006.

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Film examines local workers' housing struggles

Documentary to be shown at Ojai festival

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The award-winning documentary "The Price of Paradise" will make its Ojai Film Festival debut today as part of a Regional Reels Series focusing on local filmmakers.

A 42-minute documentary financed by the Santa Barbara County Housing Department and written, produced and directed by Lisa Snider — a former housing employee — "The

Price of Paradise" focuses on the county's inflated housing market and unravels the housing challenges facing the area's work force through the eyes of those living and working here.

Ms. Snider uses interviews from Santa Barbara city, county and state employees who work in the fields of law enforcement, health and education to get her point across.

"The only way our people can continue to work here is to live in other communities, and that's unfortunate," former Sheriff Jim Anderson says in

the film. "At least half of our personnel live in other counties."

A Cottage Hospital official states in the film that 30 percent of all job offers at the hospital are turned down because of home prices.

"The Price of Paradise" does not offer solutions; rather, it is intended as a conversation starter on affordable housing.

"The documentary is considered of local impact and interest to the Ojai community," said Morris Nash, a representative for the Ojai Film Festival.

Some 16,000 Ventura County

residents, including people from Ojai, commute to jobs in Santa Barbara County, a number that could reach 100,000 in 25 years, according to "Paradise" filmmakers.

"The Price of Paradise," which cost \$23,634 to make, won a Best Documentary award at the Oxnard Film Festival last year. It will be shown at 3 p.m. today at the Art Center Theater in Ojai.

For more information on the Ojai Film Festival or to purchase tickets, log on to www.ojaifilmfestival.com.

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