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85,000-YEAR-OLD CAVE BEAR SKELETON ROARS INTO ABT ELECTRONICS

*Glenview Shopping Destination Invites Public to Name the Bear Through Social Media Contest
From June 9 Through June 15*

GLENVIEW, Ill. – Abt, the renowned Chicagoland electronics and appliance retailer known for its destination shopping experience, is about to welcome a truly extraordinary new attraction: the remarkably preserved skeleton of an 85,000-year-old cave bear. The exhibit will be unveiled on Thursday, June 12, and to celebrate, Abt is inviting the public to help name the bear through a social media contest running June 9–15.

The skeleton stands over 9 feet 5 inches tall and is believed to be that of a massive cave bear (*Ursus spelaeus*), a species that coexisted and even clashed with early humans. Experts believe this giant of the Ice Age roamed a region spanning parts of what is now Europe and Asia. The skeleton was acquired by Abt co-president Mike Abt at the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show this year, a reflection of its rarity and scientific significance.

Visitors can also make history by helping name the Cave Bear through a social media contest running from June 9–15, 2025. One lucky participant will win a \$100 Abt Gift Card. For full details and to submit your entry, please visit Abt's Instagram page [@abtelectronics](https://www.instagram.com/abtelectronics).

"Cave Bears and humans lived alongside each other, and there's evidence they competed for resources," said Mike Abt. "And considering Chicago is home to the Bears and the Cubs, it seems only fitting that a Cave Bear finds its home here."

This latest attraction honors the legacy of the late Bob Abt, former CEO of Abt Electronics and the son of founders Dave and Jewel Abt, who shaped Abt into the retail destination that it is today. He aimed to create an environment that would attract customers and keep them coming back, which led to the addition of [attractions](#) within the store like a 7,500-gallon saltwater fish tank and a dancing water fountain reminiscent of Las Vegas.

The bear promises to be a major attraction, drawing visitors of all ages to Abt and offering a unique educational opportunity to connect with prehistoric life. The skeleton will be displayed in the atrium outside of The Cave, a showroom displaying a variety of games and home entertainment technology.

For more information on Abt, visit www.abt.com.

About Abt:

Abt Electronics was founded in 1936 when Jewel Abt loaned her husband Dave \$800 to open a small electronics store in the Logan Square neighborhood of Chicago. Abt has grown to become the largest independent, single-store retailer of electronics, appliances, and home goods in the country. This third-generation family-run business (now run by Dave and Jewel's four grandchildren, Mike, Ricky, Jon and Billy, who share the title of co-president) is known for its award-winning customer service from its team of nearly 1,800 expert staff members. Its Glenview, Ill.-based location boasts a 114,000 square-foot showroom on 37 acres. The entire facility, including its continually expanding state-of-the-art warehouse, totals nearly 1 million square feet. The company has been recognized by the Chicago Tribune as one of the Top Large Workplaces in Chicago for 15 consecutive years, taking the No. 1 position in 2016, 2012 and 2011. Abt has become an influencer on a national scale thanks to its thriving ecommerce website where customers can receive advice and customer support through the site's live chat feature, email, and toll-free phone number. Abt is known for being an eco-friendly business and has an award-winning green program that includes bio-diesel trucks, LED lights, a rooftop solar array, an irrigation system that uses renewable rainwater, and a generator that provides electricity for nine hours of the day. Abt also has an on-premises recycling center that takes in tons of waste per year including 95 percent of the company's own waste. In the center of the showroom is a beautiful atrium where customers gain access to its many boutique stores-within-a-store such as an Apple Boutique, and a Connect Computer Store. Abt is known for its weekend treats providing free, fresh baked chocolate chip cookies and coffee for its customers every Saturday and Sunday afternoon. For more information, visit www.Abt.com.

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