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**Man's bones
 500 years,
 curator says**

VERO BEACH — (AP) — Human bones discovered in a lagoon by a surprised golfer searching for a lost ball were identified as those of a 500-year-old Indian hunter, an expert says.

A University of Florida researcher said Friday the bones belonged to a 30- to 45-year-old male who died in the Indian River Lagoon near what is now the Moorings subdivision.

The five feet, five inches man had a typical height and robust build, said William Maples, a curator with the Florida State Museum in Gainesville.

"It appears to have been an accidental death," he added.

The remains were found in February by a man who waded into the lagoon to look for golf balls. In all, 50 bones were retrieved.

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Picture Of The Past



Mastadon Bones

The huge bones being displayed by Louise :
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 in the main canal around 1930. Many valu
 fossils were found in the Vero Beach area by
 entists such as Dr. Alec Hrdlicka and Johi
 Chase. The latter came here from Youngstc
 Ohio, to do research. Also discovered in the
 was a human skull of an prehistoric human dut
 the "Vero man."