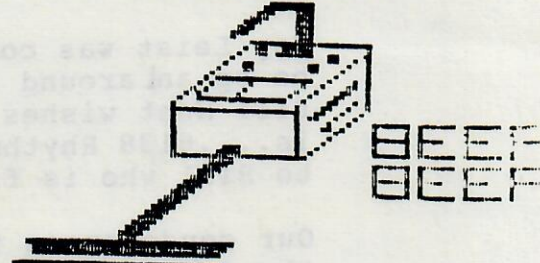




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CENTRAL FLORIDA METAL DETECTING CLUB

*****AUGUST 1992*****
NEWSLETTER

The next meeting of the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club will take place on Friday, August 14, 1992 at 8:00 p.m. The meeting site is located at the Goldenrod Civic Center on Palmetto Street next to the Fire Station in Goldenrod, Florida. Parking is limited so please plan to arrive early!

August meeting date: August 14

September meeting date: September 11

October meeting date: October 9

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.DISCOVER FAMILY FUN IN METAL DETECTING.

July Newsnotes.....

Jack Dee won the Half and Half and pocketed \$21.50.
No one was a winner for Bank Night so August will be a bit richer for the winner!

Ray Leist was convalescing from knee surgery. Expected to be up and around soon!

Bill Hunt wishes to let everyone know his new address. It is....6138 Rhythm Circle, Orlando, FL 32808-1410. Our best to Bill who is fighting one pesky illness!

Our condolences to the Family of Frank and Donna Rothery on the death of Frank's father, Frank Sr. of Melbourne, FL.

The following cartoon was clipped from a Metal Detecting Club's newsletter. We thought it was kinda cute!



Find of the Month.....

Single Coin- Barbara Phillips
Group Coin- Alden Mitchell
Single Jewelry- Brent Petherick
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Single Odd's N'Ends- Barbara Phillips (also Group winner!)
Single and Group Artifacts- David Gascoyne

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Investigators say they damaged 7 archaeological sites, including one of the state's largest, in search of Spanish gold.

By Craig Dezern

OF THE SENTINEL STAFF

The Calusa Indians developed a powerful and complex society that flourished for more than a thousand years in Southwest Florida.

It took treasure hunters with two bulldozers and a backhoe just a few days in 1980 to demolish Big Mound Key, one of the tribe's largest and best-preserved sites.

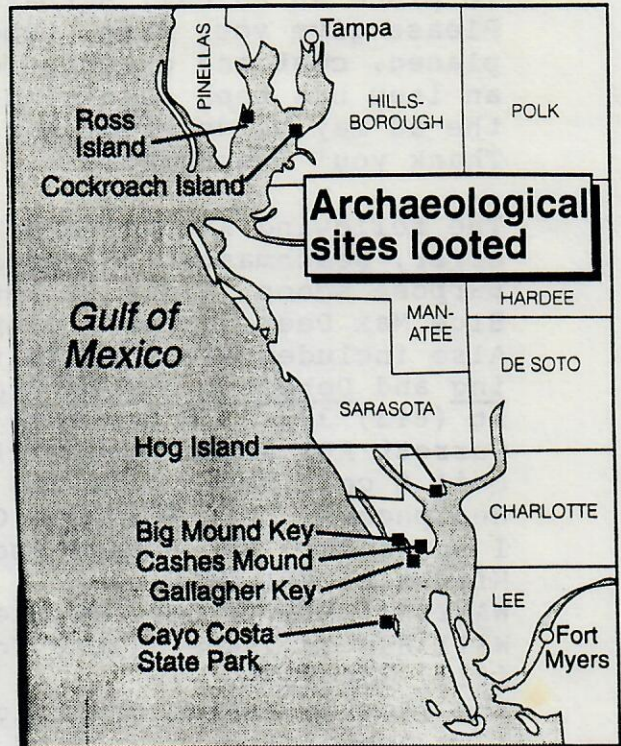
On Thursday, the state attorney in Fort Myers announced that four men have been charged with damaging seven archaeological sites on Florida's west coast, including the key in Charlotte Harbor.

The team looted sites on state and federal land for more than a decade, investigators said, tearing through layers of Indian artifacts in a fruitless search for Spanish gold.

"They were very well organized," said Joseph Subic, who investigated the case for the state Department of Natural Resources. "These were not amateurs."

L. Frank Hudson, 74, of St. Petersburg; Donald Paul Williams, 59, of San Carlos Park; Peter Alexander Smitt, 39, of North Pinellas Park; and Ronald Allen Webb, 43, of Largo, may be responsible for nearly all of the damage to Calusa sites in the past decade, officials said.

The men, who were scheduled for arraignment this morning, have been charged with criminal



SENTINEL GRAPHIC

sity of Florida archaeologist who has directed excavation of Calusa sites.

"People have been digging at these old sites for years," he said. "They've destroyed an awful lot of information about these people."

And unfortunately, Marquardt said, little is known of the tribe, which ruled southern Florida from 300 A.D. to the late 17th century. "They were a remarkable bunch of people," Marquardt said.

The Calusas were expert navigators and built canals — some 30 feet wide and 6 feet deep — that connected their coastal homes to inland rivers.

The skilled hunters and fishers thrived for decades after the tribes of North Florida had been destroyed by warfare, slavery and diseases brought by European settlers.

But by 1750, the Calusa tribe had disappeared, overrun by other American Indians who had moved into Florida to escape the settlers.

The mounds are nearly all that remain to supplement the sketchy and biased reports left by Spanish missionaries and explorers.

Some of the mounds are little more than trash heaps. Others may be ceremonial platforms or foundations for the homes of nobility. Big Mound Key "was one of the largest and best preserved of the mound sites in the United States," Marquardt said. "Before it was disturbed, it had such integrity to it."

After seeing archaeological sites compromised for more than a decade, Marquardt said he welcomed the arrests.

"I think it's certainly a step in the right direction," he said. "These people are stealing from all of us."

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