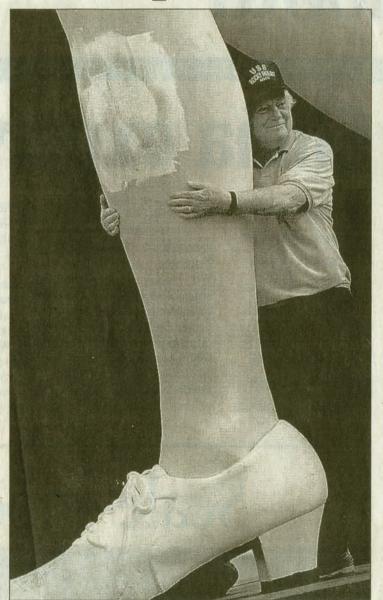
## Sculpture vandalized



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On Sunday, someone covered with white paint the black peace symbol on the "Unconditional Surrender" statue.

STAFF REPORT

The nurse in the muchloved and equally maligned 26-foot "Unconditional Surrender" sculpture on Sarasota's bayfront sported a black peace symbol on her calf for a few days. On Sunday someone covered the mark with white paint.

The symbol showed up Friday, but that's all the Sarasota Police Department knows about it.

"They didn't sign their name, but I wish they did," said Jay Frank, the department's public information officer. "We'll look into it."

The Sarasota Crime Stopper Board is offering a \$500 reward for a tip leading to the vandal's arrest.

"Unconditional Surrender" portrays the famous kiss between a nurse and a sailor in New York's Times Square after the announcement that World War II had ended.

The art piece is part of the Sarasota Season of Sculpture exhibit, which ends May 31.

But a group is raising money to buy a replica and donate it to the city.