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Reef relief

With steady hands, Jerry Smith, left, and Michelle Richardson, volunteers with Hernando Reef Explorers dive club, dismantle molds used to form reef balls at Florida Mining and Materials on State Road 50 and Mariner Boulevard. The balls will be deposited 16 miles off the coast of Hernando Beach in November. Made of Ph-balanced concrete, they will last 500 years.