

LIFE SANS HASSELHOFF

Gena Lee Nolin moves from the bay to the jungle

BY MATT MCCORMICK

The Battalion
Former "Baywatch" beauty Gena Lee Nolin is back on television with a new syndicated television series. After a leave of absence following the birth of her son, Nolin swings back into action with a starring role in the adventure series, "Sheena."

The show centers around Sheena, who was orphaned in the African jungle and then becomes the protector of the jungle within it. Based on a popular comic book from the 1930s, "Sheena" was a television show for four years during the 1950s. Do not expect this show to look anything like that one, though, as this one features computer graphic "morphs," choreographed action sequences and, of course, the beautiful Nolin.

Nolin began her career as a model, but quickly landed a spot on "The Price is Right" as one of the "product-flashing" girls. This led to her first actual acting job, "Baywatch." Now, Nolin has the opportunity to explore different areas with her new show.

"It is not just T&A like some other shows, even though we do have some of that," Nolin said. "But ours is done very well. We just have more depth to this show."

Nolin said the show's amazing special effects are done with the help of skilled professionals from both film and television.

"Our crew is great," Nolin said. "We have some of the people who work on 'Buffy the Vampire Slayer' and even some of the people who worked on *The Matrix* working on our show."

This experience comes in handy, particularly for the difficult morphing sequences. Nolin's character often morphs into different animals. She said she enjoys these moments in the show.

"One time I got to morph into an eagle, and that was cool," Nolin said.

"It is not just T&A like some other shows, even though we do have that. But ours is done very well. We just have more depth with this show."

— Gena Lee Nolin
Former "Baywatch" actress on her new show, "Sheena"

Nolin's role is often physically demanding, because she is forced to fight off bad guys. She works with a special movement trainer who teaches her animal instinct fighting techniques.

"I have to move almost like a cat," Nolin said. "As far as fighting goes, when I do it myself, I have to be very quick and savage-like."

The show is filmed in Orlando, Fla., and the swamps there give the show a look comparable to African jungles. Faced with a grueling production schedule, Nolin, who

normally resides in Arizona, was forced to live in Florida while shooting. The production schedule requires her to shoot an episode a week.

"We usually shoot seven to eight pages [of script] a day," Nolin said. That is significantly more than the one to two pages a day usually done during a film's shoot.

The show typically features a different director for each week's episode. The directors are pulled from a variety of different backgrounds, including television shows, music videos and commercials. Having a new director every week is a challenge for the cast and crew, especially the star.

"It is difficult to adjust," Nolin said. "Some directors want different things from other directors, but I am like a sponge, just trying to absorb everything. I learn something new from all of them."

Nolin said Sheena should be a welcome character for television.

"I think the strong female character is a very good role model for children," she said.

In fact, her own child helps guide her career choices now.

"I want to do stuff that he will be proud of," Nolin said. She has turned down Playboy on several occasions, saying it is something she does not feel like she needs to do.

Nolin's show airs on independent stations like WB and UPN. Her show is in direct competition with another show featuring a former "Baywatch" star — Pamela Anderson Lee's "V.I.P." is another syndicated action series.

The competition does not bother Nolin, though.

"I think we have something for everyone," Nolin said.

Nolin said she expects "Sheena" to do well in today's action-crazed market



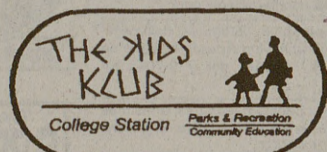
Gena Lee Nolin, former "Baywatch" actress, is returning to the small screen after a lengthy hiatus. She said she is trying to project a more staid image in order to be a role model for her son.



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY BRADLEY ATCHISON/THE BATTALION
PHOTOS COURTESY OF THECELEBASE.COM

NEED A JOB?

THE KIDS KLUB IS SEEKING STAFF FOR THE 2001 SPRING SEMESTER



- Are you a fun person?
- Do you enjoy working with kids?
- Looking for valuable work experience?
- Are you available Mon.-Fri., 2:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.?
- If you answered yes to any of these questions, we may have a job for you.

Applications are now being accepted for the Kids Klub After School Program at the College Station Conference Center thru November 29th at 5 p.m.

Employment to begin January 2, 2001

College Station ISD is an Equal Opportunity Employer

For more information call:

THE KIDS KLUB 764-3831

Male & Female Staff needed!

The Guitar Store

- Over 100 Guitars in stock
- New Guitars from \$99.99
- Used Amps, Guitars, & Bass's
- Buy, Sell, Trade, & Consignment's

Located on University behind the Golden Coral
260-7262

BIG MEAL DEAL \$4.99

IT'S ALMOST MORE THAN YOU CAN EAT!

Culpepper Plaza College Station, Texas

SWENSEN'S



693-6948 Exp. 11-26-00

6 oz. HAMBURGER WITH FRIES

- + LARGE SOFT DRINK
- + SUPER SUNDAE

GOOD FOR UP TO 4 PER COUPON

50¢ extra for any other hamburger

JASON'S DELI DELIVERS

Breakfast 7 a.m.-10 a.m.
Lunch & Dinner 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
764-2929
or www.jasonsdeli.com
\$10 minimum

STUDENT TRAVEL

Change YOUR World!



800.777.0112

STA TRAVEL

Book your tickets online @ www.statravel.com

Part-Time Openings

UCS Inc, is the industry leader when it comes to providing quality IT systems to the automotive industry. We have a long-standing tradition in our commitment to excellence and to our employees.

UCS has experienced constant growth in the past 30 years and has never had to layoff or downsize. With over 1700 employees, we value our Aggie employees!

UCS currently has many part-time opportunities for individuals with all types of majors and backgrounds that can offer you \$7.00 an hour to start and the experience you need to succeed!

- Customer Service
- PC/Tech Support
- Hardware Tech
- Programming
- Clerical Staff
- Inventory Control
- Computer Assembly

Get your career started with a proven leader!

To apply, please call us at 595-2609. EOE.

www.universalcomputersys.com

UCS hires non-smokers only