

the Nov. 17 board hearing, Quillen said, “This is not an appropriate time to have a discussion with you.”

Asked to suggest an appropriate time, Quillen said, “I have no comment at this time. No comment.”

Prather seems to share Quillen’s view on the scope of the audit. When asked to verify his position, Prather said, “It sounds to me like you have access to our closed meetings.”

When pressed, he said that Pigeon, the board’s attorney, advised them against a forensic audit.

“Ms. Pigeon told us that this was our legal position,” Prather said. “She told us we couldn’t, we can’t take this thing outside the board and allow a forensic audit of these companies.

“That’s absurd,” he added. “Do you know how much that would cost?”

The upshot

On Sept. 21, the board published a revised request for bids for the audit, adopting much of Dye’s proposed language. The successful bidder will randomly audit 35 individual accounts in the escrow fund and compare actual payments against expected payments based on the board’s files, which detail how much production in a gas unit is subject to escrow.

The auditor’s task could be significantly complicated by missing supplemental orders – the crucial document that shows what percentage of royalties should be escrowed. The *Herald Courier*, in reviewing 12 Gas and Oil Board files with large percentages of owners who did not agree to lease, found that six of them were missing supplemental orders. When confronted with this, the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy – DGO’s parent agency – acknowledged a “backlog of incomplete supplemental board orders.”

Without a supplemental order, it is impossible to determine what should be in an individual account in escrow.

Some board members are still unsatisfied with the audit’s scope.

“We would like for it to have taken a different direction,” Harris, the public member from Wise County, said in an interview. He described the published proposal as a “verification process rather than a forensic process.”

“I’m still not sure we’ll get some of the answers to the questions you’re raising,” Harris said. “We’re going to sort of wait and see what comes out of this.”

Coming Sunday: For royalty owners, it's sue, split or do nothing.

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Southwest Virginia's Natural Gas, Underfoot, Out of Reach, Part 8: Sue, split or do nothing



David Crigger and Earl Neikirk

The tangled web of natural gas rights has left landowners struggling to cash in on their share of the profits. From top left, Ferrel Whited, Attorney Peter Glubiak, Jamie Hale, Shirley Keen, Bill Harris, Delegate Terry Kilgore and David Asbury.

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By [Daniel Gilbert](#) | Reporter / Bristol Herald Courier
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purchased their coal. Despite a 2004 Supreme Court of Virginia ruling in favor of gas owners, coal companies have shown their willingness to spend years in court fighting for their share of coalbed methane royalties.

Unless a gas owner sues or agrees to split such royalties with a coal company, the funds will accumulate in escrow, and Ferrell Whited is resigned to this third option.

Whited and his siblings – the heirs of Earl Whited – went through four years of litigation with a coal company over coalbed methane royalties and emerged with 50 percent – half of what they sought. The former coal miner has lost his appetite for lawsuits and split agreements; he'll deed his remaining mineral interests to his grandchildren and leave it to them to extract royalties from escrow.

Except that by that time, Whited's money may no longer be in escrow. Once an individual account in escrow ceases to receive payments from gas production, it is considered unclaimed property and may have to be surrendered to the state treasury, throwing up a new series of bureaucratic barriers to collecting the money.

In June, David Asbury, the state official who oversees the escrow fund on behalf of the Gas and Oil Board, told an assembled crowd at a public meeting in Grundy, Va., "We would like for that escrow account to be zero. We don't have a goal to grow the escrow account."

Yet the fund continues to accumulate royalties faster than Asbury and the board can disburse them. Two months after Asbury spoke, on Aug. 11, the board published a request seeking bids from banks to manage the escrow fund. Buried in the 71-page document is a sentence that powerfully, if casually, underscores the difficulty of getting the fund to zero: "It is estimated that twenty-five to fifty million dollars may be held in escrow at any one time."

The size of the escrow fund has dismayed some area legislators and stunned others.

"We have got to find some better way of getting those monies out of escrow," Delegate Terry Kilgore, an attorney and senior Republican lawmaker from Gate City, Va., said in an interview.

"I was shocked to see your number, \$24 million?" Kilgore said. "I don't think it was ever the intent of the General Assembly to have that kind of escrow account."

Peter Glubiak, the attorney who won the 2004 Supreme Court ruling for gas owners in Buchanan County, believes legislators could fix the escrow problem with the stroke of a single sentence.

Noting that an earlier law presumed that people owned the gas beneath their surface, Glubiak said, "What needs to happen is a simple reversal, reinstating the presumption that if you own the land, you own the gas. That way, the burden would be on the coal company to come in and affirmatively prove [coalbed methane ownership]. It isn't the poor landowner who has to hire a lawyer and go to court and spend a lot of money. And you would get rid of 75, 80, 90 percent of what's in escrow."

Failing any better way to retrieve royalties from escrow, mineral owners are considering their options.

At his home outside Richmond, Va., Graham Tiller reads the minutes of the board hearings online, scanning them for details on what kind of deals gas owners are striking with coal companies over coalbed methane royalties. Recently, he saw one in which the gas owner received 80 percent of the royalties, and he's been talking with an agent of the company that owns the coal where he owns the gas.

"I'm thinking strongly about seeing if I can make a deal with them – if I can get the right kind of deal," he said. "I'm getting old, and I've got a grandson to send to school. I can't afford a lawsuit by myself, but I'm not going to give it to them."

Theresa Brents is looking for a lawyer.

Shirley Keene is looking for her fourth lawyer.

Jamie Hale is working on a plan that does not involve a lawyer. During the 10 years that CNX Gas has sucked coalbed methane from beneath his 40-acre property, he has not received a dime. Assuming the Hales could recover 100 percent of the royalties in escrow, their interest would entitle them to approximately \$266,000 – less whatever CNX deducts to get the gas to market.

"What I had in mind – I don't know that I'd get anywhere with this – is my next day off, going to the courthouse and speaking with the judge if I can," he said.

"If I can, I'll get a declaratory judgment order against CNX Gas or whoever," he said, although his conflict is actually with the coal owner, Hugh MacRae Land Trust.

"That's my next step – talking to a judge or a legal representative at the courthouse. I can't see us having to get an attorney to get what is rightfully ours. I mean, it's not right. If you do hire an attorney, you might as well take a split agreement," he said.

Then he sighed.

"I really don't know where to go or what to do."

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The company spent a lot of money to drill the well. I wouldn't be able to come up with that kind of money to drill a well on my property by myself. Leasing my gas makes sense to me. I'm basically getting over \$1500 a year to do nothing! That's money I couldn't live without.

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Every mineral owner from Southwest Virginia—every reader, for that matter—should thank Daniel Gilbert and this newspaper for exposing this system for what it is: a ripoff of private property. And every one of us should let members of the VA Legislature know that we won't sit down and shut up until they rectify it.

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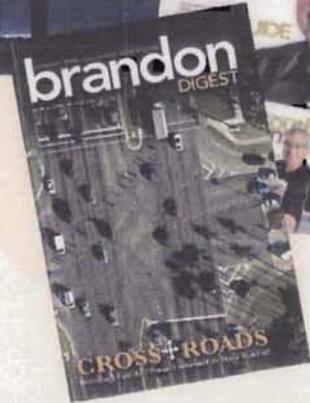
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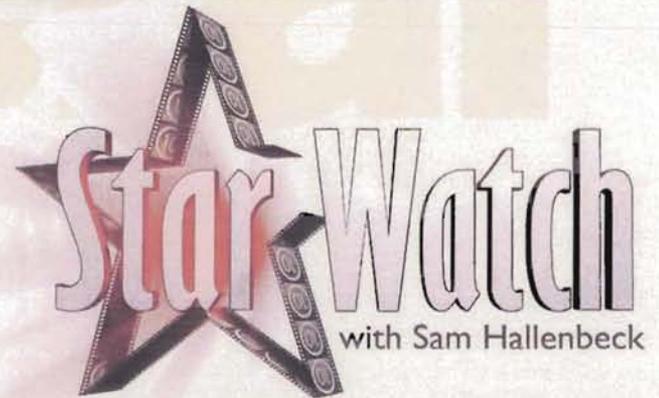
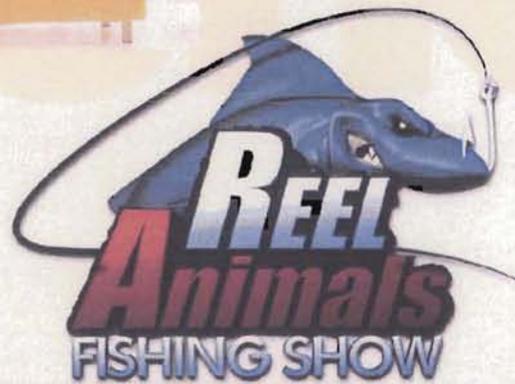
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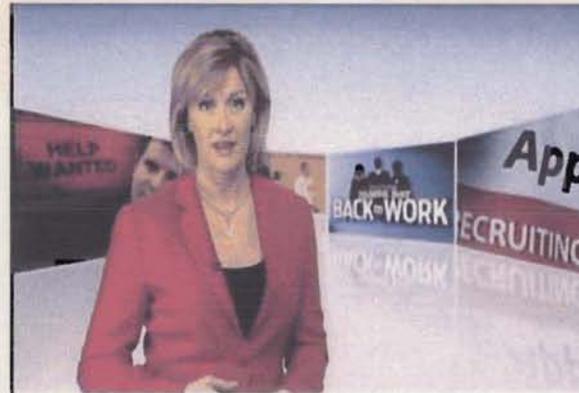
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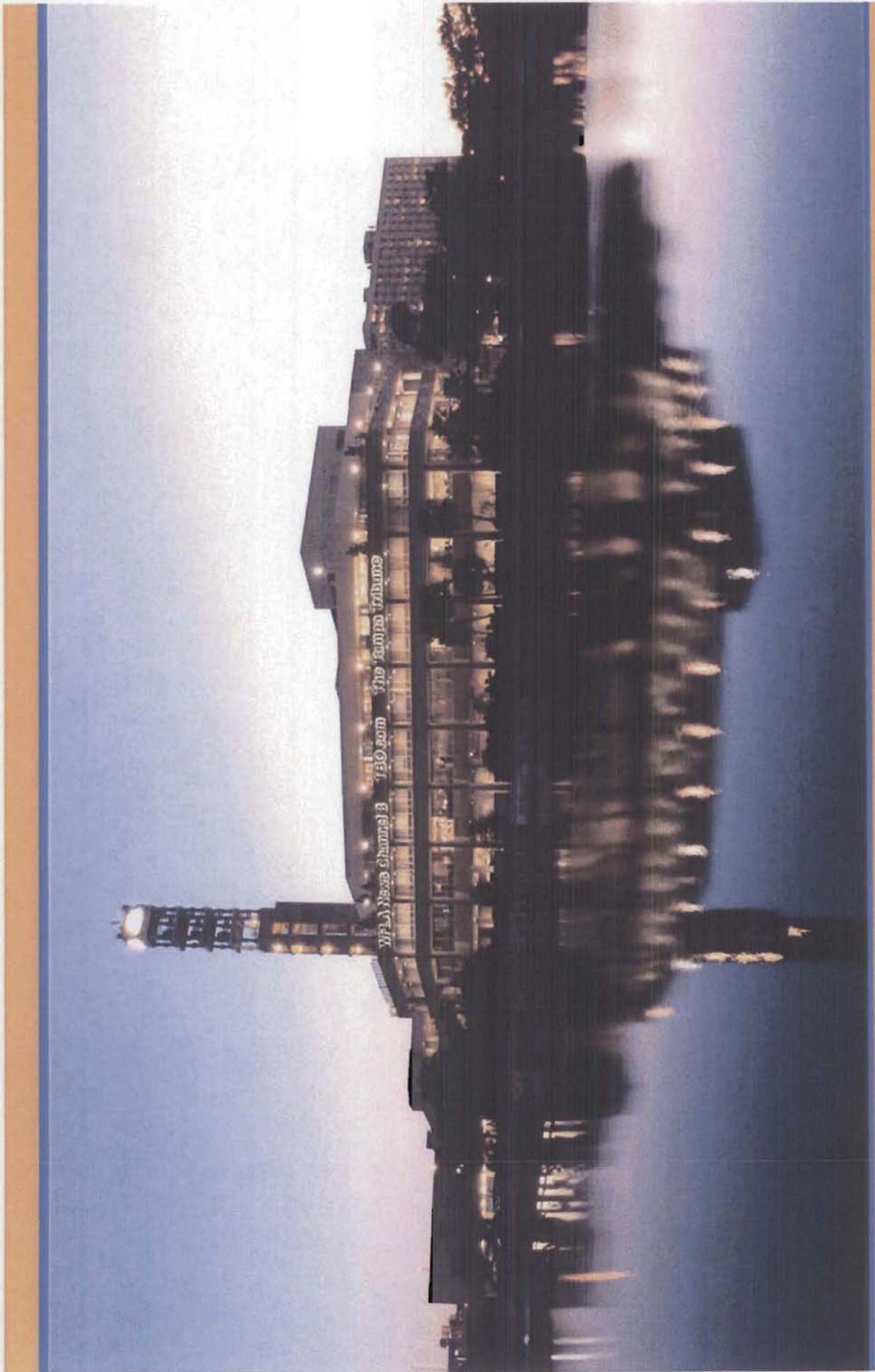
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Stalled lives

Jobless growth—industry workers are desperate for new doors to open.



Staff photo by ANDY JONES

A New Port Richey project, deserted since July 2006, is an example of many developments that halted after the building boom imploded, throwing real estate and construction workers into a tailspin.

By MICHAEL SASSO
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TAMPA — As a few dozen real estate and title insurance agents mingle around a steakhouse's bar at a networking mixer, one shares a sardonic joke: Is it OK to pray for a hurricane?

The storms can devastate, but they also stir up business in real estate and construction.

Over beers and gin and tonics at a recent gathering, the mixer crowd revealed the major career moves their friends and spouses are contemplating. One woman said her husband is studying to become a nurse after years as a

property appraiser. Next to her, a veteran mortgage broker said three of his former colleagues are looking at nursing, too.

Like thousands of others, they had bet their livelihoods on Florida's unrelenting growth, which had been one of its three economic pillars, along with agriculture and tourism. But with that pillar cracked, middle-age workers in particular are confronting tough questions about what to do next.

Fearing that they're too old to retrain in something new, many wonder where their skills fit in

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Staff photo by DAVID KRAUT

"My gut told me this was the wrong move. But I'd already made a commitment to 3rd Works and they had enough work booked up that I thought I'd be set for 10 years."

BUD KRUEGER, 59

On moving to Florida in January 2007 to pursue a construction job

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Associated Press photo by SEBASTIAN MARTINEZ
A woman comforts her dog in Talca, Chile, after the quake leveled a home and car behind them early Saturday.

Chile hit by massive 8.8 quake

At least 214 were dead; homes, roads and cars destroyed.

By ROBERTO CANDIA and EVA VEJLARA
The Associated Press

TALCA, Chile — One of the largest earthquakes ever recorded tore apart houses, bridges and highways in central Chile on Saturday and sent a tsunami racing halfway around the world. Chileans near the epicenter were tossed as if

shaken by a giant. Authorities said at least 214 people were dead.

The tsunami delivered nothing more than a glancing blow to Hawaii and the South Pacific, but Japan was bracing for a direct hit and waves up to 10 feet high. Scientists worried the giant wave could gain strength as it rounded the planet and consolidated.

The magnitude 8.8 quake was felt in Sao Paulo, Brazil. See CHILE QUAKE, Page 23

Influence beyond the pulpit



Staff photo by ANDY JONES

The Rev. W. James Favorite has led services at Tampa's Beulah Baptist Institutional Church since 1995.

Energetic and engaging, the Rev. W. James Favorite is a rising community leader.

By MICHELLE BEARDEN
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TAMPA — The old guard was aging and dying off. As they slipped away, Ann Porter worried about the void in leadership in Tampa's black community.

Then she heard an impassioned newcomer from Baltimore preach at Beulah Baptist Institutional Church. She was blown away by what he had to say, and how he said it.

"Now here's a ray of hope for our future," she thought. "Lord knows we need it right now, more than ever."

Turns out, Porter's hunch about the Rev. W.

8 See the Rev. W. James Favorite in the pulpit, kitchen and on the streets on Michelle Bearden's "Keeping the Faith" segment at 9 a.m. today on News Channel 8.

Keyword: Favorite, for a compilation of some of Tampa's black leadership, past and present.

James Favorite, hired by Beulah in 1995, was right. In the 15 years since he arrived here, he hasn't disappointed her.

More than four decades ago, Porter and her peers staged sit-ins at the lunch See JAMES FAVORITE, Page 19

Legislature 2010 preview

When the Legislature convenes Tuesday for its 60-day annual session, budget concerns will again dominate. Despite carving \$7 billion from the state's budget since 2007, lawmakers will have to slash spending because rising costs are outpacing Florida's modest tax receipts. There will be policy initiatives, too — but with few exceptions, they won't make it to the governor's desk if they cost an extra cent.



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Couple seek review of dog park rules

The owners of a Shih-tzu say separate runs may have prevented an attack.

By KRISTA KLAUS
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A Tampa couple are calling for new dog park rules after their dog was attacked and killed at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park last week.

A 110-pound mastiff mix attacked a 10-pound Shih-tzu, Moby, as he was leaving the park Feb. 18 with owner Michael Pak of Tampa.

"It's been tough. This is our child. We don't have kids," said Pak, who intervened when the larger dog seized Moby by the neck. Pak received deep cuts in his legs and hands.

Hillsborough County Animal Services took the mastiff mix named Lucius into custody under a rabies quarantine, which could determine his fate. State law dictates a dog cannot be deemed dangerous unless it's attacked an animal more than once.

A report lists the owner of the mastiff as Janelle Park of Tampa. She declined comment.



Staff photo by MAURICE GAMBRIANO
Michael Pak, who attempted to free his dog during an attack, and his wife, Megan Newcomb, stand together.

Animal Services initially reported the dog to be a Rhodesian ridgeback, but upon further examination determined Lucius was a mastiff mix.

Pak and his wife, Megan Newcomb, aren't pushing for Lucius to be put down, but they would like rules requiring large dogs to be separated from smaller ones to prevent attacks.

"It was the worst thing ever. It

looked like a crime scene. It was just horrific," Newcomb said.

Tampa Parks and Recreation director Karen Falls said her office is reviewing policies at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park as a result of the attack.

Falls said the run there is too small to justify separating the dogs by size, but other larger city dog parks do separate the animals. Falls said an option is



Lucius, a mastiff mix, has been quarantined at Hillsborough County Animal Services since the attack at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park.



Photo from Megan Newcomb
Moby died after he was attacked by the mastiff mix at a dog park.

in resident owners to one large dog per person in some parks. Current rules allow two dogs.

Rules for the dog park, including that each person is responsible for keeping control of his dog, are outlined on signs at

each location. Those signs had not yet gone up at the new downtown Tampa park when the attack occurred, but have since been installed.

Falls said this is the first reported death in a city dog park in 10 years of record-keeping.

Denise McCullough of Hillsborough Animal Services said people using dog parks should remember they're doing so at their own risk.

"Bottom line is, dog parks can be a great day in your animals' life or it can be its worst nightmare. It's up to owners to make sure that doesn't happen," McCullough said.

Reporter Krista Klaus can be reached at 813-225-2736.

STALLED LIVES

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the future economy.

"It may mean that some of those people (in growth-related fields) never get those jobs again," said Sean Snaith, who heads the Institute for Economic Competitiveness at the University of Central Florida.

The number of people tied to growth who have lost jobs in this recession is remarkable.

Today, there are about 407,000 construction jobs in Florida, about 40 percent fewer than three years ago. The fallout has been less severe among real estate agents and brokers: Only about 8 percent of their jobs have disappeared, falling to about 124,000 in Florida, state data show. However, agents suggest many of the people remaining in real estate are hanging on at a fraction of their former pay.

State and federal jobs data don't isolate many growth-related jobs, such as mortgage brokers, title insurance agents and building materials manufacturers, so the number of displaced workers is probably thousands higher.

Bud Krueger is a casualty. In 2006, Krueger was a top building executive for DSW in Columbus, Ohio, then a fast-growing chain of shoe stores. He lived at 30,000 feet, flying to DSW's new stores across the country four days a week.

It was a good job with a good salary of about \$95,000. He and his wife, Carol, had family and longtime roots in the Midwest.

Then, a new opportunity emerged in Florida that offered Krueger, 59, a chance to oversee shopping centers, not just individual shoe stores.

A project management firm, 3rd Works, was swimming in construction projects in Florida. Big shopping centers, including Cypress Creek Town Center in Pasco County and Southshore Commons in Apollo Beach, were planned, and 3rd Works had been hired to help shepherd them.

"I remember asking him, 'Are you sure this is what you want to do?'" Carol Krueger said.

"My gut told me this was the wrong move," Bud said. "But I'd already made a commitment to 3rd Works and they had enough work booked up that I thought I'd be set for 10 years."

Fresh start in Florida

Bud moved to Tampa in January 2007, sharing an apartment with his grown son until Carol moved down. Their grown daughter stayed in Ohio. Eventually, Carol landed a job at an insurance office in Land O' Lakes.

Today, the date of his layoff and his tenure at 3rd Works are etched in his mind. As the shopping center projects — most little more than engineering reports at that point — suffered long delays or were



Staff photo by FRED BELLET
Bill Dixon, 55, worked for a large window and door manufacturer that shut down about a year ago. Today, he makes three-quarters of his former salary running a small window-repair and lawn business.



Staff photo by ANDY WIMES
Brian Young teaches an apprenticeship class at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers' training center in Tampa.

shelved altogether, the company laid him off in October 2008.

He has had a couple of short-term jobs, but primarily has spent 16 months attending job networking events, calling on hiring managers and taking computer courses related to project management.

He sounds a bit defeatist at times, worrying that his age scares potential employers, that he doesn't have the money to retrain and that he lacks the niche skills to land one of the new road, bridge or bullet train jobs promised by the Obama administration.

Still, he's willing to move anywhere for a construction-related job. Even with a four-year college degree and 38 years in construction, he's not sure where his skills fit in the economy.

"I don't know what else to look at," Bud said. "If people came to me and said, 'Would you pursue this?' (I'd thought) I stood a chance at landing that job, yes, I would."

Industry in transition

Where construction and real estate types fit into the near

and mid-term economy is a concern.

Many in construction-related fields might have turned to manufacturing, another relatively high-paying career, particularly for those without college degrees. But manufacturing in Florida has lost more than 150,000 jobs in the past decade, or a third of its total.

Economists don't expect the construction industry to see the high-flying days of 2005 for years. Snaith, the UCF economist, foresees construction employment bottoming out at the end of the year with 381,100 jobs in the state. By the end of 2013, it should rise to about 447,000 jobs.

That's an improvement, but it's roughly the level the industry was at in 1999. Meanwhile, the state's population has risen 20 percent, with many newcomers such as Krueger drawn to Florida for work.

Instead of construction-related fields, the big growth industries this decade likely will be information technology and health care. Network systems analysts and computer software engineers are listed as the two

careers likely to grow the fastest through 2017, according to the Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation.

Among the remaining top 10 careers, six are in health care. Roofers crack the list at No. 10, but that assumes an economic and construction recovery, the agency says.

Presumably, many in the construction industry will turn to the service sector, installing cable TV service, selling insurance or driving trucks. But for now, people in the industry say many displaced laborers have left Florida or are scraping by as handymen.

From high to low

Bill Dixon worked for 17 years for Nu-Air Manufacturing, a 60-year-old Town 'N Country company that made windows and doors and employed 500 people. Former President George W. Bush held up Nu-Air as a model family business when he visited the plant in 2004 and talked about the economy with its workers.

Rocked by the real estate crash, Nu-Air shut its doors about a year ago, laid off its workers and sold the Nu-Air name to a businessman, who relocated to Alabama. Today, Dixon, 55, runs a small business that cuts lawns and fixes windows. He's making three-quarters of his former salary, and his wife, who lost her job at Nu-Air, too, hasn't found new work.

Still, he's doing better than most handymen by focusing on cleaning and repairing abandoned homes.

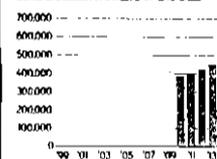
"Most of the other people that were doing repairs like I'm doing, they've shut down," he said.

Florida's economic development leaders are spending billions trying to attract high-paying life sciences and technology companies. Since 2003, the state and local governments in Florida have spent \$1.5 billion to attract clusters of biotech firms.

A LONG WAY BACK

Detailed figures for construction workers show nearly 40 percent of that segment's jobs have disappeared. It may be years before they return.

Construction workers in the U.S.



■ Predicted employment by Institute for Economic Competitiveness, University of Central Florida

Timeline graphic; Source: Agency for Workforce Innovation

The results have been less than stellar, the Florida Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability found in a January report.

About 36 biotech companies have sprouted in the six counties that got incentive money, and only 19 of them have employees or are paying wages, the accountability office said.

Economic development leaders say it will take time.

It's hard to see carpenters and window manufacturers working with petri dishes and microscopes, state officials insist that an influx of high-paid scientists will cause a ripple effect. The theory is biotech firms will need construction workers to build labs and manufacturing workers to make their health care products.

"Those in the construction fields and manufacturing fields, as this grows, they benefit as well," said Chris Hart, head of the jobs policy board Workforce Florida.

Even among young people, who might be able to wait out the construction doldrums, many are opting out of the industry or at least picking niche segments they hope will offer more opportunity.

The University of Florida's Rinker School of Building Construction used to turn down at least 40 percent of the 210 applicants trying to enroll annually, but today there are just enough applicants to keep the classes full, the school's director said.

On a recent weekday, dozens of mostly young electrician apprentices were studying at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers' Tampa training center. Several had worked on a new solar power plant in Arcadia, which President Barack Obama visited in October, and seemed bullish on the future of "green" jobs.

"With the president and everything going on in the House and Senate, it should do wonders for our trade," said Scott Harrison, a 21-year-old who's hoping to become a journeyman electrician and go on to an electrical engineering degree.

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Putting Tampa Bay Back to Work



Staff photo by WALLY PATANOW

Rich Cannici, a former Marine, talked on his military experience to help start his Palm Harbor business, Sweet Caroline's Bakery.

Shift creates career options

A new job may depend on recognizing new opportunities and on flexibility.

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PALM HARBOR - Patrons of Sweet Caroline's Bakery might be surprised to learn that the co-owner selling them a rum-almond croissant is a U.S. Naval Academy graduate and former Marine infantry officer who served three tours in Iraq.

Rich Cannici, who in November opened the shop named for his wife, is somewhat surprised himself to be there. The 30-year-old New Jersey native became a civilian 2½ years ago to remain in Tampa with his new bride and launch a career in high-tech sales.

That job fizzled when businesses stopped investing in pricey software improvements. Cannici again joined thousands of workers making new career plans, figuring that skilled trades, from doctors to accountants to pastry

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Nadel's bling, art, property on the block

By ELAINE SILVESTRINI
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TAMPA - When Sarasota hedge fund manager Arthur Nadel went on the lam for two weeks before his arrest, he drove off in a 2006 Subaru with leather interior.

He left behind an office decorated with art that included a picture of sad clown Emmett Kelly reading the Wall Street Journal — perhaps symbolic of the 400 victims who lost \$168 million because of their investments in what turned out to be Nadel's Ponzi scheme.

Now authorities are selling Nadel's belongings, including the getaway car and that signed print, to help compensate those victims.

Burton Wand, the court-appointed receiver

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Nadel

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Female veterans

The Athena Project provides transitional housing and help for the homeless among them.

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USF men beat UConn

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TBO KEYWORD: LOTTERY RETAILERS

Game plan

As revenue tumbles, the Florida Lottery is in blitz mode, counting on consultants to hook more players and milking the regulars, most of them poor.



Staff file photo

Amid a grinding recession, the Florida Lottery is doing everything it can to lure players into shelling out more money.

By LINDSAY PETERSON
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TAMPA - Floridians give a lot to the state lottery. But the state wants more.

It started selling tickets 22 years ago with the promise the money would help the schools. But as the recession cuts into state revenue, education contributions sink. They're down by about \$75 million this year, to \$1.21 billion, according to state analysts.

The lottery's answer: Get more people to spend more money on the games of chance.

The state pays millions to probe the thoughts and habits of potential lottery players. Consultants ask what they buy at convenience stores, whether they rent videos, go to theme parks, even how they feel about owning things and belonging to a group.

The results show that the lottery relies on the poorest and least educated — "Thrill Seeking Dreamers," it calls them — to spend more than everyone else. Floridians shelled out nearly \$4 billion on lottery tickets in 2008-09, with the Thrill Seekers accounting for half of those purchases.

Now, amid double-digit unemployment, the state needs new players — plus more money from the regulars.

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DID YOU KNOW

1. How much of each lottery dollar goes to kindergarten-to-12th grade education?
2. The lottery continues to sell a scratch-off game after its top jackpots are won. True or false?
3. How much of each lottery dollar goes to prize payouts?
4. In the past five years, Hillsborough County residents spent more than \$1 billion on the lottery. True or false?

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Keywords: Lottery Push, for maps of lottery sales and prizes in your neighborhood.

WHICH ONE ARE YOU?

Florida Lottery research firm Ipsos Reid divides adult Floridians into six categories, from Thrill Seeking Dreamers who "live for the moment" to Prohibitionists who would rather sew than play the lottery.



Upscale Gamers
Higher-income players, most of them men, they tend to be social and like "the competitive nature of gaming." They account for 20 percent of the population and 28 percent of lottery spending.



Thrill Seeking Dreamers
Most are women with moderate to low incomes and they like all forms of gambling. They like new technology but "don't want to have to think about it." They account for 15 percent of the population and 50 percent of lottery revenue.



Conflicted Players
With a moderate to high income and education, they play raffles and a bit of poker, but have conflicting ideas about the lottery. They account for 15 percent of both the population and lottery revenue.



Indifferent Jackpot Dabblers
Most are women younger than 45 who play occasionally "when the jackpot is high." They are 23 percent of the population and contribute 3 percent of the lottery's revenue.



Concerned Followers
They like to play Internet games for fun but don't gamble, except for a little poker. They worry that lottery players can't afford it and want more controls. They make up 15 percent of the population and contribute 2 percent of lottery revenue.



Prohibitionists
They have a higher-than-average education and income, and they oppose gambling, preferring to travel and do crafts. They make up 13 percent of the population and contribute 1 percent of lottery revenue.

Note: Percentages are rounded.

Tribune graphics; Source: Florida Lottery

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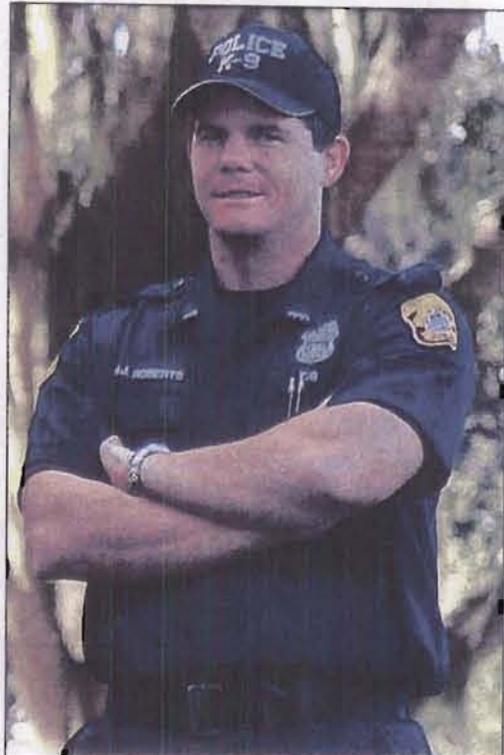
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Respected, loved and missed

Cpl. Mike Roberts was a hero to those who knew him and a protector of those who didn't. His slaying leaves Tampa in tears.



Tampa Police Department
Cpl. Mike Roberts, slain by a gunman Wednesday, was an 11-year veteran of the Tampa Police Department, having served many of those years as a K-9 officer.

By KEITH MORELLI
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TAMPA - Tampa police Cpl. Mike Roberts loved three things: his family, his career and this city. Wednesday night, he gave his life for the city.

A decorated 11-year veteran and former K-9 officer, Roberts, 38, had just been promoted and had a goal of making detective.

"It was his most favorite thing in the whole world," said his cousin Nora Morgan.

She paused, choking back tears. "I just saw him on Monday," said Morgan, back at her Denver home after visiting Roberts and other relatives in Florida. "He really loved the city. He took us on a tour and showed us all around. He was a



News Channel 8 photo by JIM FARQUHAR

As the news of Roberts' shooting spread, Tampa police officers gathered at Tampa General Hospital to stay up to date on his condition.

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Is Tampa less safe?

The city has seen a spate of killings recently. **DETAILS**, Page 4

Painful reminder

The danger to officers is often underappreciated. **EDITORIAL**, Page 23

said Tonya Thomas, community coordinator for the Sulphur Springs Neighborhood Watch Association. "We are just so shaken up here. Our prayers and condolences go out to

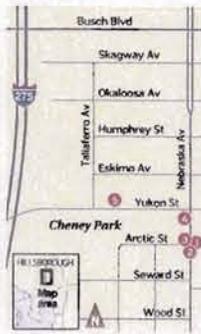
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WEDNESDAY'S EVENTS

According to police:

- 9:30 p.m.: Tampa Police Department Cpl. Mike Roberts sees a suspicious looking man pushing a shopping cart near Nebraska Avenue and Arctic Street.
- 10:02 p.m.: Witnesses call 911 after seeing a man identified as Humberto Delgado pull a gun after the two struggle. Police dispatch tries unsuccessfully to call Roberts.
- 10:05 p.m.: Police sergeant arrives at the scene, spots Delgado and calls out to him.
- Delgado runs to the shopping cart, grabs a canvas bag, pulls out an AR-15 assault rifle and aims it at the second officer. Delgado flees while the officer stays to assist Roberts.
- 10:25 p.m.: A police dog tracks Delgado to the backyard of a nearby residence on Yukon Street. He has three pistols and the rifle with him when arrested. The shopping cart contained military-type gear and numerous ammunition magazines for the guns.

Tribune map; Source: police reports



Humberto Delgado Jr.'s friends say he has a history of mental health issues.

Man held in shooting was officer

By JOSH POLITILOVE
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TAMPA - "I shot a police officer," Humberto Delgado Jr. told his uncle by cell phone. "I think I killed him."

Those words, relayed by Tampa police Thursday, were spoken just before police arrested Delgado and charged him with killing Cpl. Mike Roberts.

The news stunned those who knew he had mental health issues but never saw him display violent tendencies.

Told Thursday that the father of her 2-year-old son has been accused of killing the officer, Shayla Evans asked: "Are you serious? Oh, my Lord, Oh, Lord."

Delgado, 34, a former police officer and U.S. Army private, may have mental health issues, but he wasn't the type of man to shoot a police officer. Evans and Delgado's friends

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Greeted as a hero



The man convicted of blowing up an airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988 returns to cheers in Libya. **DETAILS**, Page 14

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Surprise witness stifled

Jury won't hear other aide who says commissioner made advances.



By MIKE SALINERO
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TAMPA - A surprise witness on Thursday could have bolstered Alyssa Ogden's sexual harassment case against County Commissioner Kevin White, but the

jury will never hear her testimony.

Belinda Allen, who, like Ogden, was a legislative aide in White's office, said under oath Thursday that the Hillsborough County commissioner had asked her several times to go to New York

with him for a weekend of shopping. When she declined, Allen said, White took away most of her duties and shut her out of a lot of office business.

"After that point, I was totally isolated from all work," Allen told U.S. District Judge Richard Lazzara, attorneys and observers at the trial on Ogden's sexual harassment lawsuit. Jurors were

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