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BUCCANEERS FALL FLAT IN BUFFALO WITH 33-20 LOSS

Tampa Bay defensive end Gaines Adams, left, and tackle Chris Hovan watch time run out on a defeat Sunday. The Bucs hurt themselves with 13 penalties and allowed two more long touchdowns. **Bucs Extra, 1X**

Three arrested in terror investigation

Authorities on Sunday were investigating whether a Denver-area airport shuttle driver, his father and associates in New York were part of an al-Qaida affiliated terror plot. **Nation, 2A**

Sunscreen? Check. Sanitizer? Maybe.

Our beautiful beaches may be harboring dangerous bacteria, but experts say that's no reason not to go. Just be safe. **Tampa Bay, 1B**

With Price, Rays make it a sweep

Rookie left-hander David Price outduels former Cy Young winner Roy Halladay for the second time this season, lifting the Rays to a sweep-clinching 3-1 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays at the Trop. **Sports, 1C**

Millions are living with Alzheimer's

The most in-depth attempt yet to assess the brain-destroying illness gives an ominous forecast as the population grays: More than 35 million have the disease. **World, 2A**

Family slain, dad sought

A woman and her five young children are found dead in Naples. Her husband is thought to be in Haiti.



The slain children of Mesac Damas, Michzach, 9; Marven, 6; Maven, 5; Megan, 3; and Morgan, 11 months, are shown on his social networking Web page.



A Collier County crime scene investigator removes bags of evidence on Sunday from the Naples home where authorities say Guerline Damas and her five children were found dead. Police noted a history of domestic violence calls to the family's homes.

Times wires
NAPLES — Jean Damas Sr. paused Sunday morning, when asked if he believed his son, Mesac Damas, had killed his wife and five young children. "Yes," he said quietly. "Yes, I do."
Deputies had discovered the bodies of the children and wife, Guerline Damas, 32, in several rooms at the family's North Naples townhouse Saturday night.
Guerline Damas' brother, Forends Dieu, said he was told the victims' throats were cut. "In no uncertain terms, this

is the most horrific and violent event this community has ever experienced," Collier County Sheriff Kevin Rambosk said.
Mesac Damas, 33, officially considered a "person of interest" in the case, left Miami International Airport on Friday for Haiti, said Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Michelle Batten.
Authorities there were searching for him Sunday. Family members said he has relatives there.
Deputies' attention was first drawn to the house Friday evening, after Guerline Damas' sister called the Sheriff's Office to say she hadn't heard from her

Mesac Damas, 33, boarded a flight from Miami to Haiti on Friday, officials said.
son's report at noon the next day. Authorities obtained a key Saturday evening and found the bodies.
Damas on Thursday night had left Miller's Ale House in Naples, where he worked as a cook. His car was later found at the airport. Investigators were combing it Sunday for evidence.
Sheriff's Capt. Chris Roberts said the older children attended school on Thursday but were absent Friday. The children were identified as Michzach, 9; Marven, 6; Maven, 5; Megan, 3; and 11-month-old Morgan.
The sister filed a missing per-

Ponzi charge dulls shine

Sarasota socialite Beau Diamond is accused of swindling investors.

BY SUSAN TAYLOR MARTIN
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SARASOTA — For the hip young crowd he ran in, Beau Diamond could not have been more aptly named.
Six feet and buff, he had even features and a dazzling smile. His taste ran to exotic vacations, expensive cars, diamond-encrusted watches.
And he had a sterling pedigree. His parents, nutrition gurus Harvey and Marilyn Diamond, rocketed to international fame in the '80s as their *Fit for Life* became one of the best-selling diet books ever.



The FBI says Beau Diamond spent millions on himself.

It was that celebrity background, combined with his considerable charm, that helped Beau Diamond attract friends and friends of friends to his investment club. At least 200 investors had sunk \$37 million into Diamond Ventures by the time they received this e-mail shortly after Christmas:
"Dear Club members: I regret to inform you that the funds have been lost."
Today, the 31-year-old Diamond sits in the Pinellas County Jail, arrested Sept. 1 on federal charges that he operated a Ponzi scheme under the guise of trading in foreign currencies.
The FBI says he took \$6.6 million for his own use, including
See DIAMOND, 4A

TODAY'S WEATHER

Scattered storms
8 a.m. 79° 91°
Noon 91°
4 p.m. 89°
8 p.m. 81°
40% rain chance.
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All things Tebow

Follow all the latest news about University of Florida quarterback Tim Tebow in one place, including Saturday's big win against Tennessee. It's at links.tampabay.com.

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He's still bound to his past by golden thread

Shri Prashad, 44, a real estate investor from Brandon, wants to sell his custom \$1,850 silk wedding suit. He had it made for his planned 2004 wedding, which fell apart. He's ready to move on, but the suit is a lingering reminder of a painful past.



DANIEL WALLACE | Times

Shri Prashad is ready to move on from his failed relationships, but first he has a suit to get rid of.

BY STEPHANIE HAYES
Times Staff Writer

BRANDON — The suit had to go. It had hung in a zippered dress bag in his bedroom closet for five years. The Sherwani, as it's called, was made by hand in India, fit for a king or a man of dignity. Pure ivory silk, woven with delicate strands of gold thread.
It's not that it made him angry or ill or vengeful. He certainly didn't need the money. But a few months ago, he realized something.
The suit represented everything

he didn't have.
He wrote a newspaper ad.
Indian Men's Suit, Custom made for wedding. Never used! Paid \$1,850. Sell for \$300.

On the surface, he has it all.
Shri Prashad, who goes by Dino, is 44. He's a handsome real estate investor and insurance broker who built a fortune for himself by flipping property. For one, he bought and sold Tampa's famous
See SUIT, 6A

Q & A | G-20 summit

World leaders to discuss progress, protectionism

For the third time in less than a year, international leaders will gather to discuss the global economic crisis. Leaders of the world's 20 most influential economies met in Washington and London as they charted a joint strategy for confronting the global downturn. This time, they'll meet later this week in the reborn former steel town of Pittsburgh and get a progress report.

What are the leaders likely to hear?

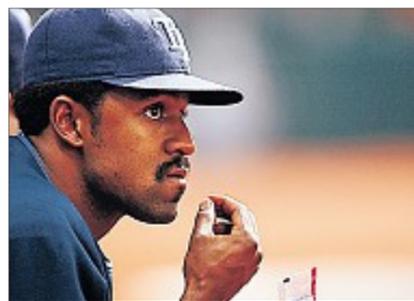
That most of their economies are on the mend — and trade tensions and protectionism are on the rise.

What are the main problems?

Implementing already agreed upon measures to bolster the

world economy is likely to dominate talks. It has been hard to live up to the lofty fair-trade pledges leaders made. Also, participants are arguing over proposed limits on bankers' compensation, how far to go with international financial regulation, which stimulus efforts to rein in and when.
See SUMMIT, 5A

Switch hitter goes from bat to quill



DIRK SHADD | Times

"I see this state of mind as a blessing."

Fernando Perez, writing for *Poetry* magazine while playing winter league baseball in Venezuela

The Tampa Bay Rays' Fernando Perez finds inspiration inside what many call the most poetic sport there is.

BY MICHAEL KRUSE
Times Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG — There's a piece in this month's *Poetry* magazine written by Tampa Bay Ray Fernando Perez.
He was approached one afternoon this month by his locker in the team's clubhouse at Tropicana Field.
He didn't roll his eyes, he's too polite for that, but it sort of felt like he might have been on the inside. Stories often call him "brainy" or "intellectual" and he'd rather not be pegged as the egghead in a locker room full of dunces with bats. 1. It's not fair to

them. 2. It's not fair to him. 3. It's not like that.
Here, he said, he's a ballplayer. He was in the lineup later in the evening as the starting center fielder against the Detroit Tigers.
But his life in baseball and his life in writing can't be kept totally separate.
For Perez, a graduate of Columbia University, the sport offers two things that are gold to anyone wired to write: things experienced, places gone, characters met — material — but also the kind of "idleness," he said, at stadiums and away from them,
See PEREZ, 8A

Perez's musings

"Eventually my prime will end, and she'll slowly break my heart," Perez writes of baseball in *Poetry* magazine. Find his piece at links.tampabay.com.