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Bidding adieu to high condominium prices

Real estate values have fallen to the point where a condo can be almost an impulse buy. A unit at Seminole Garden sells at auction for the price of a used car. 3

We mark MLK Day, still yearning for his dream

As the area prepares to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day, longtime activists acknowledge that despite much civil rights progress, there's still a way to go. 6

City moves ahead with camera plan

Red-light runners could get a \$150 ticket.

BY MICHAEL VAN SICKLER
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ST. PETERSBURG — It's full speed ahead with a plan to install red-light cameras at 20 crash-prone intersections.

The City Council reinforced its support for the cameras Thursday and started to hash out details about the program.

"This is about behavior modification," said council member Jeff Danner. "I'm changing my behavior because of our discussions on red-light cameras. That's the effect that red-light cameras will have."

Motorists caught on camera running through a red light will get a \$150 ticket. The cameras could be up and running in as soon as one or two months, or as long as six, depending on the vendor and structure of the deal.

Although the cameras are expected to raise \$8 million over three years in St. Petersburg, council member Bill Dudley said, again, that the city isn't approving them because of the revenue.

"It's disingenuous for us beating this dead horse about (cameras) being a revenue generator," he said.

But one St. Petersburg man said

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Jailer punished, not inmate

In trying to protect a fellow officer, the detention deputy winds up suspended with a loss of pay.

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LARGO — David Meaders is trouble from the moment he arrives at the county jail.

Arrested Sept. 19 in St. Petersburg for drinking beer outside a convenience store, Meaders refuses to exit a police cruiser, then struggles with deputies taking him into the booking area. A video shows jailers strapping him into a wheel-

See the video

Watch the incident unfold on video provided by the Sheriff's Office.

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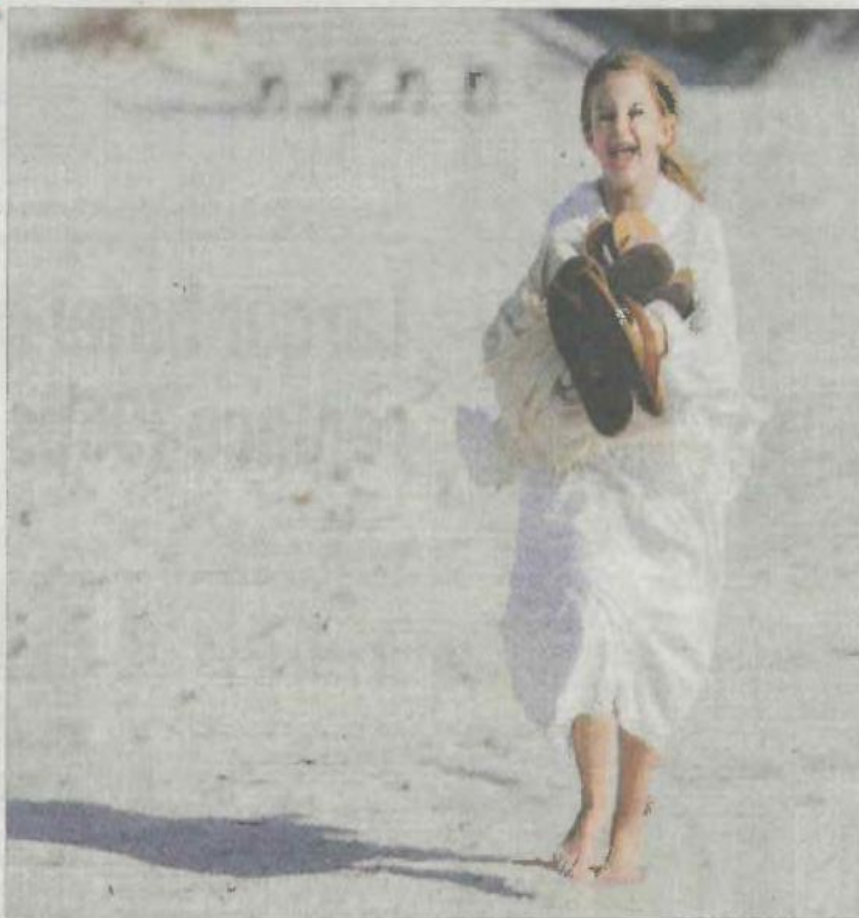
chair to keep him under control.

He responds to their questions with profanity, firing off six "f---yous" in one tirade.

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Correction

George Garcia is affiliated with the Native People's Information Exchange and said an Indian mound in Pinellas Point was not used as a burial mound. An article Wednesday included a different organization and was unclear on his characterization of the mound.



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Warm love trumps cool breezes



The chill in the air was no problem Thursday as Sunny Thibert and Stephen Garlits of Tampa exchanged vows and a barefoot kiss on the sands of Pass-a-Grille while Brandon Wheeler of Gulf Beach Weddings photographed them. Above, the bride's daughter, Rachel, races across the blustery beach to deliver footwear to the couple after the ceremony. "It's cold but it's just beautiful out here," Susan Thibert, Sunny's mom, said.