

IT IS NICE TO BE BACK IN PCB, having a coffee on the balcony overlooking the Gulf and checking out the happenings in the Squall Line.

Retiring after nearly 40 years of service with the Fish and Wildlife Commission. Thank you Stan Kirkland, for a job well done!

Watch out for low-flying ducks, FSU. Hope you have a quacking good time next time round. Make sure you get all your ducks in a row, though.

Very proud of FSU. 29 games in a row. It might be awhile for that to be broken. FSU rocks!

Banning dune walkovers that block the view? All of those condos block my view.

Hate that bears have to be euthanized, even if it's necessary. They're just bears being bears. Humans should have more sense in some cases.

I insist on a walkover as well. Mine starts from Callaway all the way down to PCB. Driving down there is a pain in the neck. So hop to it.

Saw a book, "Angels Among Us." I am sure I know a few!

I used to wonder what it would be like to be able to read people's minds. Then I read the squalls here. Now I'm over it.



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Tina Alliston stands with her children, Noah, 8, and Judson, 2, at their home in Panama City.

Sign of the times

Family tries to deter speeders in neighborhood

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PANAMA CITY — In view of the fire engine red sign that reads, "Drive Like Your Kids Live Here," a silver compact car raced west on Eighth Street on Saturday. Tina Alliston estimated it was traveling more than 55 mph.

"I hope it makes somebody think," Alliston said of the sign she put in her yard five days ago.

The sign is just the latest of the Allistons' attempts to convince motorists to slow down on Eighth Street and Oak Avenue. They have the house on the southwest corner of the intersection and their children, Noah, 8, and Judson, 2, live there.

Mom has forbidden the boys from playing in the front yard because of traffic. Alliston was struck by the story of 2-year-old Wesley Burnham, who was killed by a vehicle last month near his home in Panama City Beach.

"You try to be as careful as possible, but 2-year-olds can get out," Alliston said. "They're sneaky."

The speed limit on Eighth is 35 mph. The speed limit on Oak is 25 mph, with a sign at the southern edge of the Allistons' property.

Tina Alliston's worst experience was a speeder who veered off Eighth and killed one of the family's dachshunds at the edge of her lawn last summer. The driver did not stop.

Recently, her husband, Chris, went out in the middle of the road to stop a Ford F-250 pickup truck speeding on Oak.

"He's not as user-friendly as I am," Tina Alliston said. "He's tossed flip flops at them."

While visiting relatives in Georgia, she noticed red "Drive Like Your Kids Live Here" signs all over the well-to-do neighborhood. A resident gave her a sign to use.

In the past four years, the family has called police so many times that she has lost count.

Police have responded with patrol cars parked on the north side of Oak to try to catch speeders on Eighth. They also have placed their trailer equipped with a digital speed display.

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