Titan from A/2

As an attorney, John Passidomo played a role in virtually every major development project in Naples over the last 40 years. He was instrumental in the redevelopment of Fifth Avenue, and a baker's dozen of downtown restaurants offered specials, priority seating and contributions in his honor on April 26.

Retired MICMS Principal George Abounader and wife Cindy Love-Abounader, President and CEO of the YMCA of Collier County, stepped up to give hugs to Kathleen Passidomo, noting that both he and John went to Boston College, and they had known each other since the 1980s.

Ed Cheffy, John's longtime law partner – the two met at the firm of Frost and Jacobs before striking out on their own together and worked together for nearly 40 years – eulogized his partner and friend.

"What an incredible tribute to John that all of you are here. The outpouring of love and support has been extraordinary. Your presence honors John and comforts his family." Cheffy noted that while John achieved great professional success and garnered numerous awards, first and foremost came his "absolute devotion to Kathleen and their three daughters."

Passidomo's siblings Peter, Paul, Laura, and Janet were in attendance, and Peter also spoke to the group, offering his reminiscences of the brother they called "J."

Architect Matthew Kragh, Pastor Alan Brumback, and author and broadcaster Father Michael Orsi took turns speaking before Kathleen Passidomo briefly took the mic.

"I'm kind of in a fog," she said. "I would invite you all back to the house, but I'm not equipped to do the miracle of loaves and fishes." Actually, hors d'oeuvres, fruit, cookies and an open bar were provided for all attendees right at Baker Park.

A funeral mass in John's honor was held at St. Ann Catholic Church in Naples the next day. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the John Passidomo Donor Advised Fund at the Collier Community Foundation.

Loggerheads from A/1

- No cell phone lights or flash photography on the beach after 9:00 PM.
- If you witness a sea turtle crawling out of the ocean, digging a nest or just returning to the water, please remain quiet and enjoy the experience.

To report an injured or dead sea turtle, call FWC at 561-357-4200 or locally at the code non-emergency number 239-389-6060.

Sea Turtle Activity Update April 23 - 29, 2024

Beach	Nests		False Crawls		Hatched Nests		
	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year	Disoriented
Barefoot	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Delnor Wiggins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vanderbilt	1	1	0	3	0	0	0
Parkshore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
City of Naples	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Keewaydin Is.	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Sea Oat Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marco Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kice and Cape Romano	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
10,000 Islands	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collier County Totals	5	4	4	5	0	0	0

To report dead, injured or disoriented sea turtles on Marco call 239-289-9736 or 239-289-9687

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Marco Island Restaurants Parking Problem

Marco Island City Councilor's appears to have a simple arithmetic problem. Over the years, at the behest of freestanding restaurant pressure, City Council continued to increase restaurant seating requirement per parking space, but never requiring them to increase their number of parking spaces. Facts: Initially the requirement was two seats per parking space; to three seats per parking space; to four seats per paring space, then in 2010, one parking space per 200 square feet indoor and outdoor seating. City staff at that time in their report stated that it would require each vehicle to have seven occupants per parking space. As ridiculous as that sounds, Council passed the ordinance. The next Councilor passed an ordinance back to four seats per parking space. Nowhere in the City ordinances does it require parking spaces for restaurant employees. That's the other problem!

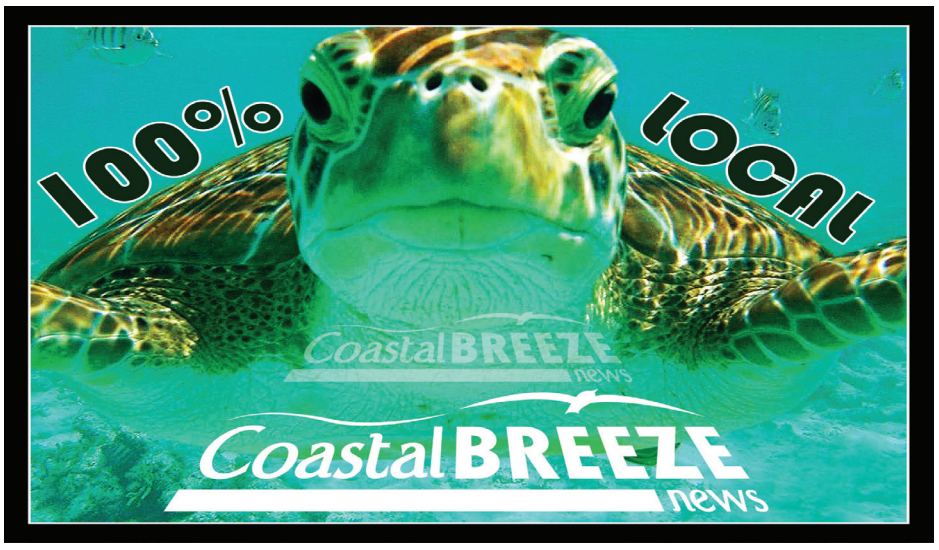
The restaurateurs are looking to the City to provide them with more parking spaces to accommodate their customers. The City has already spent millions of dollars to improve alleyways for more parking for restaurants, with more to come at taxpayer expense. Where is it written in the City Code of Ordinances that the City obligated to provide parking spaces for privately owned businesses?

And if that wasn't bad not enough, they passed an ordinance for Town Center and possibly for other centers, changing their parking requirement from two seats per parking space to four seats per parking space without an increase in parking spaces.

Example: Marco Island has a capacity in five gallons and you're trying to put 10 gallons in it! IT DOESN'T WORK!

Since 2017 the Council has concentrated their goal of making this Island a tourist and visitor destination (COMMERCIALIZING THE ISLAND) at the expense of Full Time Residents.

Amadeo Petricca
Marco Island, Florida





MIPD POLICE BLOTTER

COMMUNITY REPORT FOR
April 21, 2024 - April 27, 2024
51 Bald Eagle Drive ▪ 239-389-5050

Traffic Citations and Warnings: **31**
Traffic Stops: **85**
Vehicular Crashes: **5**
Noise Calls for Service: **5**
Valid Noise Calls: **1**
Beach Calls for Service: **48**
Calls for Service: **2,493**
Arrests: **1**

Calls for Service data reflects activity captured in an agency's Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) System for any call (not per incident) that causes a police officer or code enforcement officer to take an action or expend agency resources, whether agency-initiated or citizen initiated.

