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Long-discussed roundabout plan proceeds

Harbour and Crayton could get makeover

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Naples residents can expect a construction contract for a roundabout at Harbour Drive and Crayton Road to go before Naples City Council this fall.

That's the latest in the longstanding issue over a roundabout at that intersection to improve driver and pedestri-

an safety.

The City Council decided in early March to go forward and directed Johnson Engineering to update its earlier design work.

"The general contractor contract will be presented to the city in August or

September, according to Naples spokeswoman Monique Barnhart.

A delay of a contract going to the council in June raises a question whether construction will go forward during

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Cavo Lounge at Mercato closes after decade-plus



Members of One80Band entertain the crowd Jan. 27, 2024, at Cavo in the Mercato shops of Naples.

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Weekend post confirms the business' demise

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After 11 years in North Naples, Cavo Lounge at Mercato has permanently closed its doors. The luxury nightlife restaurant and bar was a local staple for drinks and dancing, as Cavo hosted a plethora of themed events and live music during the week.

The Cavo team shared on Instagram that Saturday, April 25, was the restaurant's last night.

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Cavo Lounge team
In an April 25 Instagram post

heaviest of hearts to share that last night was our final night. After eleven incredible years, CAVO has officially

closed its doors for the last time," the Instagram post read.

The post did not disclose why the restaurant and nightclub was closing.

Cavo's last health inspection, for the week of April 20-26, brought two high priority violations: the dishmachine chlorine sanitizer was not at proper minimum strength and the inspector observed 10 live roaches on the dishwasher.

There's no word yet on what will replace the restaurant at 9108 Strada Place, Unit 14140.

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State balks at 'Alcatraz' ruling's rationale

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Florida officials say a judge exceeded her authority by forcing "court-ordered" speech in its detention policies for Alligator Alcatraz.

This comes a month after the judge ordered officials to expand detainees' access to their attorneys. Alligator Alcatraz is the nickname for a temporary migrant detention camp in the Florida Everglades, whose official name is the South Florida Detention Facility.

Gov. Ron DeSantis' attorneys argued in a April 22 filing that all of the facility's public postings are government speech, a doctrine in First Amendment law that affirms the state's right to advance its views without having to provide a platform for opposing ones.

For this reason, the state is arguing that it shouldn't need to post online its protocols for access to counsel.

That's why the state is asking U.S. District Judge Sheri Polster Chappell to halt her March order, which tells the state to purchase more phones for detainees to use to contact attorneys, publish protocols for lawyer and detainee visits, and allow attorneys to visit clients during visitation hours without an appointment. Chappell, who sits in the Middle District of Florida, was appointed by former President Barack Obama.

"Without a clear violation of a lawful constitutional right - which was not present on this record - it is the executive branch and detention facility administrators, not the courts, who are in the best position to determine what government speech to make and where to make it, or how many phones a facility needs to provide adequate access to counsel," the state's filing says.

The federal judge's order in March affirmed the free speech rights of detainees. They argued the ability to

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