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By Janelle Bitker

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Castro Valley Marketplace. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily; seniors and at-risk customers can visit the grocery store starting at 8 a.m. 3295 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley. castrovalleymarketplace.com

In the works for nearly three years, the Castro Valley complex promises several restaurants and food-oriented shops, plus multiple classrooms and event spaces intended to make it a true community hub — at least, when the coronavirus allows such gatherings. It’s unclear whether the new marketplace is considered a mall and may at some point be restricted to visitors due to county public health orders, as was the case Wednesday at San Francisco’s Ferry Building.

For now, Castro Valley Marketplace only has three businesses open, including a new grocery store. Castro Valley Natural Grocery is a spin-off of the much-loved Alameda Natural Grocery in Alameda and similarly focuses on organic produce and



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locally produced artisan goods. The new store ups the stakes with a professional cheese monger and its own restaurant called Tomato.

Baron’s Quality Meats & Seafood, which has locations in Alameda and San Francisco, also opened a new shop in the food hall. The butcher specializes in meat, poultry and seafood free of hormones and antibiotics, and its handmade sausages and marinated meats have built a following.

Also open is Seven Hills Baking Co., a new solo venture of baker Julien Wagner, who most recently spent a decade at Alameda’s Feel Good Bakery. Seven Hills serves a variety of laminated pastries, organic whole grain breads and classic baguettes.

In August, olive oil purveyor Amphora Nueva and spice specialist Oaktown Spice

Shop are scheduled to open new locations. Both shops already operate multiple popular outlets elsewhere in the Bay Area. September is slated to bring a second location of Berkeley sushi restaurant Akemi.

Other coming attractions include Cannery Kitchen & Tap, a restaurant from the chefs behind Hayward’s now-closed Cannery Cafe; Cordial Cellar + Lounge, a bar from the owners of San Leandro’s Cordial Bottle Shop; and Night Owl, a cocktail lounge from the team behind Oakland’s Blind Tiger and Gogi Time.

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Corporations appeal to keep local

By Natasha S.

When Google announced in April for free service, their possible economic impact on companies promoting their products and said it would be encouraged by Switzerland and other countries to develop national data centers. But for the a...

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Some governments are concerned that the company's data collection could be used to track and control citizens. After learning from the Swiss government, Google's Android operating system is popular in the device location data may allow Google to track users' movements.

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"Users should be able to use such proximity data for their own purposes, such as finding nearby businesses or friends," said Kim, the department of health and human services at the Swiss Public Health, alert app.

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Google's local search results slew of privacy concerns, including the use of location data for advertising.

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By Somini S.

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