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COLORADO MULTI-HOUSING MARKET

ConocoPhillips buys StorageTek Campus

ConocoPhillips was revealed as the mystery buyer of the 432-acre former StorageTek campus in Louisville, Colorado. The Houston-based oil and gas company plans to build a new world training center and a world technology center on the site. The technology center will serve as a hub for the company's research and development of renewable energy and high-tech carbon-fuels recovery. "This will push the new energy economy for Colorado," Gov. Bill Ritter said. "This will provide economic security, environmental security and energy security." Experts believe the site could be rezoned to easily handle 10,000 or more people. 10,000 jobs there could create another 18,000 jobs for an economic impact of \$1.7 billion a year. - *Rocky Mountain News*

Denver: Satellite Central

Denver, once the cable TV capital, is poised to become the satellite hub of the United States. Douglas County's Liberty Media Corp. as early as this week could get final approval for its acquisition of a controlling stake in DirecTV, the country's largest satellite TV company. Less than three miles from Liberty's offices is the headquarters of Dish Network Corp., the country's second-biggest satellite TV provider. - *Rocky Mountain News*

Pikes Peak Ski Resort Proposed

A Colorado Springs-area investor Wednesday said he plans to open a small ski resort on the west side of Pikes Peak - possibly by 2011. John Ball, former CEO of Eller Industries, has a contract with local climbing legend Harvey Carter to buy 320 acres south of The Craggs. He plans to build The Resort at Pikes Peak, a renewable-energy-powered ski area with slope-side condos. Ball envisions a community hill used mainly by residents of El Paso and Teller counties. It could eventually include five chairlifts, 33 ski trails, three restaurants, a 300-room hotel and 350 condos. - *Rocky Mountain News*

Springs Hospital on Top 50 List

HealthGrades identified America's 50 Best Hospitals, an elite class of top-performing facilities. Centura Health's Penrose St. Francis Health Services in Colorado Springs is the only Colorado hospital on the list. - *Rocky Mountain News*

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