

of the case is enormous, and prosecutors at the U.S. Department of Justice are continuing to supply them with more evidence.

The defendants include former employees of multiple chicken suppliers, including former Pilgrim's CEOs Jayson Penn and William Lovette, vice president Roger Austin, and sales executive Jimmie Little.

All of the executives are being charged individually as part of a larger investigation into allegations of price fixing.

The defendants claim the massive amount of evidence they need to examine leaves them unable to build a defense before the April 12 deadline for pre-trial motions. The trial, which includes all 10 defendants, is set to begin on Aug. 2.

The group has asked for a status conference in which a judge can ask federal prosecutors when they plan to stop adding new evidence and determine a future trial date that would give the defending legal team enough time to build a proper understanding of the government's charges.

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Philip Tobias, a Boulder technical and marketing communicator who volunteers as email lists manager with Boulder Writers Alliance, will mark 20 years of volunteering for the nonprofit, which serves Boulder, Denver, and Longmont communicators and employers.

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Spotlighting businesses in Boulder and Broomfield

Downtown site bought for multi-use development

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Carmel Partners, a multi-family real estate development and investment firm with local offices in Denver, has secured a 10.4-acre parcel in the heart of downtown Superior where the firm plans to build a new apartment community and retail center.

Through holding company CP VII Superior LLC, Carmel bought the site on Main Street from Downtown Superior master developer RC Superior LLC, or Ranch Capital, through its affiliate Morgan Ranch DTS LLC last month for more than \$17.8 million, Boulder County property records show.

Carmel plans to build 382 attached residential units above 72,000 square feet of ground-floor retail, office and restaurant space, the company said in a news release.

"Carmel Partners understands the vision for Main Street, which has long been a multi-experiential destination for the town of Superior as well as the region," RC Superior (Ranch Capital) vice president of real estate Bill Jencks said in a prepared statement.

Planning documents submitted to Superior show construction on certain elements of the Main Street project are expected to break ground this year with completion penciled in for 2022.

"This sale to Carmel is great news for the downtown Superior development," Superior Mayor Clint Folsom said in a prepared statement. "Final plans were approved in December 2019, and we've been anxiously waiting for construction to get started."

The Carmel site is next to a public park and plaza under construction

by RC Superior. It will feature a ballfield, playground, amphitheater, water feature, restrooms and pedestrian and bicycle trails with access to Coal Creek and the U.S. 36 bike-way.

All told, the downtown Superior development is slated to include as many as 817,000 square feet of commercial and retail space, 1,400 residential units, and 46 acres of outdoor recreation and open space.

In recent years, developers have gobbled up 85% of the developable land, and Carmel's recent purchase represented nearly half of the previously available acreage.

Downtown Superior developers have so far completed several elements of the development, such as the Element Hotel and the Sports Stable, which has multiple ice rinks and indoor fields.

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Mobile networks

U.S., China battling for 6G dominance

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Most of the world is yet to experience the benefits of a 5G network, but the geopolitical race for the next big thing in telecommunications technology is already heating up.

For companies and governments, the stakes couldn't be higher. The

first to develop and patent 6G will be the biggest winners in what some call the next industrial revolution. Though still at least a decade away from reality, 6G — which could be up to 100 times faster than the peak speed of 5G — could deliver the kind of technology that's long been the stuff of science fiction.

The scrum for 6G is

already intensifying even as it remains a theoretical proposition, and underscores how geopolitics is fueling technological rivalries, particularly between the U.S. and China.

Years of acrimony under the Trump administration have hit Chinese technology companies hard, but that hasn't stopped the country from

emerging as the leader in 5G. It has the world's largest 5G footprint, and — despite multiple attempts by the U.S. to take it on — Huawei Technologies Co. towers over rival 5G vendors globally, mostly by offering attractive prices.

But the development of 6G could give the U.S. the opportunity to regain lost ground.

recently inked a deal with NASA to build a new spacecraft to help the agency study the upper reaches of Earth's atmosphere.

NASA's Global Lyman-alpha Imager of the Dynamic Exosphere, or GLIDE heliophysics mission, is led by Lara Waldrop of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Scientists at the University of California, Berkeley, are managing mission implementation, according to a Ball release.

The mission hopes to learn more about the area where Earth's atmosphere meets space.

"We are excited to work alongside NASA, the University of Illinois and UC Berkeley on this new heliophysics science mission," Ball's civil space general manager Makenzie Lystrup said in the release. "Combining Ball's flexible spacecraft with UC Berkeley's innovative instrument provides a powerful solution to meet the needs of the scientific community's understanding of our exosphere, enabling science at any scale."

Ball is in the process of preparing to expand its aerospace manufacturing facility in Boulder to help it continue to win contracts from agencies such as NASA.

Late last year, the firm submitted to city planners documents that show Ball's intent to build three new buildings at the 1600 Commerce St. campus that would add 375,000 square feet on the roughly 27-acre site.

Plans are currently making their way through Boulder's municipal approval process.

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