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Phil Millender, of Hobbs, stands on one of seven lots he and Bill Wallace are developing in the Lovelady subdivision north of Hobbs.

## Cimarron Estates offers 'country lane setting'

### Three new subdivisions making headway

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Broadmoor Park, Cimarron Estates, Lincoln Park. The names roll off the tongue like so many ritzy neighborhoods of New York.

But in the case of southeast New Mexico, the words mean something else—three rapidly growing subdivisions in or near Hobbs that account for 103 lots, many of which have newly constructed homes.

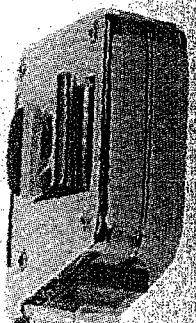
Established by Hobbsans Gary Jones and David Matkins, Cimarron Estates is a 35-lot subdivision north of

Hobbs on the west side of Grimes about a half mile north of Millen Drive. Thirty-three of the lots are residential and two are commercial.

All the lots of Cimarron Estates have been sold, Jones said Monday. Three homes have been finished and four are under construction, he said.

At 165 feet by 95 feet, or about one-third of an acre, the residential lots went for \$25,000 each, excluding two corner lots selling for \$28,000 each.

The city is providing the water and



## New housing going up around Hobbs

Millender & Wallace  
7  
Cimarron Estates  
35

Broadmoor Park  
32 lots  
Lincoln Park  
36

New total  
2,868 lots

(includes 2,758 lots from Cielo Grande, Del Norte Heights, Homestead Estates and Western States)

about 100 in the Lovelady subdivision north of Hobbs. The site is just south of Lovelady Road and just east of Linam.

"Some people won't live anywhere but inside the city limits," Millender said. "They want all the city utilities, they don't want big yards, they want a street lot, they want curb and gutter. There's definitely a big market for that. There's a small market for a rural setting where you can have an acre or more of land, where you can put up a storage building on it, where you can

have a swimming pool and a big yard."

In the past couple months the Hobbs Planning Board has been inundated with new subdivision projects, ending years of a drought when it comes to new housing developments. Taken as a whole, these new subdivisions and housing initiatives suggest the area's uncomfortable housing crunch will be seeing some relief in the future.

The issue of housing is arguably the most pressing

the city of Hobbs and surrounding areas have faced in a long time—not only because of the great demand and meager supply, but also because it touches upon so many other issues.

Millender and Wallace are each taking one lot to build homes on and then dividing the remaining lots among their children. He and Wallace have owned the land for about a year.

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## A Valentine story: After amnesia, couple fall in love again

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP)—Jeff Ingram hunches over the countertop and peers at the foreign words in the Betty Crocker cookbook.

One-and-a-half cups of egg whites. He should know this. He shoots a puzzled glance to his girlfriend.

"I haven't shown you yet how to separate an egg," she says as she cracks the egg and gently demonstrates how to toss the egg between the two shells to separate it.

before he went missing and wound up on a downtown Denver street with no memory.

"Dissociative fugue," doctors called it, a rare form of amnesia caused by stress or trauma that can influence people to travel far away from their homes.

Jeff was found, but he had no idea who he was, much less who Penny was.

If they were going to stay together, they would have to get to know each other all over again. For Jeff, there was no past

sewer for the subdivision, and the street has been built to county specifications by Ramirez & Sons. Gas, electricity and cable are also available.

Because their subdivision had more than 24 lots, Jones and Matkins had to deal with various state agencies, and they said this was the major reason the process to approve the subdivision took a long time. The other

reason, they said, had to do with the fact the property was within five miles of Hobbs. This meant they had to go through the City of Hobbs and Lea County to approve the project.

Progress on the established subdivision Lincoln Park comes courtesy of a Las Cruces builder called Farrell Thurston Construction LLC.

The final phase of Lincoln Park subdivision includes 36 residential lots,

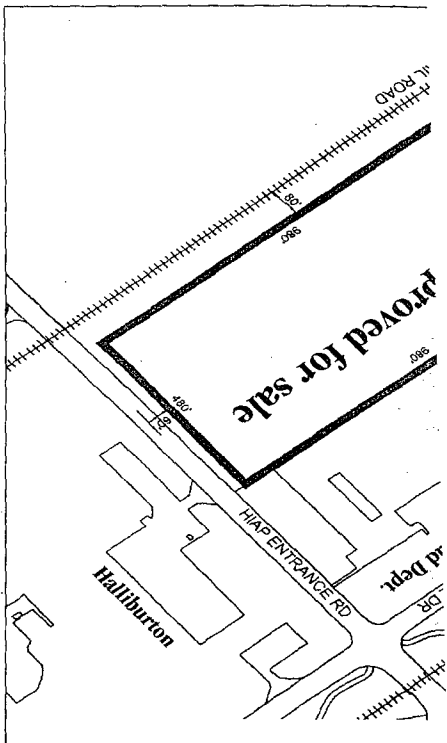
16 of which have been constructed or are in the process of being constructed, said Ken Awtry, eastern area regional manager of Farrell Thurston.

Eight lots have been sold, he said. The homes are a mix of spec and custom built.

Farrell Thurston is offering homes

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## HIAP

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ber Jim Shows agreed with Cope, saying the appraisal of \$5,500 an acre seemed low.

With NMJC still reviewing the agreement, the board tabled the issue, instructing Dearing to seek another appraisal, a timeline of when NMJC anticipates the project to start and costs of extending water and sewer lines.

Dearing said the water and sewer line extension to the property still needed to be worked out between the city and NMJC, something board members said left a lot of leeway and unknowns.

When the Zia Park Race Track and Black Gold Casino was built, a housing development west of the track that never came to fruition had studies that suggested it would

take up to \$675,000 for the water and sewer extensions to that development.

"That's right across the street," board member Edsel Clifford said.

"There's a lot of questions unanswered," board member Wade Cavitt agreed.

In other business, the board:

- Approved dates of July 15-27 for a Soaring Society of America contest and the first two weeks of June for the Civil Air Patrol training.

- Tabled a request for a hang glider association to hold an event at HIAP until Dearing can get more information.

- Learned the sale of the HIAP incubator building to Lea Regional Medical Center has still not been completed. The land will be leased at \$1,000 per year while the building will be sold to the hospital for \$546,000.

talked to the county attorney to ensure this could be done. But the City of Hobbs later got involved because the property is considered an extra-territorial zone — within five miles of the city limits.

But Millender said he and Wallace are seeking an exemption

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of 1,200-2,400 square feet for about \$115-\$120 a square foot, or \$130,000-\$200,000. The higher the square footage the lower the cost per square foot.

The company brought two of its own framing crews from Las Cruces and has been able to share the crews with other contractors in the tight housing market. Once a couple other subdivisions get started, Awtry said late last year, his company plans to purchase lots so it can get some more homes on the ground.

Farrell Thurston requires a \$1,000 deposit, or earnest money, and a letter of qualification from the buyer's financial institution. The buyer then picks out a lot, a floor plan and colors while Farrell Thurston does the interim financing.

Located off Michigan Avenue and Alto Drive, the 32-lot gated development of Broadmoor Park got a head start on the subdivision craze when project manager Gaylon Lovelady of Hobbs announced it in

Lovelady, who died in 2003, and Rebecca Long. The pair had owned most of the land in the area and wanted to keep it nice looking, Millender said.

"You've probably got anywhere from \$200,000 to half a million dollar houses out there," he said. "You've got one mobile home out there.

December 2002. Larry Hay of Odessa-based Northstar Development is full owner of the subdivision property as well as being responsible for its genesis.

The subdivision near the Hobbs post office marks the last residential development space of the Broadmoor area — Sanger to Bender and Grimes to Dal Paso, Jack Maddox, James Murray and Guy Rogers started the Broadmoor residential area in the early 1940s.

Lovelady did not return calls regarding the subdivision's progress.

## Lottery numbers

**N.M. PICK 3**  
8-5-0  
**ROADRUNNER CASH**  
5-14-28-29-34; Bonus: 30  
**4 THIS WAY**  
0-4-9-7  
**TEXAS PICK 3**  
7-4-0 (day); 4-7-8 (night)  
**CASH FIVE TEXAS**  
2-4-14-15-32  
**TEXAS TWO STEP**  
2-17-23-35; Bonus Ball: 28

## Amnesia

Jeff underwent a battery of Empty memories

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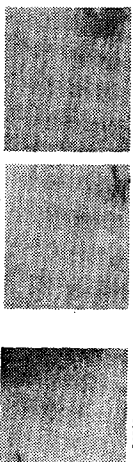


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